

**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:-

	<b>Budget 2012/13 £</b>	<b>Budget 2013/14 £</b>
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/> <b>267,800</b>	<hr/> <b>252,800</b>

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 30<sup>th</sup> 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**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount Request /Cost of "Project"</b>	<b>Previous Support</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Cambrian Educational Foundation for Deaf Children Swansea	To help deaf children with their educational needs and support	No amount specified	£200 p.a.	Due to a review of grant payments made to Third Sector/Voluntary Organisations suggest no grant is made.

## **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 We have received an application for grant aid under the above mentioned scheme.
- 2.3 The application is from Clyne & Melincourt Community Council to adapt, equip and make safe existing equipped play area at Hill Street, Melincourt. This will include installing new play equipment, repairing and refurbishing existing equipment, providing impact absorbing safety surface and provision of benches and litter bins.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.4 It is confirmed that the application from Clyne & Melincourt Community Council complies with the conditions of grant and I therefore recommend that support of 70% up to a maximum grant of £14,000 be made in accordance with the schedule on receipt of paid invoices together with a copy bank statement.

### **Reason for Proposed Decision**

To decide on the funding applications from Community Councils in line with the Community Councils Minor Projects Scheme.

### **List of Background Papers**

Application Forms.

### **Wards Affected**

Resolven.

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