



Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot
Neath Port Talbot Council

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

23 OCTOBER 2024

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE – HUW JONES

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected – Briton Ferry West, Aberavon

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.

Integrated Impact Assessment

- 3. 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

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

Workforce Impacts

- 5. There are no workforce impacts.

Legal Impacts

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

Risk Management Impacts

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

Consultation

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

Recommendation

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

Reason for Proposed Decision

10. To decide on the amount of financial support in respect of the grant applications received.

Implementation of Decision

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

Appendices

12. Appendix 1 – Schedule of grant applications

List of Background Papers

13. Grant Applications

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SCHEDULE OF GRANT APPLICATIONS

Applicant	Purpose	Amount Request/Cost of "Project"	Previous Support	Comments
Me, Myself & I and MMI Trading with Care	The Trustees of Me, Myself & I and MMI Trading with Care have applied for grant assistance in relation to the lease of Brynhyfryd School	Grant towards the cost of rent of £11,660 pa which is increasing from £10,600 pa	Cabinet (Policy and Resources) Sub Committee 4 th October 2022 approved a grant of £10,000 p.a	Proposed that a grant of £11,077 per annum be offered which is the equivalent of c95% of the new rent.
NSA Afan	The Trustees of NSA Afan have applied for grant assistance in relation to the lease Lease of Aberavon Community Centre, Michna Street, Aberavon, Port Talbot	Grant towards the cost of rent of £6,950 pa which is increasing from £6,325 pa	Cabinet (Policy and Resources) Sub Committee 9 February 2022 approved a grant in the following terms:- <i>That the increase in rent of the lease of Michna Street Community Centre be delayed until 1 May 2022, and the existing grant of £4600 pa continue to be provided to The Trustees of NSA Afan until 30 April 2022. Thereafter a grant of £4600 pa will be provided until the next rent review</i>	Proposed that a grant of £6,603 per annum be offered which is the equivalent of c95% of the new rent.