Minutes of a Meeting of the Grants to Voluntary Organisation Committee of Cwmbran Community Council held on Monday 2 March 2015

Present Councillors SWJ Ashley (in the chair), J Davenne, S Evans, WM Howell, M Johnston KK Manneh, R Kemp, TA Matthews and TJ Winter

David Collins (Clerk to the Council) and Clare Rowles (Administrative Officer)

GL14/021 Apologies

Apologies for Absence were accepted from Councillors J Powell (Maternity) and DJ Williams (illness).

GL14/022 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. Councillor Ashley declared an interest in item GL14/025 below.

GL14/023 Committee Finances 2014/15

A sum of £4,329.50 remained available within the Council's approved estimates for grants to voluntary organisations during the current financial year.

It was **recommended** that the position be noted.

GL14/024 Cwmbran Park Bowling Club

A request had been submitted by the club for the Council to contribute a full page advert for insertion in the club's handbook and website, at a cost of £50.00.

In 2013 the Council funded the cost of the advert from its Advertising & Publications budget (H06) but in 2014 the Council considered a similar request and awarded the club a grant of £500 from the Grants budget (K01) in view of financial difficulties the club faced at that time. The club has since secured a 20 year lease

It was **recommended** that the matter is referred to the Policy & Finance Committee for consideration.

GL14/025 New Applications Received

(Councillor Ashley declared an interest in items (f) and (k) below. He left the meeting during the consideration of these items. Councillor Standing took the chair for these items).

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

Applicant	Grant Awarded
(a) Urdd National Eisteddfod	No Action. Members indicated that they would consider funding any local schools who would be participating.
(b) Henllys Rangers FC	£500
(c) Welsh Musical Theatre Orchestra	£250
(d) National Eisteddfod	No Action. Members indicated that they would consider funding any local schools who would be participating.
(e) Cwmbran Baroque Singers	£500
(f) Glenside Community Hall	£250. Members also referred the applicant to Torfaen Youth Service who might be able to help provide a snooker table
(g) 1st Pontnewydd Scouts	£300 for camping equipment
(h) Noah's Ark children's Hospital for Wales.	No action
(i) N/A	
(j) Cwmbran Historical Society	£250
(k) Cwmbran & Pontnewydd Waterways Festival	£500

GL14/026 Previous Grant Awards

At a meeting held on 30 June 2014, members asked to receive information about previous grants awarded by the committee, including the use of the grant. (Minute GL14/006(3) refers.) This information was therefore provided. The information could be updated for future meetings. Members asked that future reports on individual applications should include details of what the grant was requested for.

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

GL14/027 Presentation Evening

Any grants awarded at this meeting would be presented to recipients on Wednesday 25 March 2014 (following the Council meeting), which would allow cheques to be issued within the current financial year.

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

Signed ……..
(Chair, Cwmbran Community Council)