

POLICY AND RESOURCES CABINET BOARD

19 FEBRUARY 2015

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

SECTION A – MATTERS FOR DECISION WARDS AFFECTED - ALL

MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS APPLICATIONS

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.

Budget for 2014/15

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

	Budget 2014/15 £
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
Total	<u>161,160</u>

Community Centre Facilities

As Members are aware discussions are taking place with Community Groups in relation to them taking over and providing Community Centre Facilities from 1st April 2015. These premises are owned by the Council and, in order for those Communities to take over the operation and running of the buildings, a lease agreement is required and again, the Community Groups are seeking grant aid to cover the annual rental costs. At present the Council is in discussion with such Groups in relation to facilities at Taibach, Baglan, Bryn, Pontardawe, Sandfields, etc. The annual rental charge is based on the individual property market rental value and will vary for each premises and Members are requested to approve the principle that a grant be awarded to cover the rent. The award will be limited to a 5 year review in line with the lease agreement.

New Applications

Please see attached Appendix 1.

Recommendations

It is recommended that Members:

- Approve that a grant is provided to those community groups who take over the running of community centre facilities during 2015. The grant will cover the annual rent due for the initial 5 years in line with the rent review period.
- Decide on the applications set out in Appendix 1.

Reason for Proposed Decision

To decide on the grant applications

List of Background Papers

Grant Applications and Community Facilities Leases

Appendix

Appendix 1 –Miscellaneous Grant Applications.

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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	Positive

Other Impacts:

Welsh Language	Neutral
Sustainable Development	Neutral
Equalities	Positive
Social Inclusion	Positive

(c) **Consultation**

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

APPENDIX 1

MISCELLANEOUS GRANT APPLICATIONS

Applicant	Purpose	Amount Request/ Cost of “Project”	Previous Support	Comments
Baglan Boys & Girls Club Baglan	Grant to cover the annual lease rental of the Evans Bevan Playing Field Baglan	£800 p.a.	None	Provide grant to fully cover rent for initial 5 year period in line with rent review period.
Blaenhonddan Community Council Blaenhonddan	Grant to cover the annual lease rental of the Waunceirch District Park	£650 p.a.	None	Provide grant to fully cover rent for initial 5 year period in line with rent review period.
Bryn Rugby & Social Club Bryn	Grant to cover the annual lease rental of the Bryn Recreation Ground & Pavilion	£1100 p.a.	None	Provide grant to fully cover rent for initial 5 year period in line with rent review period.