

Minutes of a Meeting of the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Committee of Cwmbran Community Council held on Monday 19 November 2018

Present Councillors WJ Walker (Chairman), Councillors SWJ Ashley, AL Bird, Rh Bennett, SJ Brooks, PJ Cathcart, M Day, M Johnson, LM Ryan and LE Williams

Also David Collins (Clerk to the Council).

GVO18/017 Apologies

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors JS Davenne (work commitments) and M Villars (personal).

GVO18/018 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.

Councillors SWJ Ashely, AL Bird and SJ Brooks declared an interest in Minute GVO18/021(b) below (New Applications: Gateway Credit Union).

GVO18/019 Committee Finances 2018/19

Members noted that a sum of £10,480 was available to the committee from within the Council's approved estimates for grants to voluntary organisations during the current financial year. A further sum of £11,000 was set aside within Earmarked Reserves.

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

GVO18/020 Previous Grant Awards

Members received information on previous grants awarded.

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

GVO18/021 New Applications Received

Councillors SWJ Ashely, AL Bird and SJ Brooks declared an interest in Minute GVO18/021(b) below (New Applications: Gateway Credit Union).

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

Applicant	Grant Awarded	Statutory Power
(a) Pontnewydd Male Choir	£500	Local Government Act 1972 s145
(b) Gateway Credit Union	£1500	Local government Act 2000 s2 (Power of Well-being.)

GVO18/022 Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2018

At a meeting held on 3 October 2018, the Council approved and accepted the Annual Return, which had followed external audit.

The only issue raised related to the Council's expenditure powers under s137 of the Local Government Act 1972. This power could only be used when no other statutory power existed and the Council's external auditors had recommended that the Council should review the list of powers available to it and record the power in the minutes. The Council accepted this recommendation, contained within the Issues Arising report and resolved that the auditor's recommendation is referred to the Grants to Voluntary Organisations committee. A copy of the Issues Arising Report was submitted to Members.

The Clerk explained the financial thresholds which applied to the Council's use of s137 of the Local Government Act 1972 and the Local government Act 2000 s2 (Power of Well-being.)

It was **recommended** that

- (1) the above information is noted.
- (2) the Clerk is instructed to provide Members with a list of statutory powers available to the Council.

Signed
(Chair, Cwmbran Community Council)