

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET (FINANCE) SUB COMMITTEE

28 JULY 2021

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

Matters for Decision

Wards Affected: Bryn & Cwmavon, Pontardawe

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 nonreligious 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 2021/22. There are no commitments against this budget to date.

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 application 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
Cwmafan Community Engagement CIC	The Trustees of Cwmafan Community Engagement CIC have applied for grant assistance in relation to the Lease of Cwmafan Community Engagement Centre	Grant towards the cost of rent of £7,040 pa wef 6 June 2021	P&R board 31/03/2016 approved 100% grant of rent amount £6,400 pa	Due to Covid restrictions it is proposed to delay the increase in rent until 6 June 2022 and continue to provide existing grant of £6,400 pa until 5 June 2022. Thereafter a grant of £6,720 pa will be provided until the next rent review. Thus £320 pa is payable by the CIC wef June 2022 until the next rent review.
Trustees of Cwmafan Bowls Club	The Trustees of Cwmafan Bowls Club have applied for grant assistance in relation to the lease of Pavilion at Parc Siencyn Powell Cwmafan	Grant towards the cost of rent of £220 pa wef 1 April 2019	P&R March 2014 approved 100% grant of rent amount £200 pa	Due to Covid restrictions it is proposed to delay the increase in rent until 1 April 2022 and continue to provide existing grant of £200 pa until the next rent review. Thus £20 pa is payable by the Bowls Club wef 1 April 2022

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Trustees of Pontardawe Community and Recreation Association	The Trustees of Pontardawe Community and Recreation Association have applied for grant assistance in relation to the lease of Pontardawe Recreation Ground Playing Fields and Pavilion	Grant towards the cost of rent of £2,035 pa wef 1 April 2020	P&R board 28/05/2015 approved 100% grant of rent amount £1,850	Due to Covid restrictions it is proposed to delay the increase in rent until 1 April 2022 and continue to provide existing grant of £1,850 pa until 31 March 2022 and then £1,935 pa until the next rent review. Thus £100 pa is payable by the Association wef 1 April 2022 until the next rent review.