



CABINET (FINANCE) SUB COMMITTEE

***IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CABINET
WEDNESDAY, 20th October 2021***

Via Microsoft Teams

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1. Appointment of Chairperson
2. Welcome and Roll Call
3. Declarations of Interest
4. Minutes of the last meeting held on the 22nd September 2021
(Pages 3 - 4)
5. Community Councils Minor Projects Scheme - Application from
Onllwyn Community Council (Pages 5 - 8)
6. Miscellaneous Grant Fund Applications (Pages 9 - 16)
7. Urgent Items

Any urgent items (whether public or exempt), at the discretion of the Chairperson pursuant to Statutory Instrument 2001 No 2290 (as amended)

8. Access to Meetings

That pursuant to Regulation 4 (3) and (5) of Statutory Instrument 2001 No. 2290, the public be excluded for the following item of business which involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 or Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

9. Write Off of Council Tax (Exempt Under Paragraph 14)
(Pages 17 - 30)
10. Housing Benefits Write Offs (Exempt Under Paragraph 14)
(Pages 31 - 40)
11. Sundry Debtor Write Offs (Exempt Under Paragraph 14)
(Pages 41 - 48)

K.Jones
Chief Executive

Civic Centre
Port Talbot

13th October 2021

Cabinet (Finance) Sub Committee Members:

Councillors. C.Clement-Williams and D.Jones

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD
CABINET (FINANCE) SUB COMMITTEE
22 SEPTEMBER 2021

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: C.Clement-Williams (Chairperson) and L.Jones

Officers in Attendance:

H.Jenkins, C.Griffiths, H.Jones, M.Shaw, N.Blackmore and
J. Woodman-Ralph

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Cllr. C. Carol Clement-Williams be appointed Chairperson for the meeting.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of Interest were received.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON THE 12 MAY, 2 JUNE, 30 JUNE AND 28 JULY 2021**

That the minutes of the 12th May, 2nd June, 30th June and the 28th July 2021 be approved.

4. **MISCELLANEOUS GRANT FUND APPLICATIONS**

Decisions:

1. That FAN Community Alliance continue to be provided with existing grant of £2,250 pa until the 19th December 2022. Thereafter a grant of £2,450 pa will be provided until the next rent review towards the cost of rent of £2,750 pa in relation to the Lease of Maes Y Ffynon Hall, Neath.

2. That Ynysmaerdy Bowls Association continue to be provided with existing grant of £650pa until the 5th October 2022. Thereafter a grant of £665 pa will be provided until the next rent review towards the cost of rent of £715 pa in relation to the Lease of Ynysmaerdy Bowls Pavilion at Briton Ferry Welfare Ground.
3. That Pontardawe Town AFC continue to be provided with existing grant of £600 pa until the 31st July 2022. Thereafter a grant of £610 pa will be provided until the next rent review towards the cost of rent of £660 in relation to the Lease of Parc Ynysderw Pontardawe.
4. That Blaenhonddan Community Council be granted £6,200 pa from 2nd November 2021, tenants paying the shortfall and VAT for the cost of rent £6,000pa in relation to the Lease of Aberdulais Community Centre.

Reason for Proposed Decisions:

To agree the financial support in respect of grant applications received.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

CHAIRPERSON



NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET (FINANCE) SUB COMMITTEE

20 OCTOBER 2021

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF FINANCE – HUW JONES

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected – Onllwyn

Report Title – Community Councils Minor Projects Scheme – Application from Onllwyn Community Council

Purpose of Report

1. To seek Members' approval to provide a grant to Onllwyn Community Council under the Council's Community Councils Minor Projects Scheme.

Background

2. Neath Port Talbot Council has approved a Community Council Minor Projects Grants Scheme in order to assist Community Councils in undertaking minor capital projects. Approved grants are required to be claimed within two years of approval.
3. The Council has received an application for grant aid under the above mentioned scheme from Onllwyn Community Council. This application is for grant assistance towards the cost of developing a new fixed play area, with the emphasis being on providing opportunities for adventurous and challenging play for juniors and teens. The play area will be located on a 700m² area of green space at Banwen Park, the home of Banwen RFC (SA109LG). The Community Council have leased the land from Banwen RFC for a period of 125years. The estimated cost of the works overall is £100,000 plus recoverable VAT.

4. The balance of the project costs will be financed as follows:-

The Community Council will apply for 80% of the total project cost (£80,000) from the Maes Gwyn Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund. The Community Council has an excellent track record of successfully applying to Maes Gwyn for numerous projects, including a Community Ranger initiative, improvements to Right of Way 33, the provision of defibrillators for the community, a new Skate Park and the conversion of a tennis court into a Multi-Use Games Area(MUGA). The remaining £6,000 shortfall associated with this proposal has been ring-fenced for the project from Community Council Reserves.

Proposal and Financial Impact

5. The application from Onllwyn Community Council complies with the conditions of grant and is entitled to grant support at 70% up to a maximum of £14,000 in accordance with the Minor Projects Grants Scheme and payment be made on receipt of paid invoices together with a copy bank statement.

Integrated Impact Assessment

6. There are no impacts in respect of the obligations to the Council under the Equality Act 2010, the Welsh Language Standards (No 1) Regulations 2015, the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 and support via this grant is a positive impact in respect of the Wellbeing and Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

Valleys Communities Impacts

7. Applications for grant are available to Community Councils across the county borough.

Workforce Impacts

8. There are no workforce impacts.

Legal Impacts

9. Grants are provided in line with the approved scheme criteria.

Risk Management Impacts

10. All grant applications are considered on their own merit and in line with the approved scheme criteria.

Consultation

11. There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

Recommendation

12. It is recommended that Members approve a grant of 70% of actual costs up to a maximum of £14,000 to Onllwyn Community Council.

Reason for Proposed Decision

13. The decision is in compliance with the approved policy and to enable community improvements.

Implementation of Decision

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

Appendices

None

List of Background Papers

15. Application from Onllwyn Community Council.

Officer Contact

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NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET (FINANCE) SUB COMMITTEE

20 OCTOBER 2021

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF FINANCE – HUW JONES

Matters for Decision

Wards Affected: Pontardawe, Neath South, Glyncorrgw

Report Title – Miscellaneous Grant Fund Applications

Purpose of the Report:

1. To seek Member approval in relation to grant applications received at Appendix 1 attached.

Background and Financial Impacts

2. The Council has a Miscellaneous Grants Scheme to support individual applications for grants in line with the criteria set out below:-

Existing Policy Statement

- 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.

Miscellaneous Grant funding available

- 3. Members have approved a budget of £2,500 for miscellaneous grants for 2021/22. There are no commitments against this budget to date.

Integrated Impact Assessment

- 4. There are no impacts in respect of the obligations to the Council under the Equality Act 2010, the Welsh Language Standards (No 1) Regulations 2015, the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 and support via this grant provides generally a positive impact in

respect of the Wellbeing and Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

Valleys Communities Impacts

5. Applications for grant are available to voluntary and charitable organisations across the county borough.

Workforce Impacts

6. There are no workforce impacts.

Legal Impacts

7. Grants are provided in line with the approved scheme criteria.

Risk Management Impacts

8. All grant applications are considered on their own merit and in line with the approved scheme criteria.

Consultation

9. There is no requirement for external consultation on this item.

Recommendation

10. It is recommended that Members approve the applications set out in Appendix 1 to this report.

Reason for Proposed Decision

11. To decide on the amount of financial support in respect of the grant application received.

Implementation of Decision

12. The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period

Appendices

13. Appendix 1 – Schedule of grant applications.

List of Background Papers

14. Grant Applications

Officer Contact

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SCHEDULE OF GRANT APPLICATIONS

Applicant	Purpose	Amount Request/Cost of "Project"	Previous Support	Comments
<p>Pontardawe Arena Partnership.</p> <p>This is a not for profit charitable organisation that has coordinated volunteers to improve the visitor centre and other amenities on the Glantawe Riverside Park site.</p>	<p>The Partnership has applied for a grant towards the backdated increase in rent for the lease of the Visitor Centre at Glantawe Riverside Park, Pontardawe. The partnership also provides alternative curriculum education support to schools across the County Borough.</p> <p>The Partnership has a 25 year lease from 2008 at an initial rent of £1 pa.</p>	<p>Grant towards the cost of rent. Initial rent from 2008 was £1 pa. The first rent review was due from 1/12/2013 and rent increases to £2,000 pa, with further 3 yearly reviews from 1/12/2016 increasing to £2,250 pa and then to £2,500 pa from 1/12/2019.</p>	<p>Reduced rent of £1 pa was set and has not increased since initially set in 2008.</p>	<p>Due to the improvements carried out on site and the supportive education work of the partnership it is proposed that an annual grant for the full amount less £1 be granted for all years from 1 December 2013 to the next review date i.e. to 30 November 2022. The Partnership will continue to pay £1 per annum to 30 November 2022 when the next rent review period comes into effect.</p>

Applicant	Purpose	Amount Request/Cost of "Project"	Previous Support	Comments
Melyn United Bowls Club	The Trustees of Melyn United Bowls Club have applied for grant assistance in relation to the Lease of Bowls Pavilion at Mount Pleasant Recreation Ground, Hillside, Neath	Grant towards the cost of rent of £715 pa wef 4 November 2021 which is increasing from £650 pa	P&R board 18/02/2016 approved 100% grant of £650 pa	Due to Covid restrictions it is proposed to delay the increase in rent until 4 November 2022 and continue to provide existing grant of £650 pa until 3 November 2022. Thereafter a grant of £665 pa will be provided until the next rent review. Thus £50 pa is payable until the next rent review

Ynyscorrwg Park CIO (Glyncorrwg RFC)	The Trustees of Ynyscorrwg Park CIO have applied for grant assistance in relation to the Lease of Playing Field ,pavilion and MUGA at Ynyscorrwg Park, Glyncorrwg, Port Talbot	Grant towards the cost of rent of £1,210 pa wef 16 July 2020 which is increasing from £1,100 pa	P&R board 04/09/2014 approved 100% grant of £1,100 pa	Due to Covid restrictions it is proposed to delay the increase in rent until 16 July 2022 and continue to provide existing grant of £1,100 pa until 15 th July 2022. Thereafter a grant of £1,150 pa will be provided until the next rent review. Thus £60 pa is payable until the next rent review
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