



GRANTS TO THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR PANEL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, TREDOMEN PARK ON THURSDAY, 8TH MARCH 2012 AT 5.00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillor J.O. Evans – Chairman

Councillors:

D. Cullen, A.G. Higgs, K. James, K. Lloyd, Mrs G.D. Oliver, M.J. Prew, J.A. Pritchard

Together with:

A. Morgan (Group Accountant, Revenue Advice and Support), N. Roberts (Principal Group Accountant, Financial Advice and Support), R.J. Thomas (Committee Services Officer)

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

The Chairman welcomed Nicola Roberts to the meeting and asked Members to note that this would be Alan Morgan's last meeting as he was to retire shortly. Members wished Mr Morgan all the best and thanked him for his contributions.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs E.M. Aldworth, R. Bidgood, Mrs A. Blackman, D. Carter and G.J. Hughes

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received at the start and during the course of the meeting as follows:

1. Councillor D. Cullen - Sardis Community Association (P11/042), as a member of the church;
2. Councillor A.G. Higgs - New CLURV (P11/029), as he is Chairman of the charity; and Home Start Caerphilly (P11/011), as he is on the Committee;
3. Councillor K. James - Cwmcarn OAP (GC009), as a Trustee of the Association;
4. Councillor K. Lloyd - Trinant Communities First Board (WCF003), as a member of the communities first partnership;
5. Councillor J.A. Pritchard - The Youth Centre, Cefn Hengoed (GC037), as she submitted the application form on their behalf; and Arthritis Care (P11/032), as she attended their annual dinner.

2. MINUTES

Members received and noted the minutes of the Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel held on 14th December 2011 (minute nos. 1 - 5, on page nos. 1 - 4).

3. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

3.1 Statement of Expenditure

Members noted the remaining available budget (£137,651.58) for 2011-2012 together with the total amounts requested (£43,345.40 plus addendum items), as detailed within the report.

In addition, Members were asked to note that as per the Service Level Agreement (SLA) between Caerphilly County Borough Council and the Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations, a payment of 8% of any awards granted would be made to GAVO until the termination period of the SLA was complete. This would be in June 2012.

3.2 Welsh Church Acts Fund

Members were reminded that due to additional funding and a carry forward balance from the previous year, the total fund allocation for 2011-2012 is £170,571.

Members noted the available budget together with the total amounts requested, as detailed within the report.

3.3 Applications for Financial Assistance: Panel Awards

Consideration was given to the following applications for financial assistance.

3.3.1 RESOLVED that the following applications for financial assistance be approved:

	£
(a) The Woodlands	100.00
(b) Caerphilly Borough Snooker Academy	100.00
(c) Bedwas & Trethomas Girl Guiding	135.00
(d) Fleur de Lys Flower Festival Group	100.00
(e) Bardic Writers Circle	100.00
(f) Crafts for Everyone	100.00
(g) Crumlin Bravehearts	200.00
(h) Bargoed Educational Settlement	100.00
(i) Rhymney Valley South Road Flying Club	100.00
(j) Churches in Action (Gibabites)	100.00
(k) Caerphilly People First	100.00
(l) Caerphilly Heritage	100.00
(m) Rhymney Valley Young at Hearts	200.00
(n) SHADE	200.00
(o) Your Way	100.00
(p) Abercarn Crumlin and District Pigeon Club	100.00
(q) Full Circle Breastfeeding support	100.00
(r) Newbridge Bowls Club	75.00
(s) Llanfach Village Hall	100.00
(t) Caerphilly Borough Mind	100.00
(u) Markham Community House	100.00
(v) OB Preservation Society	100.00
(w) SYDIC	100.00
(x) New CLURV	100.00
(y) Glynderi Bonsai Club	100.00

(z)	Cascade Methodist Church	100.00
(aa)	Arthritis Care	270.00
(ab)	Nazareth Social Group	100.00
(ac)	Inside Out Arts Project	100.00
(ad)	St Catherines Community Group	100.00
(ae)	SALT	100.00
(af)	Disability Can Do Organisation	100.00
(ag)	Gwent Defibbers	100.00
(ah)	Sardis Community Association	100.00
(ai)	Pontymister Youth Football Club	100.00

3.3.2 RESOLVED that for the reasons outlined at the meeting, the follow applications for financial assistance be refused:

- (a) Home Start Caerphilly
- (b) Wales Council for Deaf People
- (c) Groesfaen Residents Association
- (d) Cwmfelinfach Residents Association
- (e) Hendredenny Park Primary School Association
- (f) Boys and Girls Clubs of Wales (Gwent)
- (g) Mwy Da Lyn

3.3.3 RESOLVED that for the reason outlined at the meeting, the follow application for financial assistance be refused and the applicant referred to the Welsh Church Acts Fund:

- (a) Trinant Methodist Church

3.3.4 RESOLVED that for the reason outlined at the meeting, the following application for financial assistance be deferred, pending the receipt of further information:

- (a) Cylch Ti a Fi Tonyfelin

3.4 Applications for Financial Assistance: General Criteria Awards

Members noted the applications received since the last meeting, which are in accordance with the agreed criteria, and to be processed by officers.

3.5 Applications for Financial Assistance: Welsh Church Acts Fund Awards

Members noted the applications received since the last meeting, which are in accordance with the agreed criteria, and to be processed by officers.

4. ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Consideration was given to the following applications for financial assistance, received since the report was published.

4.1 Additional Applications for Financial Assistance: Panel Awards

4.1.1 RESOLVED that the following applications for financial assistance be approved:-

	£
(a) Ystrad Fawr Juvenile 4 Couple Team	100.00
(b) Bargoed Aberbargoed and Gilfach Credit Union	100.00
(c) Caerphilly & District Horticultural Society	100.00
(d) Aber Valley Brave Hearts	200.00
(e) Mount Pleasant Chapel	100.00

(f) Risca Friends of the Heart	200.00
(g) Britannia Community Association	100.00

4.1.2 RESOLVED that for the reasons outlined at the meeting, the follow additional applications for financial assistance be refused:-

- (a) Nazareth Social Group
- (b) Mount Pleasant Church

4.2 Additional Applications for Financial Assistance: General Criteria Awards

4.2.1 Members noted the following applications received, which are in accordance with the agreed criteria, and to be processed by officers:

	£
(a) Gareth Wallbank	130.00
(b) Daisy Wilkins	250.00
(c) Jasmine Szade	250.00
(d) Keiran Wright	130.00
(e) Jay Davies	130.00
(f) Jack Dixon	250.00
(g) 2nd Caerphilly Scouts Group	135.00
(h) Denise Molan	130.00
(i) Pamela Penrose	130.00

4.3 Additional Applications for Financial Assistance: Welsh Church Act Fund Awards

4.3.1 Members noted the following application received in accordance with the agreed criteria, and to be processed by officers.

- (a) Trinant Methodist Church

The meeting closed at 5.50 p.m.