



Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot  
Neath Port Talbot Council

## **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **CABINET (FINANCE) SUB COMMITTEE**

**17 NOVEMBER 2021**

### **REPORT OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER – HUW JONES**

#### **Matters for Decision**

**Wards Affected: Briton Ferry East, 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 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
Graig Bowling Green Association	The Trustees of Graig Bowling Green Association have applied for grant assistance in relation to the Lease of Bowls Pavilion Neath Road Briton Ferry	Grant towards the cost of rent of £715 pa wef 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2021 which is increasing from £650 pa	P&R board 18/02/2016 approved 100% grant of rent amount £650pa	Due to Covid restrictions it is proposed to delay the increase in rent until 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2022 and continue to provide existing grant of £650 pa until 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2022. Thereafter a grant of £715 pa will be provided until the next rent review.

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Natural Play	The Trustees of have applied for grant assistance in relation to the Lease of land for a Natural Play Area at Glantawe Riverside Park Pontardawe	Grant towards the cost of rent of £385pa wef 14 October 2019 which is increasing from £350 pa	P&R board 04/12/2014 approved 100% grant of rent amount £350pa	Due to Covid restrictions it is proposed to delay the increase in rent until 14 October 2022 and continue to provide existing grant of £350 pa until 13 October 2022. Thereafter a grant of £385 pa will be provided until the next rent review.