

POLICY AND RESOURCES

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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	<hr/> 267,800	<hr/> 254,164
Contribution from Reserves		-1,364
	<hr/> 267,800	<hr/> 252,800

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

As previously reported to Members a comprehensive review of grants and payments to the Third Sector/Voluntary Organisations is to be carried out during 2013, 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
City of Swansea Pipe Band Swansea	Financial assistance to help purchase 10 Bagpipes and 10 Banners	£13,000	None	Due to a review of grant payments made to Third Sector/Voluntary Organisations suggest no grant is made.
Cancer Information & Support Services Swansea	To provide support from offices at Neath, Swansea and Carmarthen	No amount specified	£100 p.a.	Due to a review of grant payments made to Third Sector/Voluntary Organisations suggest no grant is made.
Friends of Margam Park Margam Port Talbot	Annual rental for the lease of a first floor room within Margam Castle for archive/storage and in the Courtyard a small room to be used as an information room for a period of 3 years from a date to be agreed	Rental of £1,000 p.a.	None	Grant of 90% is offered. The organisation Friends of Margam Park to contribute £100.
NSA Afan Sandfields Port Talbot	Annual rental for the lease of land and buildings – Community Centre, Michna Street, Aberavon for a period of 50 years with rent reviews every 5 years from a date to be agreed	Rental of £5750 p.a.	None	Grant of 80% is offered. The organisation NSA Afan to contribute 20% or £1,150.

