

# NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## POLICY AND RESOURCES CABINET BOARD

31<sup>st</sup> March 2016

### REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES

#### Matters for Decision

Wards Affected – All

#### MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS

##### Purpose of Report

1. To seek Member approval in relation to grant applications received from various bodies. Appendix 1 attached.

##### Miscellaneous Grant Applications

2. Grant applications have been received from various organisations as set out in Appendix 1 to this report. The policy for awarding miscellaneous grants is as 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.

### **Budget for 2015/16**

3. The following grants are included in the budget for 2015/16:-

	<b>Budget 2015/16 £</b>
Total budget	164,383
Grants approved	
Citizen Advice Bureau	82,680
Neath Port Talbot Council for Voluntary Service	45,494
Swansea Bay Regional Equality Council	15,900
Maintenance of Mechanics Institute (in lieu of grant aid to Antiquarians & Archives)	14,280
West Glamorgan Association for the Blind	2,100
Port Talbot Horticultural Society	712
One-off grants budget	3,217
Total	<u>164,383</u>

### **Recommendation**

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

### **Reason for Proposed Decisions**

5. To decide on providing financial support in respect of the grant applications received.

### **Implementation of Decisions**

6. The decisions are proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

## **List of Background Papers**

7. Grant Applications.

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## Appendix 1

Applicant	Purpose	Amount Request/Cost of "Project"	Previous Support	Comments
HM Lord Lieutenant of West Glamorgan	To host a 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration for residents of Neath Port Talbot and Swansea who share the same birth year as Her Majesty The Queen of 1926	Overall cost approximately £2,500 and is requesting 50% ie £1,250 from each Local Authority. There is no other funding stream available although an attempt is being made to obtain some modest sponsorship	None	
Derby Toc H Children's Camp Derby	Holidays for deprived children in the Derby area	£47,843.01 p.a. – contribution towards this cost.	None	Propose no grant is made due to insufficient council funds
Cwmafan Community Engagement Centre	Grant to cover the annual lease of the Community Centre upon transfer to the community group	The annual rent for the building is £6,400 p.a. Lease arrangements are currently in the process of being finalised	None	Provide grant to fully cover rent for initial 5 year period in line with rent review period
South Wales Miners Museum	Grant to cover the annual ground lease of the Miners Museum adjoining Afan Argoed Visitors Centre	The annual ground lease is £500 p.a. The original lease was for five years with effect from 26 November 2008 and this grant application is to cover the period for five years from 26 November 2013 to 25 November 2018.	Yes £450 pa to Nov 2013	Provide grant to fully cover rent for 5 year period from 26 November 2013 in line with rent review period