

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Committee of Cwmbran Community Council held on Monday 18 November 2019 held in the Council Chamber, Cwmbran Community Council, Ventnor Road, Cwmbran NP44 3JY (the meeting followed the meeting of the Events & Community Projects Committee which commenced at 6.00 pm)**

**Present** Councillors WJ Walker (Chairman), Councillors SWJ Ashley, AL Bird, Rh M Bennett, J Davenne, M Day, M Johnston, M Villars

Also David Collins (Clerk to the Council)

**Absent** Councillors SJ Brooks, PJ Cathcart, RD Kemp, LM Ryan, LG Johnston and LE Williams

*(No Public Participation Session was held at this meeting)*

**GVO19/022 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors PJ Cathcart (sickness), SJ Brooks (School Governor Duties) and LE Williams (personal).

Apologies for absence were also subsequently submitted by Councillor LM Ryan.

**GVO19/023 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 SWJ Ashley declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute GVO19/027(b) below (New Applications Received: Coed Eva Allotments). He remained in the meeting for the consideration of the item.

**GVO19/024 Committee Finances 2019/2020**

Members noted that a sum of £6,100 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 information is noted.

**GVO19/025 Previous Grant Awards**

Members received information on previous grants awarded.

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

**GVO19/026 New Applications Received**

Councillor SWJ Ashley declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute GVO19/027(b) below (New Applications Received: Coed Eva Allotments). He remained in the meeting for the consideration of the item.

Grants to Voluntary Organisations Committee 2019/20  
Subject to confirmation by Full Council

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

Applicant	Grant Awarded	Statutory Power
(a) Thornhill Craft Club	£856	Local Government Act 1972 s 145.
(b) Coed Eva Allotments	£500	Small Holdings & Allotments Act 1908

**GVO19/027 Grants Criteria**

Members undertook a review of the current grant application form and criteria.

Members noted that Grants were often awarded using section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, which empowered the council to spend up to a prescribed amount in any year for the direct benefit of their area or any part of it or all or some of its inhabitants. Any expenditure must be commensurate with the benefit to the community. However the Council had reviewed the statutory powers available to it to establish if a power existed before relying on s137 to authorise a payment as, where there was an existing specific statutory provision, that provision should be applied rather than s137.

It was **recommended** that

- (1) the existing form and criteria are approved.
- (2) the next review of the form and criteria is undertaken at the first committee meeting of the new Municipal Year.

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