



Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot
Neath Port Talbot Council

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

9 JANUARY 2024

REPORT OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER
– HUW JONES

Matters for Decision

Wards Affected – Margam and Taibach

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.

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 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(s)

List of Background Papers

13. Grant Application

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SCHEDULE OF GRANT APPLICATIONS

Applicant	Purpose	Amount Request/Cost of "Project"	Previous Support	Comments
Taibach Community Library	The Trustees of Taibach Community Library have applied for grant assistance in relation to the lease of Taibach Community Library	Grant towards the cost of rent of £1,575 pa which is increasing from £1,430 pa	Original tenancy 20/10/2014 to 31/3/2016 P&R via Urgency Action dated 22/5/14 approved a 100% grant (£1,300). This grant was for a term of 5 years to cover up to 29/10/19. 10mth lease commenced 30/05/2016 on same terms and conditions as previous lease.	Proposed that a grant of £1,495 per annum be offered which is the equivalent of c95% of the new rent.

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			<p>Due to the Covid Pandemic extended the existing lease and original payment/grant amount until 31st March 2021 and proposed to review the amount of grant and increase rent the 1st April 2021</p> <p>Cabinet (Finance) Sub Committee 24/02/2021 - the Trustees of Taibach Community Library receive £1,330 pa, subject to review in line with rent reviews wef from 1 st April 2021 towards the rent of £1,430 pa</p>	