



Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot
Neath Port Talbot Council

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET (FINANCE) SUB COMMITTEE

22 SEPTEMBER 2021

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

Matters for Decision

**Wards Affected: Neath East, Pontardawe, Neath East,
Aberdulais,**

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 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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SCHEDULE OF GRANT APPLICATIONS

Applicant	Purpose	Amount Request/Cost of "Project"	Previous Support	Comments
FAN Community Alliance, Maes Y Ffynon Hall, Neath	FAN Community Alliance have applied for grant assistance in relation to the Lease of Maes Y Ffynon Hall, Neath	Grant towards the cost of rent of £2,750 pa wef 20 December 2021	P&R board 31/03/2016 approved 90% grant of rent amount £2,250 pa	Due to Covid restrictions it is proposed to delay the increase in rent until 20 December 2022 and continue to provide existing grant of £2,250 pa until 19 December 2022. Thereafter a grant of £2,450 pa will be provided until the next rent review. Thus £300 pa is payable by the Alliance wef December 2022 until the next rent review.

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Ynysmaerdy Bwls Association	Ynysmaerdy Bwls Association have applied for grant assistance in relation to the Lease of Ynysmaerdy Bwls Pavilion at Briton Ferry Welfare Ground	Grant towards the cost of rent of £715 pa due to increase from 6 October 2021	P&R board 18/02/2016 approved 100% grant of rent amount of £650 pa	Due to Covid restrictions it is proposed to delay the increase in rent until 6 October 2022 and continue to provide existing grant of £650 pa until 5 October 2022. Thereafter a grant of £665 pa will be provided until the next rent review. Thus £50 pa is payable until the next rent review

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Pontardawe Town AFC	Pontardawe Town AFC have applied for grant assistance in relation to the Lease of Parc Ynysderw Pontardawe	Grant towards the cost of rent of £660 due to backdated increase to 1 August 2019	P&R board 09/04/2015 approved 100% grant of rent amount of £600 pa	Due to Covid restrictions it is proposed to delay the increase in rent until 1 August 2022 and continue to provide existing grant of £600 pa until 31 July 2022. Thereafter a grant of £610 pa will be provided until the next rent review. Thus £50 pa is payable until the next rent review
Blaenhonddan Community Council	Blaenhonddan Community Council have applied for grant assistance in relation to the Lease of Aberdulais Community Centre	Grant towards the cost of rent of £6,600 pa wef 2 November 2021 which is increasing from £6,000 pa	P&R Board 8/3/2017 approved Grant of £5,700.00 p.a. awarded with the tenants paying the shortfall together with all the VAT	Provide Grant of £6,200 pa from 2 November 2021 with tenant paying the shortfall and VAT.