

Minutes of the meeting of the Regeneration & Major Grants Committee of Cwmbran Community Council held on Monday 2 October 2023 at 7.00pm

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 8 November 2023.

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the next meeting of the committee to be held on 13 November 2023

Present: Councillors SWJ Ashley, M Day, L Lloyd-Tolman, C Morgan (Chair), P Seabourne, D Thomas, M Villars & WJ Walker

Also Gareth Davies (Clerk to the Council) & Andy Smith (RFO/Deputy Clerk)

Absent: Councillors A Bird, L Chaney, G Lloyd-Tolman, S Morgan, S Wharton, R Bennett & K Manneh

(No Public Participation Session was held at this meeting)

RMG23/010 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors A Bird (Personal), L Chaney (Personal), G Lloyd-Tolman (Work) & S Morgan (Illness)

RMG23/011 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.

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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Members agreed to add a joint project with the other Community Councils and Torfaen CBC to install a splash pad at Cwmbran Boating Lake as an item to the next Agenda.

Councillor Walker informed members that work to clean the canal of weeds between Two Locks and Ty-Coch had not been carried out in September. The Council contributed £6000 to the cost weed clearing and the Clerk would make enquires as to why the work had not been completed.

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 September 2023 were confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and are approved and actioned therein.

Councillor C Morgan signed the minutes.

RMG23/013 Grant Funding Process

Members considered the Grant Funding Process report and discussed setting out a clear process for grant funding, with clear guidance for applicants and the application form amended.

The Council provides grants to community organisations at 3 levels.

1. Members small schemes fund £1000 per member per ward. Accessible through contacting the ward member for your area, members can split the amount across organisations throughout the year.
2. Grants to Voluntary Organisations maximum funding of £10,000 with applications generally accepted up to £1500. Grants with a higher value would only be given if there is evidence of a wider community benefit than for smaller grants.
3. Major Grants/Regeneration Maximum of £25,000 funding. This grant is accessible through an application to the Council with exception of a meeting or conversation with the Clerk and RFO in advance of submission, there is an expectation of wide and longer community benefit and that additional funding being sought or pledged before a decision is made by the Major Grants/Regeneration Committee. Funding would only be given to a project without such match funding in exceptional circumstances.

Members discussed the levels of grants and approved the proposal.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) the grant funding process is approved.
- b) the position is noted.

RMG23/014 Exclusion of the Press & Public

In view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it was agreed that the following matter be considered in private and that the power of exclusion of the public under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 be exercised.

RMG23/015 Budget for 2024/2025

The RFO/Deputy Clerk informed members that plans needed to be made for next year's budget. He asked members to think about the budget level required for 2024/2025.

Signed

(Chairman, Regeneration & Major Grants Committee *Committee*)