

POLICY AND RESOURCES

CABINET BOARD

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FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF
FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES – H. J. JENKINS**

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1. MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Existing Policy Statement

- 1.1 a) Each application will be considered on its merits.
- b) The Committee will only approve applications for financial assistance from voluntary or charitable organisations which are manifestly committed to voluntary endeavours of a local nature. This will not preclude the consideration of applications where the disposal of funds is outside the area but still provides significant benefits for the people from the Neath Port Talbot area.
- c) No applications will be considered from religious bodies except relating to church halls and other premises where there is significant community use of the property for non-religious activities.
- d) No applications will be considered from other public funded bodies such as community councils, hospital trusts, etc. or where the benefit may be in lieu of their contributions such as appeals for hospital equipment.
- e) Applications from individuals may be considered where both the person and the community derive a benefit.
- f) No grants will be made to any individual or organisation whose prime purpose is to distribute their funds to other charitable bodies.

Budget for 2013/14

1.2 The following grants are included and have been approved within this budget:-

	Budget 2012/13 £	Budget 2013/14 £
Citizen Advice Bureaux		
- Swansea/Neath/Port Talbot	110,731	104,000
- Ammanford	118	115
- Ystradgynlais	839	835
Contribution to CAB Debt	42,200	42,200
Counselling Service		
Afan Valley Outreach Project	987	980
Neath Port Talbot Council for Voluntary Service	47,939	47,939
OAP Associations	15,361	15,360
Racial Equality Council	23,076	20,000
Victim Support Schemes	3,810	0
- Neath & Port Talbot		
Prince's Trust Volunteers	3,115	3,115
St. John's Ambulance	3,000	3,000
West Glamorgan Blind Welfare Association	2,104	2,100
Maintenance of Mechanics Institute (in lieu of grant aid to Antiquarians & Archives)	13,520	13,520
One-off grants/Hardship Rate Relief	1,000	1,000
Total	267,800	254,164
Contribution from Reserves		-1,364
	267,800	252,800

Following the use of the £1,364 mentioned above the Miscellaneous Grants Reserve currently stands at £39,576.

As previously reported to Members a comprehensive review of grants and payments to the Third Sector/Voluntary Organisations has commenced in line with Council approval at its meeting of 30th January 2013.

Other New Grant Applications

1.3 Please see Appendix 1.

Recommendation

1.4 It is recommended that Members:

- Decide on the applications set out in Appendix 1;

Reason for proposed decision

To decide on the funding applications.

List of Background Papers

Letters of application.

Appendices

Appendix 1 –Miscellaneous Grant Applications

Wards Affected

All.

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COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS APPLICATIONS

(a) **Implementation of Decision**

The decision is proposed for implementation after the 3 day call-in period.

(b) **Sustainability Appraisal**

Community Plan Impacts:

Economic Prosperity	Positive
Education and Lifelong Learning	Positive
Better Health and Well Being	Positive
Environment and Transport	No impact
Crime and Disorder	No impact

Other Impacts:

Welsh Language	No impact
Sustainable Development	No impact
Equalities	Positive
Social Inclusion	Positive

(c) **Consultation**

There has been no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

MISCELLANEOUS GRANT APPLICATIONS

Applicant	Purpose	Amount Request /Cost of "Project"	Previous Support	Comments
The Royal British Legion Cardiff	Request for all Local Authorities that have signed the Armed Forces Covenant to contribute to the 2013 Poppy Appeal	£500	None	
The People's Dispensary for Sick Animals Shropshire	To help people who have pets to access free veterinary services	No amount specified	£100 p.a.	Due to a review of grant payments made to Third Sector/Voluntary Organisations suggest no grant is made.
Vale of Neath Biking & Boarding Club Glynneath	Annual rental for the lease of portion of land to build a Biking & Skate Boarding park adjacent to the Vale of Neath Leisure Centre, Glynneath from a date to be agreed	Rental of £300 p.a.	None	Grant of £250 is offered. The Vale of Neath Biking & Boarding Club to contribute £50 p.a. to the rental.

ITEM 2
COMMUNITY COUNCILS MINOR PROJECTS GRANT SCHEME -
APPLICATIONS

Purpose of Report

- 2.1 In September 2010 we received a second application for grant aid from Cwmllynfell Community Council under the above mentioned scheme. The application was in respect of an extension to Cwmllynfell Cemetery to provide new grave spaces. Committee duly approved this application at its meeting of the 23rd September 2010.

Background

- 2.2 I have now received communication from Cwmllynfell Community Council informing me that the work has still not progressed but that it has now been put out to tender. The tender process has now brought to the attention of the Community Council that they had under budgeted for this work and that they are now facing a shortfall in the region of £12,589.04.
- 2.3 Cwmllynfell Community Council have requested that this Committee allow them to apply for a further grant under the Community Councils Minor Projects Scheme before the previous application is finalised.
- 2.4 The previous grant approval was for £14,000 based on expenditure of £20,000. This updated application seeks 70% of £12,589 – a further grant of £8,812.
- 2.5 Members should also note that the original application of September 2010 was to be claimed within 3 years. Therefore an extension for this claim to be submitted by the end of 2013 has been provided but this may now need to be further extended.

Recommendation

- 2.6 That this request be not acceded to as it does not comply with the grant criteria of the Community Councils Minor Projects Scheme.
- 2.7 That an extension to claim the original grant of up to £14,000 be extended to 31st March 2014.

Reason for Proposed Decision

2.8 To consider the additional grant application.

2.9 **List of Background Papers**

Application Forms.

2.10 **Wards Affected**

All.

2.11 **Officer Contact**

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COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

COMMUNITY COUNCILS MINOR PROJECTS GRANT SCHEME - APPLICATIONS

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The decision is proposed for implementation after the 3 day call-in period.

(b) **Sustainability Appraisal**

Community Plan Impacts:

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