GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY SECTOR PANEL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT TŶ DYFFRYN, DYFFRYN BUSINESS PARK
ON WEDNESDAY, 3RD JULY 2007 AT 4.00 PM

PRESENT:

Councillor J. R. Davies – Chairman
Councillor G.J. Hughes – Vice-Chairman

Councillors:

E.M. Aldworth, A. Blackman, D. Cullen, J.O. Evans, P.D. Ford, A.G. Higgs, K. Lloyd

Together with:

P. Evans (Acting Head of Corporate Finance), S. Grant (Finance Manager, Corporate Services), D. Jones (Senior Accountancy Assistant) and R. Thomas (Committee Services Officer)

BEREAVEMENT

The Panel paid tribute to Councillor S. Lewis, who passed away recently and stood for a minute's silence.

CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman welcomed the new members of the panel.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs C. Forehead, R.W. Gough, K. James, Mrs. J.A. Pritchard.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Councillor E. Aldworth declared an interest in agenda items 2.4 (Voice FM - Youth Activities Project), and 2.12 (Bedwas Young Farmers Club)
- Councillor D. Cullen declared an interest in agenda item 1.2, late applications (Friends of Ynysddu Youth)
- Councillor P. Ford declared an interest in agenda item 2.5 (WISCM Trust)
- Councillor G. Hughes declared an interest in agenda item 2.24 (Neuadd St Cattwg Community Hall)
2. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

Councillor J. R. Davies was appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.

3. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Councillor G. J. Hughes was appointed vice-chairman for the ensuing year.

4. **APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Consideration was given by the following applications for financial assistance.

4.1 **RESOLVED** that the following applications for financial assistance be approved: -

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<td>(a) Cambrian Educational Foundation for Deaf Children</td>
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<td>(b) British Lung Foundation Wales (1st application)</td>
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<td>(c) Voice FM - Youth Activities Project (1st application)</td>
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<td>(d) Islwyn Community Credit Union (for rate relief)</td>
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<td>(e) Arthritis Care, Ystrad Mynach</td>
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<td>(f) Bargoed &amp; District Art Society</td>
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<td>(g) Bedwas Young Farmers Club</td>
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<td>(h) Blackwood &amp; District Amateur Radio Society</td>
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<td>(i) Caerphilly Local History Society</td>
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<td>(j) Cefn Hengoed Ladies Friendship Club</td>
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<td>(k) Crosskeys Silver Band</td>
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<td>(l) Crumlin Women’s Institute</td>
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<td>(m) Cwmcarn Dancing Club</td>
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<td>(n) Deri Regeneration Group</td>
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<td>(o) Machen over 50’s Club</td>
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<td>(p) Neuadd St Cattwg Community Hall, Gelligaer (1st application)</td>
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<td>(q) Newbridge - Online Website</td>
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<td>(r) Rhymney Valley Young at Hearts (1st application)</td>
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<td>(s) Royal Engineers Association, Abergavenny &amp; Heads of the Valleys Branch</td>
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<td>(t) SHADE (Self Help Against Depression), Risca (1st application)</td>
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<td>(u) Ystrad Fawr Juvenile Formation Team</td>
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<td>(v) Eisteddfod Y Cymoedd (Cwm Rhymni-Sirhowy) [formerly known as</td>
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4.2 RESOLVED that for the reasons outlined at the meeting the following application be deferred pending further information: -

(a) Rhymney Valley Division Guide Association;
(b) Cefn Glas Residents Association; and
(c) Rhymney Valley Guides Senior Section.

4.3 RESOLVED for the reasons outlined at the meeting the following applications for financial assistance be refused: -

(a) WISCM Trust
   (Councillor P. Ford declared an interest in this application as he had been involved with the society previously. He took no part in the discussion or voting);
(b) Aberbargoed RFC;
(c) Bargoed Golf Club;
(d) Crosskeys Methodist Church;
(e) DASH TRAVEL, Hengoed; and
(f) Ysgwyddgwyn Bingo Club, Deri.

4.4 Members asked officers for clarification of the criteria and awards made to umbrella organisations and their local groups. Officers confirmed a report would be presented to the panel, including a ‘snap shot’ of groups within the borough.

5. WELSH CHURCH ACTS FUND

5.1 RESOLVED that in accordance with the previously agreed criteria of a grant of no more than one third of costs up to a maximum of £1,500.00, be made from the Welsh Church Act Fund to the following: -

(a) Crosskeys Methodist Church
(b) Oakdale Christian Centre
(c) Pontllanfraith Methodist Church
(d) St David’s Church, Oakdale
(e) St. David’s Methodist Church and Community Hall, Risca
(f) St Gwladys Church Hall, Bargoed
(g) Blackwood Town Cricket Club
(h) 2nd Caerphilly Scout Group
(i) Ysgol Feithrin Abertridwr
(j) St John’s Parish Church Hall, Machen

5.2 RESOLVED for the reasons outlined at the meeting the following application for financial assistance be refused: -

(a) Blackwood & District Amateur Radio Society;
(b) Crosskeys Allotments Association;
(c) Rhymney Sports & Social Club; and
(d) Rudry Community Council.

5.3 RESOLVED that for the reasons outlined at the meeting the following application be granted a change of purpose: -

(a) Risca Male Choir
6. **TROPHIES, FOOTBALLS ETC**

RESOLVED that £1000 be retained for trophies, footballs etc, to be distributed on behalf of the Authority by the Head of Leisure Services.

Members asked officers to provide written clarification of this award and its criteria at the next meeting.

7. **DECISIONS OF OFFICERS**

It was noted that the following grants had been approved in accordance with the agreed criteria: -

- Newbridge (Celynen) Brass Band 500
- Oakdale Silver Band 500
- Gilfach A & A Elderly Residents Association 130
- Gilfach OAP Association 130
- Pentwynmawr Ladies Choir 70
- 1st Aberbargoed Brownies (1st Application) 45 + 45
- 2nd Hengoed Brownies 90
- 1st Aberbargoed Rainbows 45
- 4th Caerphilly Rainbows 45
- 2nd Nelson Brownies 90
- 1st Aberbargoed Rainbows 45
- 4th Caerphilly Rainbows 45
- 2nd Nelson Brownies 90
- 1st Blackmonk Explorer Scouts (1st Application) 45 + 45
- Gerald John, Bedwas – Sea Angling 250
- Claire Kelly, Caerphilly – Bowls (£130 paid previously) 120
- Denise Molan, Caerphilly – Bowls (£130 paid previously) 120
- Risca Male Choir (1st application) 70 + 70
- 3rd Caerphilly Rainbows 45
- 2nd Cefn Fforest Rainbows, Brownies & Guides 135
- 2nd Nelson Rainbows 45
- 2nd Ystrad Mynach Brownies (1st application) 45 + 45
- 1st Abercarn Scout Group (1st application) 135 + 135
- Rhymney Youth FC 135
- Bargoed YMCA (Includes 8 Junior Sports Teams) 830
- Rhys George, Aberbargoed – Pool 130
- Nicky Griffiths, Gelligaer – Pool 130
- Luc Jones, Hafodyrynys – Track Cycling 250
- Lauren Robson, Blackwood – Taekwondo 250
- Kelly Anne Evans, Trethomas – Netball 250
- Laura Bateman, Wattsville – Gymnastics 250
- Hannah Bateman, Wattsville – Gymnastics 250
- Georgia Kate Haines, Abercarn – Gymnastics 250
- Leah-Marie Hill, Pontywaun – Sequence Dancing 130
- Paige Jones, Cwmpennant – Sequence Dancing 130
- Leigh Marshall-Gilbert, Pontyllanfraith – Sequence Dancing 130
- Laura Pople, Newbridge – Sequence Dancing 130
- Jordan-Marie Storey, Pentwynmawr – Sequence Dancing 130
- Gareth Wassall, Risca – Sequence Dancing 130
- Stephen Boucher, Markham – Pool 130
- Kate Dawes, Llanbradach – Pool 130
- Tom Dawes, Llanbradach – Pool 130
- Jake Palmer, Gelligaer – Pool 130
8. ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

(a) Friends of Markham Primary School

RESOLVED for the reasons outlined at the meeting the application for financial assistance be refused.

(b) Friends of Ynysddu Youth

(Councillor D. Cullen declared an interest in this application as he had worked with the organisers of the group previously. He took no part in the discussion or voting.)

RESOLVED that a grant of £100 be given to the group.

(c) Windsor School of Dance Parent Support Group

RESOLVED that a grant of £180 be given to the group.

(d) Wyllie Resident and Community Association

RESOLVED that a grant of £100 be given to the association.
9. **ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS FOR WELSH CHURCH ACT FUND**

RESOLVED that in accordance with the previously agreed criteria of a grant of no more than one third of costs up to a maximum of £1,500.00 be made from the Welsh Church Act Fund to the following:

(a) Markham Congregational Church

The meeting closed at 5.35 p.m.