



VOLUNTARY SECTOR LIAISON SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MULTI-LOCATIONAL MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE AND VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON THURSDAY 8TH JUNE 2023

PRESENT:

Councillor M. Chacon-Dawson – Chair

Councillors:

R. Chapman, C. Gordon, J. Jones, Mrs T. Parry, H. Pritchard, Mrs E. Stenner, L. G. Whittle, S. Williams and W. Williams.

Together with:

K. Peters (Corporate Policy Manager), L. Lane (Head of Democratic Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer) H. Delonnette (Senior Policy Officer) and S. Hughes (Committee Services Officer).

RECORDING AND VOTING ARRANGEMENTS

The Chair reminded those present that the meeting would be live-streamed and a recording made available to view via the Council's website, except for discussions involving confidential or exempt items - [Click here to view](#). The Committee was advised that voting on decisions would be taken via Microsoft Forms.

1. TO APPOINT A VICE CHAIR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

It was moved and seconded that Councillor W. Williams be appointed as Vice Chair. By way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation (and in noting there were 9 for, 0 against and 0 abstentions) this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that Councillor W. Williams be appointed as Vice Chair of the Voluntary Sector Liaison Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P. Cook, J. Fussell, D.W.R. Preece and D. Price.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

4. NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE - VOLUNTARY SECTOR LIAISON SUB-COMMITTEE

The Corporate Policy Manager presented the report to propose a set of terms of reference for the new Voluntary Sector Liaison Sub-committee as agreed by full Council at its Annual General Meeting on the 11th May 2023. It was explained that the proposed terms of reference would allow the Sub-Committee to carry out two functions of the former Grants to the Voluntary Sector Advisory Panel, which was to consider applications from 'exceptional individuals' in relation to the advancement of education for financial support from the Welsh Church Acts Fund and to consider applications for the Grants to the Voluntary Sector Fund that do not meet the 'General Criteria'.

It was noted that a Vice-Chair had been appointed for the Voluntary Sector Liaison Sub-Committee who can take on a chairing role in the event that the Chair, who is also the Chair/Vice-chair of the Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee, is unable to attend a meeting.

Following consideration of the report it was moved and seconded that recommendation 3.1 be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms (and in noting there were 9 for, 0 against and 0 abstentions) this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that Members of the Voluntary Sector Liaison Sub-Committee considered and agreed the appended terms of reference.

5. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED OUTSIDE THE GENERAL CRITERIA FOR THE GRANTS TO THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR FUND AND FROM EXCEPTIONAL INDIVIDUALS IN RELATION TO THE WELSH CHURCH ACTS FUND

The Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee received a report to consult with members in relation to applications received which are outside the General Criteria for the Grants to the Voluntary Sector (GTVS) Fund or are from 'exceptional individuals' in relation to the Welsh Church Acts Fund (WCAF).

PUBLIC INTEREST TEST

The Voluntary Sector Liaison Sub-Committee considered the Public Interest Test in relation to Appendix 1 and concluded that on balance the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information. By way of Microsoft Forms (and in noting there were 8 for, 0 against and 0 abstentions) this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 100(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph 12 and 14 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

EXEMPT MATTER

Following consideration of the report it was moved and seconded that the application be deferred pending further information. By way of Microsoft Forms (and in noting there were 7 for, 1 against and 0 abstentions) this was agreed by the majority present.

RESOLVED that the application be deferred.

The meeting closed at 12.40 pm.

Approved as a correct record and subject to any amendments or corrections agreed and recorded in the minutes of the meeting held on 25th July 2023, they were signed by the Chair.

CHAIR