

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF THE DECISIONS FROM THE GRANTS TO THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR PANEL MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE AND VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON THURSDAY 9TH MARCH 2023 AT 5.00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillors: A. Broughton- Pettit, M. Chacon-Dawson (Chair), P. Cook, A. Gair, T. Heron, (Vice Chair), D. Ingram-Jones, L. Jeremiah, D.W.R. Preece, J. A. Pritchard, J. Rao, J. Reed, J. E. Roberts, J. Taylor and W. Williams.

Officers: S. Harris (Head of Financial Services and Section 151 Officer), L. Lane (Head of Democratic Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer), S. Richards (Head of Education Planning and Strategy), K. Peters (Corporate Policy Manager), V. Doyle (Policy Officer) and S. Hughes (Committee Services Officer).

The decisions and declarations of interest are set out below. For further details please refer to the relevant report.

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	VOTE
1.	Apologies for absence.	An apology for absence was received from Councillor G. Enright.	N/A
2.	Declarations of Interest.	There were no declarations of interest received at the commencement or during the course of the meeting.	N/A
3.	To approve and sign the following minutes: - Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel held on 21 st November 2022.	RESOLVED that the minutes of the Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel held on 21 st November 2022 be approved as a correct record.	11 For 0 Against 2 Abstentions
4.	Applications for Financial Assistance.	Panel members noted the applications received that met the criteria for Financial Assistance and the Welsh Church Acts Fund, which have already been approved by the Head of Financial Services and S151 Officer under delegated powers, and which are reported to the Panel for information.	No vote required.
5.	Future Operation of the Grants to the Voluntary Sector Fund and the Welsh Church Acts Fund.	It was moved and seconded that subject to the amendment of recommendation f. ii and two additional recommendations, the recommendations in the report be approved. RECOMMENDED to Cabinet that: - (a) The Welsh Church Acts Fund should not provide funding for revenue costs. (b) The maximum level of future grants under the Welsh Church	10 For 3 Against 1 Abstention 13 For 0 Against 0 Abstentions

		<p>Acts Fund be £7,500 until the underspend is fully utilised.</p> <p>(c) The General Criteria amounts for the Grants to the Voluntary Sector Fund be uplifted by 20% from the 2023/24 financial year and then in line with CPI inflation in future years.</p> <p>(d) The list of proposed General Criteria for the Grants to the Voluntary Sector Fund does cover all the categories required.</p> <p>(e) The Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel be disbanded and future reports in relation to the Grants to the Voluntary Sector Fund and Welsh Church Acts Fund be made to the Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee.</p> <p>(f) Applications received which are outside the General Criteria for the Grants to the Voluntary Sector and applications from 'exceptional' individuals in relation to the Welsh Church Acts Fund be discussed at the end of the Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee meeting with Councillors on that Committee.</p> <p>As the Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee Chair and Vice Chair rotates each year between the Council and the Voluntary Sector Representatives, the Vice Chair would preside over the applications in a year where the Chair is a Voluntary Sector Representative.</p> <p>(g) Applications for the Welsh Church Acts Fund and criteria be published on the Council's website.</p> <p>(h) The minimum amount of grant funding given to voluntary organisations be £200.</p>	<p>11 For 3 Against 0 Abstentions</p> <p>14 For 0 Against 0 Abstentions</p> <p>13 For 1 Against 0 Abstentions</p> <p>14 For 0 Against 0 Abstentions</p> <p>12 For 1 Against 0 Abstentions</p> <p>11 For 2 Against 0 Abstentions</p>
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