

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Grants to Voluntary Organisation Committee of
Cwmbran Community Council held on Monday 20 February 2017**

Present Councillors M Johnston (Chairman), Councillors LJ Chaney, S Evans, R Jones, TA Matthews, J Rees, WJ Walker, PJ Williams and TJ Winter

Also Councillor M Day

Also David Collins (Clerk to the Council)

GL16/017 Apologies

Apologies for Absence were accepted from Councillors SWJ Ashley (personal), SJ Brooks (holiday) and KK Manneh (holiday).

GL16/018 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 Johnston declared a personal interest in Minute GL16/023 (a) below (Application from Parents, Friends & Staff Association: Nant Celyn Primary School.)

Councillor Winter declared a personal interest in Minute GL16/023 (c) below (Application from Torfaen Sea Cadets.)

GL16/019 Committee Finances 2016/17

Members noted that a sum of £8,900 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.

GL16/020 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.

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

GL16/021 Grant Awarding Criteria

At a meeting of Full Council held on 16 November 2016, Members sought clarification about the Council's practice when considering applications which extended beyond the area covered by the Council (Minute CL16/067 refers). Members therefore considered a written report on the matter from the Clerk.

Members considered relevant aspects of the Council's existing criteria. It was acknowledged that the awarding of grants to organisations whose activity extended beyond the Council's boundaries could be supported provided there were recognised local benefits to the community of Cwmbran.

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

Grants to Voluntary Organisations Committee
Subject to confirmation by Full Council

GL16/022 Grants Presentation Evening 2 February 2017

Members noted that Grants recently awarded to recipients were presented at a ceremony held on 2 February 2017. Grants were presented by the Vice Chairman of this committee. This took place in conjunction with the presentation of Community Awards as usual. The Awards come within the terms of reference of the Council's Policy & Finance Committee. A report reviewing the success of the Evening would therefore be presented to the Policy & Finance Committee at the meeting to be held on 6 March 2017.

Members of this committee were invited to attend the meeting on 6 March 2017.

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

GL16/023 New Applications Received

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

Applicant	Grant Awarded
(a) Parents, Friends & Staff Association: Nant Celyn Primary School. (Councillor Johnston declared a personal interest in this item. Councillor Rees took the chair for this item.)	£500
(b) Cwmbran Diabetic Support Group.	£500
(c) Torfaen Sea Cadets (Councillor Winter declared a personal interest in this item.)	£1,000 (Subject to clarification of any previous grant applications by the Cadets within the last two years)
(d) Yr Hyddgen	£500

Members noted that cheques in relation to the above would be presented following the Council meeting on 29 March 2017

GL16/024 Identification of Earmarked Reserves

It was recommended that the sum of £3,000 is identified as Earmarked Reserves for Grants to Voluntary Organisations at year end.

Signed
(Chair, Cwmbran Community Council)