

**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 2014/15**

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

	<b>Budget 2014/15 £</b>
Citizen Advice Bureau	82,680
Neath Port Talbot Council for Voluntary Service	45,494
Racial Equality Council	15,900
Maintenance of Mechanics Institute (in lieu of grant aid to Antiquarians & Archives)	14,037
West Glamorgan Association for the Blind	2,100
One-off grants	949
<b>Total</b>	<b>161,160</b>

## New Grant Applications

1.3 Please see Appendix 1.

## **Recommendation**

1.4 It is recommended that Members:

- Decide on the application set out in Appendix 1;

## **Reason for proposed decision**

1.5 To decide on the funding application.

## **List of Background Papers**

Letters of application.

## **Appendices**

Appendix 1 –Miscellaneous Grant Applications.

## **Wards Affected**

Various.

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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	Positive
Crime and Disorder	No impact

Other Impacts:

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

(c) **Consultation**

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

**MISCELLANEOUS GRANT APPLICATIONS**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount Request /Cost of "Project"</b>	<b>Previous Support</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Kids Cancer Charity Christian Lewis Trust Cardiff	To provide children with cancer and their families with compassionate breaks	No amount specified	£250 p.a.	Following the review of grant payments made to Third Sector/Voluntary Organisations together with the level of budget available it is suggested that no grant is made.
Noddfa Community Centre Glyncorrwg	Lease of the Noddfa Community Centre Glyncorrwg	£2,200 p.a.	None	An application has been received following the Council's review of Community Buildings. There are 2 such centres in Glyncorrwg together with other private buildings available for use. It is critical that the community maximises the use of public funded facilities.

## **ITEM 2**

### **COMMUNITY COUNCILS MINOR PROJECTS SCHEME – APPLICATIONS**

#### **Purpose of Report**

2.1 We have received two applications for grant aid under the above mentioned scheme as follows:

- (a) Gwuan Cae Gurwen Community Council. This application is to upgrade, maintain and enhance the community centres to include the use of solar panels and maintaining the external facade.
- (b) Crynant Community Council. This application is to convert an area of land not currently in use. Activities for this land could include basketball, netball, 5-side football etc. together with other community events.

#### **Background**

2.2 A grants scheme has been introduced in order to assist Community Councils in undertaking minor capital projects which will alleviate to some degree the perceived unfairness about “double rating”.

#### **Recommendation**

- (a) The application from Gwaun Cae Gurwen Community Council complies with the conditions of grant and I therefore recommend that support at 50% up to a maximum of £10,000 in accordance with the schedule be made on receipt of paid invoices together with a copy bank statement.
- (b) The application from Crynant Community Council complies with the conditions of grant and I therefore recommend that support at 60% up to a maximum of £12,000 in accordance with the schedule be made on receipt of paid invoices together with a copy bank statement.

#### **Reason for Proposed Decision**

The decision is in compliance with the approved policy.

## **List of Background Papers**

Application Forms.

## **Wards Affected**

Gwaun Cae Gurwen and Crynant.

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(b) **Sustainability Appraisal**

**Community Plan Impacts:**

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

**Other Impacts:**

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

(c) **Consultation**

There has been no requirement to consult under the Forward Work Programme.