

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL CABINET (POLICY AND RESOURCES) SUB COMMITTEE

4 OCTOBER 2022

REPORT OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER - HUW JONES

Matters for Decision

Wards Affected: Baglan, Margam & Taibach, Neath, Sandfields East, Briton Ferry West, Cimla & Pelenna, Gwynfi & Croeserw, Margam & Taibach

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

 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.

Integrated Impact Assessment

3. 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

4. Applications for grant are available to voluntary and charitable organisations across the county borough.

Workforce Impacts

5. There are no workforce impacts.

Legal Impacts

6. Grants are provided in line with the approved scheme criteria.

Risk Management Impacts

7. All grant applications are considered on their own merit and in line with the approved scheme criteria.

Consultation

8. There is no requirement for external consultation on this item.

Recommendation

9. It is recommended that Members approve the applications set out in Appendix 1 to this report.

Reason for Proposed Decision

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

Implementation of Decision

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

Appendices

12. Appendix 1 – Schedule of grant applications.

List of Background Papers

13. Grant Applications

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SCHEDULE OF GRANT APPLICATIONS

Applicant	Purpose	Amount Request/Cost of "Project"	Previous Support	Comments
Community Ventures Port Talbot CIC	The Trustees of Community Ventures Port Talbot CIC have applied for grant assistance in relation to the lease of Baglan Community Centre	Grant towards the cost of rent of £7,150 pa which is increasing from £6,500pa	P&R board 28/05/2015 approved 100% grant assistance in the amount of £6,500 pa	Proposed that a grant of £6,800 per annum be offered which is the equivalent of c95% of the new rent.
Community Ventures Port Talbot CIC	The Trustees of Community Ventures Port Talbot CIC have applied for grant assistance in relation to the lease of Taibach Community Education Centre	Grant towards the cost of rent of £14,300 pa which is increasing from £13,000	P&R board 28/05/2015 approved 100% grant assistance in the amount of £13,000 pa	Proposed that a grant of £13,600 per annum be offered which is the equivalent of c95% of the new rent.

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Dyfed Road Bowling Association	The Trustees of Dyfed Road Bowling Association have applied for grant assistance in relation to the lease of Bowls Pavillion at Dyfed Road Sports Ground	Grant towards the cost of rent of £715 pa which is increasing from £650 pa	P&R board 18/02/2016 approved 100% grant assistance in the amount of £650	Proposed that a grant of £680 per annum be offered which is the equivalent of c95% of the new rent
Aberavon Green Stars Rugby Football Club	The Trustees of Aberavon Green Stars Rugby Football Club have applied for grant assistance in relation to the lease of Playing Fields and Pavilion at little Warren Playing Fields Port Talbot	Grant towards the cost of rent of £2,145 pa which is increasing from £1,950	P&R board 29/06/2016 approved a grant of £1,550.00 p.a	Proposed that a grant of £2,040 per annum be offered which is the equivalent of c95% of the new rent.

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Me, Myself & I and MMI Trading with Care	The Trustees of Me, Myself & I and MMI Trading with Care have applied for grant assistance in relation to the lease of Brynhyfryd School	Grant towards the cost of rent of £10,600 pa	Social Services has provided a two-year grant to cover the annual rent of £10,600 per year which has now come to an end.	Propose that a grant of £10,000 per annum be offered which is the equivalent of c95% of the rent.
Pelenna Community Council	Pelenna Community Council have applied for grant assistance in relation to the lease of land at Miles End Playing Field Tonmawr.	Grant towards the cost of rent of £600 pa	No previous support has been provided to Pelenna Community Council in relation to the lease of this land. The previous lessee, Dan-y- Coed Community Association has received support granted by Policy and Resources Cabinet Board on 13 December 2017 of £450 towards the annual rent of £550 pa	Proposed that a grant of £570 per annum be offered which is the equivalent of c95% of the rent.

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Gwynfi Affiliated Sports Project (G.A.S.P)	The Trustees of Gwynfi Affiliated Sports Project (G.A.S.P.) have applied for grant assistance in relation to the lease of unused land in park lane Blaengwynfi. It is proposed to build a safe play/hangout area in the community which funding has already been secured.		No previous support has been provided	Proposed that a grant of £330 per annum be offered which is the equivalent of c95% of the rent.

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Wales Seniors Cricket	An application for grant assistance has been received from the Chairman of Wales Seniors Cricket in respect of representation by a local resident who plays for Tata Steel Cricket Club. at the Inaugural over 60's Cricket World Cup Brisbane held September 2022	Grant towards cost of Team clothing and a Wales Team Blazer	No previous support has been provided	This is a retrospective application. It is proposed that a grant of £250 be offered.