



## **GRANTS TO THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR PANEL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, TREDOMEN PARK ON THURSDAY, 11TH JULY 2013 AT 6.00 P.M.**

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PRESENT:

Councillors:

L. Ackerman, C.J. Cuss, R.W. Gough, D. Havard, C. Hawker, K. Lloyd, Mrs G. D. Oliver, M.J. Prew, R. Saralis, Mrs. E. Stenner.

Together with:

D. Roberts (Principal Group Accountant - Financial Advice and Support), G. Elliott (Communities First Finance Assistant), S.M. Kauczok (Committee Services Officer).

#### **1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

Councillor Mrs G.D. Oliver was appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.

#### **2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

Councillor R.W. Gough was appointed Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

#### **3. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Mrs A. Blackman, D.G. Carter, A.G. Higgs, A. Lewis, Mrs J. Summers and Mr S. Harris (Acting Head of Corporate Finance).

#### **4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

- (1) Councillor L. Ackerman declared interests in Newbridge Online (13/P002); Friends of Navigation (13/P003) and Mega Allsorts Special Olympic Team (13/P007) as she knows individuals involved in these groups. Councillor Ackerman left the meeting during consideration of these applications.
- (2) Councillor C.J. Cuss declared an interest in St John's Ambulance as he is a member of the committee.
- (3) Councillor R.W. Gough declared an interest in Friends of Navigation (13/P003) as he knows the chairman. He left the meeting during consideration of the application.

- (4) Councillor K. Lloyd declared an interest in Friends of Navigation (13/P003) as he is a member of the organisation and knows the chairman. He left the meeting during consideration of the application.
- (5) Councillor M.J. Prew declared an interest in Friends of Navigation (13/P003) as he knows the chairman. He left the meeting during consideration of the application.

**5. MINUTES**

The Panel received and approved the minutes of the Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel held on 19th March 2013 (minute nos. 1 - 5; page nos. 1 - 5).

**6. MATTERS ARISING**

Members were advised that the report referred to in paragraph 4.2 of the minutes would be presented to the next meeting of the Panel.

**7. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

**7.1 Statement of Expenditure**

Members noted the available budget for 2013-2014 of £113,067.00, together with the total amounts requested, as detailed within the report.

**7.2 Welsh Church Act Fund**

Members were advised that with a carry forward balance from previous years, the total available balance for 2013-2014 is £166,291.00.

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

It was noted that due to the present economic climate, allocations in the future could be reduced considerably due to declining returns on investments.

**7.3 Applications for Financial Assistance: Panel Awards**

Consideration was given to the applications for financial assistance set out in the report.

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

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(a) Rhymney Valley South Road Flying Club	200.00
(b) Newbridge Online	100.00
(c) Curly Whirlie's	300.00
(d) St Paul's Church , Abertysswg	410.40
(e) Enable - Supporting Caerphilly Children's Centre	100.00
(f) Mega Allsorts Special Olympic Team	750.00
(g) St David's Church Community and Youth Action Programme	500.00
(h) Arthritis Care	270.00
(i) The Players' Theatre, Gelligaer	200.00
(j) The Chillli Club	300.00
(k) Wyllie Residents and Community Association	100.00
(l) Golden Oldies	500.00
(m) Ruperra Castle Preservation Trust	100.00

Councillor L. Ackerman declared an interest in Newbridge Online and Mega Allsorts Special Olympic Team as she knows individuals involved with the organisations. She left the meeting during consideration of these applications.

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

(a) Friends of Navigation

Councillors L. Ackerman, R.W. Gough, K. Lloyd and M.J. Prew left the meeting during consideration of this item as they know the chairman. Councillor Lloyd is also a member of the organisation.

**7.4 Applications for Financial Assistance: General Criteria Awards**

Members noted the applications received since the last meeting, as listed in Appendix 2, which are in accordance with the agreed criteria and to be processed by officers.

**7.5 Applications for Financial Assistance: Welsh Church Act Fund Awards**

Members noted the applications received since the last meeting, as listed in Appendix 3, which are in accordance with the agreed criteria and to be processed by officers.

The meeting closed at 6.41 pm.

Approved and signed as a correct record subject to any amendments agreed and recorded in the minutes of the next meeting.

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CHAIRMAN