

**POLICY AND RESOURCES**

**CABINET BOARD**

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**FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES**

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF  
FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES – D. W. DAVIES**

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## **ITEM 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 2012/13**

- 1.2 The budget for 2012/13 does include a general inflationary uplift. The following grants are included within this budget:-

	<b>Actuals 2010/11 £</b>	<b>Actuals 2011/12 £</b>	<b>Budget 2012/13 £</b>
Citizen Advice Bureaux			
- Neath	39,726	39,051 )	
- Port Talbot	47,471	46,664 )	110,731
- Ammanford	120	118	118
- Ystradgynlais	850	836	839
Contribution to CAB Debt	42,800	42,030	42,200
Counselling Service			
Match Funding Support	20,000	19,660	-

	<b>Actuals 2010/11</b>	<b>Actuals 2011/12</b>	<b>Budget 2012/13</b>
	£	£	£
SDS CAB Volunteering Project	5,000	4,915	-
Afan Valley Outreach Project	1,000	983	987
Neath Port Talbot Council for Voluntary Service	48,574	47,748	47,939
OAP Associations	15,565	15,300	15,361
Racial Equality Council	23,382	22,984	23,076
Victim Support Schemes	3,860	3,794	3,810
- Neath )			
- Port Talbot )			
Prince's Trust Volunteers	3,157	3,103	3,115
St. John's Ambulance	3,040	2,988	3,000
West Glamorgan Blind Welfare Association	2,132	2,096	2,104
Maintenance of Mechanics Institute (in lieu of grant aid to Antiquarians & Archives)	13,700	13,467	13,520
One-off grants )	2,386	2,333	1,000
Hardship Rate Relief )			
Contribution to Reserves	5,037	4,730	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>277,800</b>	<b>272,800</b>	<b>267,800</b>

A reserve of £40,490 as at 31.3.12 is also available.

Details of grants approved in 2012/13 are as follows:-

Cambrian Educational Foundation for Deaf Children	£ 200
	<b>200</b>

### **Other New Grant Applications**

1.3 Please see Appendix 1.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

1.4 That the applications be considered.

### **REASON FOR PROPOSED DECISION**

1.5 In accordance with approved criteria.

## **List of Background Papers**

1.6 Letters of application.

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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.

**MISCELANEOUS GRANT APPLICATIONS**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount Request /Cost of "Project"</b>	<b>Previous Support</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Dyffryn Community Garden Association Dyffryn Cymmer	Annual rental for the lease of land at Dyffryn Rhondda for a 20 year period subject to 5 yearly rent reviews	Annual rental of £150 p.a.		Suggest contribution in respect of the annual rental of £15 p.a.
Christian Lewis Trust Cardiff	To send children with cancer and their families on Compassionate Care Breaks	No amount specified	Committee has approved an annual grant of £250	

## **ITEM 2**

### **COMMUNITY COUNCILS MINOR PROJECTS SCHEME**

#### **Background**

- 2.1 The above scheme was introduced in order to assist Community Councils in undertaking minor capital projects within their area. The scheme allows applications every two years and any project must be completed within 3 years of approval.

#### **Purpose of Report**

- 2.2 (a) We have received a second application for grant aid from Blaenhonddan Community Council under the above mentioned scheme. This further application from the Community Council is to completely refurbish an existing playground at Elias Drive, Bryncoch.
- (b) We have received a third application for grant aid from Glynneath Town Council under the above mentioned scheme. This further application from the Community Council is for the second phase of the community's playground improvement programme.

#### **Recommendation**

- 2.3 The application from:
- (a) Blaenhonddan Community Council complies with the conditions of grant and I therefore recommend that support of 30% up to a maximum grant of £6,000 be made in accordance with the schedule on receipt of paid invoices together with a copy bank statement;
- (b) Glynneath Town Council complies with the conditions of grant and I therefore recommend that support of 50% up to a maximum of £10,000 be made in accordance with the schedule on receipt of paid invoices together with a copy bank statement.

2.4 **Reason for Proposed Decision**

The decisions are in compliance with the approved policy.

2.5 **List of Background Papers**

Application Form.

2.6 **Wards Affected**

Blaenhonddan and Glynneath.

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