

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

7 MARCH 2023

REPORT OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER - HUW JONES

Matters for Decision

Wards Affected: Pontardawe

Report Title – Miscellaneous Grant Fund Application

Purpose of the Report:

1. To seek Member approval in relation to grant application received at Appendix 1 attached. It should be noted that this application was reported to the Cabinet (Policy and Resources) Sub Committee on the 24th January 2023, however, the incorrect ward and premises i.e Baglan Ward and Evans Bevan Playing Fields was reported. This is correctly reported now as Pontardawe ward and the premises referred to is Cross Community Centre High Street Pontardawe.

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 application 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 application 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 application.

List of Background Papers

13. Grant Application

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APPENDIX 1

SCHEDULE OF GRANT APPLICATIONS

Applicant	Purpose	Amount Request/Cost of "Project"	Previous Support	Comments
Jones Community CIC	The Trustees of Jones Community CIC have applied for grant assistance in relation to the lease of Cross Community Centre High Street Pontardawe	Grant towards the cost of rent of £9,845 pa which is increasing from £8,950 pa	P&R board 19/02/2015 approved 100% grant assistance in the amount of £8,950 pa	Proposed that a grant of £9,350 per annum be offered which is the equivalent of c95% of the new rent.