



GRANTS TO THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR PANEL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, TREDOMEN PARK
ON WEDNESDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER 2015 AT 5.00 PM

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs G. Oliver - Chair
Councillor R. Gough - Vice Chair

Councillors:

H.A. Andrews, Mrs A. Blackman, D. Carter, D. Havard, C. Hawker, A. Lewis and M.J. Prew.

Together with:

S. Harris (Interim Head of Corporate Finance), D. Roberts (Principal Group Accountant - Financial Advice and Support), G. Elliot (Communities First Finance Assistant), C. Evans (Committee Services Officer).

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor E. Stenner.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations received at the beginning or during the course of the meeting.

3. MINUTES – 15TH JULY 2015

The Panel received and approved the minutes of the Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel held on 15th July 2015 (minute nos. 1 - 7).

4. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

4.1 Statement of Expenditure

Members noted the budget available for 2015-2016 as £60,044.51, which included the estimated reduction for Discretionary Rate Relief and budget carried forward. If all awards in the report are agreed the remaining budget would be £53,034.51.

4.2 Welsh Church Act Fund

Members noted the Welsh Church Act Fund applications received and approved by officers since the last meeting in accordance with the agreed criteria as set out in Appendix 4. The total allocated amounts to £6,356.67.

Members sought clarification on the criteria for the grant funding and it was noted that the criteria was not solely limited to Church/Chapels. A further report would be presented to the Panel, which outlines the criteria for the grant funding and Members were invited to sign post any local organisations that may be eligible for the grant.

4.3 Applications for Financial Assistance: Panel Awards

Members were asked to consider the applications listed in Appendix 1 to the report and to make appropriate recommendations to the Interim Head of Corporate Finance for approval.

RECOMMENDED that the following applications for financial assistance be referred to the Interim Head of Corporate Finance for approval under delegated powers:-

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(a) Friends of Navigation Colliery, Crumlin	£200.00
(b) Cambrian Foundation for Deaf Children	£200.00
(c) Caerphilly Causeway Prospects	£100.00
(d) Rhymney Valley Music Club	£200.00
(e) Gelligaer Historical Society	£200.00
(f) Valleys Healing and Life	£100.00

4.4 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.

A Member sought clarification on the category for 'Sporting Individual Representing Country', and whether there is a stipulation within criteria that the individuals are to be amateurs in their field. Officers highlighted that the current criteria does not require for individuals to be amateurs, however, as per Panel request, the criteria will be amended and future applications would be considered for amateurs only.

The meeting closed at 5.22 p.m.

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

CHAIR