

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET (FINANCE) SUB COMMITTEE

10 JULY 2019

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES – H.JENKINS

Matters for Decision

Wards Affected – Pontardawe, Pelenna, Resolven, Cymmer, Tonna

MISCELLANEOUS GRANT FUND APPLICATIONS

1. Purpose of Report

To seek Member approval in relation to grant applications received.

2. Background and Financial Impact

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.

4. Miscellaneous Grant funding available

Members have approved a budget of £2,650 for miscellaneous grants for 2019/20

5. Consultation

There is no requirement under the Constitution to consult on these items.

6. Recommendation

It is recommended that Members determine the applications set out in Appendix 1 of this report.

7. Reason for Proposed Decision

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

8. Implementation of Decision

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

9. List of Background Papers

Grant Applications

10. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Miscellaneous Grant Applications

11. Officer Contact

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Appendix 1

Miscellaneous Grant Application

Applicant	Purpose	Amount Request/Cost of "Project"	Previous Support	Comments
Pontardawe RFC	Grant assistance towards paying for use of rugby field at Recreation Ground Pontardawe. The council has provided a lease to the trustees of the Pontardawe Community Sports and Recreation Association at £1,850 pa. They charge users for use of these playing fields.	Grant towards cost of £1,500 for use of playing fields.	N/A	The council does not provide financial support for sub-let/use arrangements.
Tonmawr RFC	Grant assistance towards annual lease of Cwm Gwenffrwd Ground, Tonmawr. A 25 year lease was taken out on 18 th January 1999 subject to five year rent reviews.	Grant towards rent of £610. Request received as council provides grants to some other bodies taking over new leases following asset transfer to community groups	N/A	Provide grant of £110 subject to review in line with rent reviews from 18 th January 2019.
Pontrhydyfen RFC	Grant assistance towards annual lease of playing fields at Oakwood Field Pontrhydyfen. A 25 year lease was taken out on 1 st November 1999 subject to five year rent reviews.	Grant towards rent. A rent review is due on the 1 st November 2019. Request received as council provides grants to some other bodies taking over new leases following asset transfer to community groups.	N/A	To be further considered when rent review proposal due 1 st November 2019

Applicant	Purpose	Amount Request/Cost of "Project"	Previous Support	Comments
Trustees of Resolven Community Library	Grant assistance towards annual lease of Resolven Community Library.	Grant towards rent of £1,045 pa	£950.00 P&R board 29/04/2014 approved grant of 100%	Provide grant of £950 subject to review in line with rent reviews
Afan Community Fitness Suite	Grant assistance toward rent of Cymmer Sports Hall. Afan Community Fitness Suite has applied for charitable registration which is unlikely to be in place for when the comprehensive school closes at the end of term but for service continuity wish to lease the sports centre from that date on.	Grant towards lease of £11,600 pa. Business rates relief is also available for a charitable organisation or not for profit organisation.	N/A	Provide grant of £11,600 subject to review in line with rent reviews/break clause. Long term lease to be provided but with a break after twelve months should charitable status not be achieved.
Castell Nedd Chess Club	Grant assistance towards venue fees to host meetings of the chess club.	£25 per night for use of the room at Tonna Rugby Club	N/A	It is recommended that no grant assistance is provided on this occasion.