

**Minutes of the meeting of the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Committee of Cwmbran Community Council held on Monday 4 September 2023 at 6.00pm**

**Venue: The meeting was held remotely and at the Council House, Ventnor Road, Cwmbran NP44 3JY in accordance with the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021**

The recommendations below will be submitted to the Council Meeting to be held on 27 September 2023.

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the next meeting of the committee to be held on 2 October 2023

**Present:** Councillors A Bird, J Davenne, M Day, KK Manneh, C Morgan, S Morgan, M Villars & WJ Walker

*(Councillors SWJ Ashley, R Bennett & L Chaney (Vice Chair) participated in the meeting via remote means)*

Also Andy Smith (RFO/Deputy Clerk) & Stephanie Kopec (Events & Outreach Officer)

**Absent:** Councillors L Lloyd-Tolman, P Seabourne, & S Wharton

*(No Public Participation Session was held at this meeting)*

**GVO23/013 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors L Lloyd-Tolman (Personal) & P Seabourne (Personal)

**GVO23/014 Members' Declarations of Interest**

Members were asked to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests that they may have and sign the Interests Sheet to give details of the nature of the interest.

*Councillors C Morgan & S Morgan declared a non-prejudicial interest in minute GVO23/017 Members Small Schemes – Friends of Pontnewydd Park. They remained in the meeting during the discussions.*

**GVO23/015 Minutes 26 June 2023**

Councillor Walker enquired why the Finance Table for grants had not been included in the Agenda, as noted in the minutes. The RFO/Deputy Clerk confirmed that it would be included in the Agenda for the next meeting.

Apologies from Councillor Bird were received and not recorded in the minutes.

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 2023 were confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and are approved and actioned therein.

Councillor M Day signed the minutes.

**GVO23/016 Previous Grant Decisions**

Members received information on previous grants awarded.

It was **recommended** that the information is noted.

**GVO23/017 Members Small Schemes**

*Councillors C Morgan & S Morgan declared a non-prejudicial interest in minute GVO23/017 Members Small Schemes – Friends of Pontnewydd Park. They remained in the meeting during the discussions.*

Applications were approved for the following Members Small Schemes :-

- a) Court Farm and Oakfield Association - £400 (2 x £200 grants) to decorate the main halls.
- b) Llarcs group - £200 for equipment for the new orchard area in Oakfield Flower Gardens.
- c) Friends of Pontnewydd Park - £350 for a community event and security.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

**GVO23/018 New Applications Received**

Members discussed the applications received and agreed that the application form should be amended to show the maximum grant amount of £5000 and to highlight that the grant application must be for the benefit of the community.

Councillor Walker requested a document is made available showing the different levels of grants available.

It was **recommended** that the applications be dealt with as indicated below:

Applicant	Grant Awarded	Statutory Power
a) SARA Fire & Rescue	Deferred to next Full Council Meeting.	
b) Cwmbran 50+ Forum	Grant awarded in the sum of £450:- for the cost of coach hire for a Christmas Trip for members.	<b>Local Government Act 1972, s137</b>
c) Pontnewydd Bowls Club	No Grant awarded.	

*Signed* .....

*(Chairman, Grants to Voluntary Organisations Committee)*