

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Grants to Voluntary Organisation Committee of
Cwmbran Community Council held on Monday 22 February 2016**

Present Councillors D Standing (Chairman), Councillors SWJ Ashley, S Brooks, LJ Chaney, R Kemp, KK Manneh, TA Matthews, WJ Walker, DJ Williams & TJ Winter

Also Councillors S Evans, R Jones and P Williams

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

The Chairman welcomed. Luke Jarmyn, Pontypool Free Press and South Wales Argus reporter, who was attending his first meeting.

GL15/020 Apologies

Apologies for Absence were accepted from Councillor M Johnston (Civic Duties)

GL15/021 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 DJ Williams declared an interest in Minute GL15/023 (e) below.

GL15/022 Committee Finances 2015/16

Members noted that a sum of £7,386 remained available within the Council's approved estimates for grants to voluntary organisations during the current financial year. This took into account the grant of £564 awarded at the meeting of Full Council on 17 February 2016 to youth engagement work at Fairwater (Minute CL15/092 refers).

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

GL15/023 New Applications Received

Members noted that the Clerk had been contacted by Greenmeadow Community Farm and Congress Theatre in relation to submitting grant applications. The Clerk had advised that it had not been possible to add these applications to the agenda as the agenda had already been published. The applications were also incomplete in certain respects. Any applications received from these organisations would be reported to the next meeting. Members endorsed the actions of the Clerk.

Councillor DJ Williams declared an interest in application (e) below.

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

Applicant	Grant Awarded
(a) Ladywell Residents Association	£280
(b) Cwmbran 50 Plus Forum	£250
(c) National Eisteddfod of Wales	NIL
(d) Torfaen People First	£400
(e) Soul'd as Seen Community Choir	£500 towards obtaining a lightweight, professional keyboard.
(f) Torfaen Warriors Amateur Boxing Club	£400 subject to receipt of accounts before the next Full Council meeting on 30 March 2016
(g) Torfaen Textile Artists	£200
(h) Newport & Gwent Samaritans	£750
(j) Disability Advice Project	£750

GL15/024 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.

Members agreed that, in order to save on paper, any future agenda should only include information about grants awarded within the last four years. The Clerk displayed an electronic copy of the full list of grants awarded to which he referred during the meeting.

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

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GL15/025 Presentation Evening

Any grants awarded at this meeting would be presented to recipients on following Council confirmation of the above recommendations on 30 March 2016. Any cheques to be presented would be presented immediately following that Council meeting.

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

GL15/026 Publicity

The Clerk reported that that information about the availability of grants would be included in the next edition of "Primary Times."

Primary Times was a family magazine which was circulated in Torfaen, Newport, and Monmouthshire. It covered after school activities, events, shopping ideas, competitions and News. It also provided free event listings both in the magazine and on-line. The cost of the advert was only £60.00 plus VAT (which included a generous discount). This was funded from underspending in the approved budget for Advertising & Publications (H06). If the advert was a success, then it might be possible to advertise other Council services in this way.

It was **recommended** that the above action is endorsed.

Signed
(Chair, Cwmbran Community Council)