



Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot
Neath Port Talbot Council

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

6 JANUARY 2021

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES – HYWEL JENKINS

Matters for Decision

Wards Affected: Bryn & Cwmavon, Cadoxton, Cadoxton

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 2020/21

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 applications 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

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Appendix 1

Schedule of Grant Applications

| Applicant | Purpose | Amount Request/Cost of "Project" | Previous Support | Comments |
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| Cwmafan Welfare Association | The trustees of Cwmafan Welfare Association have applied for grant assistance in relation to the Lease of Land at Ebbw Vale Row adjoining Cwmavon RFC | Grant towards the cost of rent of £330 which will be payable from 1 st April 2020 | P&R board 28/05/2015 approved 100% of rent amount of £300 p.a. | Provide grant of £300 p.a. subject to review in line with rent reviews. Due to Covid it is proposed that the rent increase and grant be applied from April 2021 rather than April 2020. |
| Blaenhonddan Community Council | Blaenhonddan Community Council have applied for grant assistance in relation to the Lease of Caewern Community Centre | Grant towards the cost of rent of £2,395.80 pa which will be payable from 1 st April 2021 | P&R Board 8.3.2017 approved grant of £2,068 p.a. | Provide grant of £2,068 p.a. subject to review in line with rent reviews from April 2021 |

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| Blaenhonddan Community Council | Blaenhonddan Community Council have applied for grant assistance in relation to the Lease of Waunceirch District Park | Grant towards the cost of rent of £715 pa which will be payable from 8 th June 2020 | P&R board 19/02/2015 approved 100% grant of £650 p.a. | Provide grant of £650 p.a. subject to review in line with rent reviews. Due to Covid it is proposed that the rent increase and grant be applied from June 2021 rather than June 2020. |
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