



Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot
Neath Port Talbot Council

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

25 JULY 2023

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

Matters for Decision

Wards Affected: Pontardawe, All Wards; Bryn and Cwmavon

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.

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
Pontardawe Heritage and Visitor Centre	The Trustees of Pontardawe Heritage and Visitor Centre have applied for grant assistance in relation to the lease of Pontardawe Heritage and Visitor Centre	Grant towards the cost of rent of £2,750 pa which is increasing from £2,500 pa	£2,500 grant provided for 2023/24 – Third Sector Grant Scheme	Proposed that a grant of £2,600 per annum be offered which is the equivalent of c95% of the new rent.
British Red Cross	Application received for grant assistance to assist the British Red Cross to continue to support vulnerable people including the Neath Port Talbot area.	No specific amount requested	Cabinet Finance Sub Committee 16 March 2021 provided grant of £1,000	Provide grant of £1,000 for general support within the County Borough.
Bryn Bowls Club	The Trustees of Bryn Bowls Club have applied for grant assistance in relation to the lease of Bowls Pavilion at Bryn Recreation Ground –.	Grant towards the cost of rent of £605 pa which is increasing from £550 pa	100% grant of rent amount £550	Proposed that a grant of £575 per annum be offered which is the equivalent of c95% of the new rent