

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Grants to Voluntary Organisation Committee of
Cwmbran Community Council held on Monday 19 February 2018**

Present Councillors SWJ Ashley, AL Bird, Rh M Bennett, SJ Brooks, PJ Cathcart, M Day, JS Davenne, R Jones, M Johnston and M Villars.

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

In the absence of the Chairman of the Committee, nominations were invited for a Member to chair the meeting from those present. It was agreed that Councillor M Day would chair the meeting.

(Councillor M Day in the chair)

GVO17/023 Apologies

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor LG Johnston (personal) and WJ Walker (illness).

GVO17/024 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 R Jones declared an interest in Minute GVO17/027 (a) below. He left the meeting during the consideration of this item.

GVO17/025 Committee Finances 2017/18 and 2018/19

Members noted that a sum of £ £12,600 had been included within the committee's estimates for the current year. Approximately £8,600 remained available to the committee during the current financial year. A further sum of £6,000 was set aside within Earmarked Reserves.

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

GVO17/026 Previous Grant Awards

At a meeting held on 30 June 2014, members asked to receive regular 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.

GVO17/027 New Applications Received

Councillor R Jones declared an interest in Minute GVO17/027 (a) below. He left the meeting during the consideration of this item.

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

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Applicant	Grant Awarded
(a) Royal Welsh regiment, Pontypool Branch	£1,000 towards running costs.
(b) Torfaen Indoor Bowls Club	£1,000 towards the purchase of a new mat for the bowling area; the grant to be released when the club is in a position to complete the costs of payment for the mat.
(c) Energize Media CIC	<p>Nil.</p> <p>The applicant is requested to submit a new application in 2018/19 with further details of the project, such as location, numbers participating in Cwmbran etc.</p> <p>(Members noted that discussions were also taking place about possible support available from Torfaen County Borough Council.)</p>
(d) Fairwater Talking Hearts	£1,000 towards the purchase and repair of exercise equipment and other fees and charges as described in the application.
(e) Cwmbran RFC Mini & Juniors	Deferred until a new application form, together with all supporting information was received.

Cheques in relation to the above would be presented at the next full Council meeting.

It was also **recommended** that a further sum of £5,000 is identified as Earmarked Reserves within the Council's accounts in relation to Grants to Voluntary Organisations.

GVO17/028 Grant Form & Criteria

Members recognised that, as funding pressures facing outside organisations were likely to result in more applications to the committee in future, it was important that the committee kept its procedures under review to ensure that grants were properly considered and awarded only to applicants who meet the Council's criteria.

Members therefore took the opportunity to review the grant application form and criteria ready for 2018/19. The Clerk to the Council confirmed that he would take steps to ensure that the form met Data Protection requirements. The new form would be published to the Council's website. Hard copies and "Word" copies would also be made available.

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It was **recommended** that the Grant Form and Criteria is approved.

Signed
(Chair, Cwmbran Community Council)