

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE OF
PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD REMOTELY USING MICROSOFT TEAMS ON
WEDNESDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2022 AT 6.30PM**

In attendance (all using Teams):

Councillor: Norma Parrish (in the Chair)

and Councillors: Lynda Clarkson, Lizzie Hunt, Gaynor James, John Killick and Richard Overton

Officers: Richard Gwinnell (Acting Clerk), Lisa McMail (Accountant) and Jane Wright (Assistant Clerk)

Min. no.	Subject and decision	Action
359.	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Councillors Janet Jones, Nick Simons and Barry Taylor JP.</p>	
360.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Councillors Lynda Clarkson, Gaynor James, John Killick, Richard Overton and Norma Parrish declared personal and non-prejudicial interests in any agenda items relating to Torfaen County Borough Council (TCBC) as they were members of TCBC, as well as members of Pontypool Community Council.</p> <p>A member asked whether they needed to declare personal interests in individual LVF applications where relevant. The Chair stated that members had already declared their interests on the LVF application forms, so there was no need to declare the same interests again in this meeting. This was normal practice.</p>	
361.	<p><u>Schedule of Receipts and Payments</u></p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED*</u>: that the schedule of receipts and payments for November 2021 be approved.</p>	
362.	<p><u>Use of Credit Card</u></p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED*</u>: that the payments made with the Council's credit card, shown in the report, be approved.</p>	

363.	<p><u>Financial Budget Comparison (Monitoring Report)</u></p> <p>The Accountant informed the meeting that the Christmas Cavalcade line on the budget comparison reports an overspend of £8000, this is an error; the orders and invoices had not been linked which had caused a duplication of costs, this has been rectified for the December report.</p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED*</u>: that the financial monitoring report to the end of November 2021 be approved and the information outlined by the Accountant be noted.</p>	
364.	<p><u>Local Voluntary Funding (LVF) applications</u></p> <p><u>Cllr John Killick</u> Blaendare Allotments Association - £300 (Care of fence and surroundings) s.137 LGA 1972/Power of Well Being s2 LGA 2000 Race Football Club - £300 (to support junior football by purchasing kit) Pontymoile Community Hall - £400 (to develop work with children and young people) Pontymoile OAP Hall - £400 (to pay for utility bills so the group can provide activities and a meeting place for the elderly in the area) The Race Club - £300 (Community Hall run by management committee for the benefit of local people) West Monmouth RFC - £400 (to support the development of Junior rugby) Local Government Act (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19</p> <p><u>Cllr Rosemary Matthews</u> Woodlands Camera Club - £200 (running costs) Parkinsons Torfaen - £500 (running costs) 4th Gwent Boys Brigade - £400 (running costs) s.137 LGA 1972/Power of Well Being s2 LGA 2000</p> <p><u>Cllr Elaine Chilcott JP</u> Ebenezer Ladies Group - £50 (help with speaker fees) s.137 LGA 1972/Power of Well Being s2 LGA 2000</p> <p><u>Cllr Keith James</u> New Inn Community Craft Club - £200 (activities connected with the Platinum Jubilee) s.137 LGA 1972/Power of Well Being s2 LGA 2000</p> <p><u>Cllr Giles Davies</u> Cwmavon Women's Institute - £400 (to help fund equipment, transport costs and trips to places of interest and theatre) s.137 LGA 1972/Power of Well Being s2 LGA 2000</p>	CC

Cllr Gaynor James

Garndiffaith Gleemen Male Choir - £100 (enable the choir to carry on promoting male singing in Torfaen)
s.137 LGA 1972/Power of Well Being s2 LGA 2000

Cllr Lynda Clarkson

Talywain Women's Institute - £65 (support with costs)
Talywain RFC Mini and Junior Teams - £100 (support with costs)
Garndiffaith RFC Mini and Junior Teams - £100 (support with costs)
Garndiffaith Community Association - £200 (support with costs)
Varteg Community Association - £200 (support with costs)
Local Government Act (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19
Garndiffaith 1st Scouts Group - £200 (support with costs)
Nifty Knitters - £75 (support with costs)
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s.137 LGA 1972/Power of Well Being s2 LGA 2000

Cllr(s) Lizzie Hunt, Adrian Lang, Norma Parrish and Ben Rapier

Sebastopol Junior AFC - £500 (£125 x 4) (towards running costs)
Panteg Cricket Club - £400 (£100 x 4) (towards running costs)
Torfaen Qigong - £150 (£37.50 x 4) (towards running costs)
New Panteg Junior RFC - £400 (£100 x 4) (towards running costs)
Griffithstown Junior AFC - £400 (£100 x 4) (train and organise junior teams)
Local Government Act (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19
Pontypool Retired Men's Society - £150 (£37.50 x 4) (towards speaker system)
Nidus Children's Choir - £150 (£37.50 x 4) (towards running costs)
Torfaen Male Choir (formerly Pontypool Male Choir) - £200 (£50 x 4) (towards running costs/sheet music)
Golliwopsies - £400 (£100 x 4) (towards running costs)
Pontypool Chrysanthemum Society - £200 (£50 x 4) (towards running costs)
s.137 LGA 1972/Power of Well Being s2 LGA 2000
New Panteg RFC - £400 (£100 x 4) (towards running costs)
Panteg Park Bowls Club - £400 (£100 x 4) (towards running costs)
Panteg AFC - £400 (£100 x 4) (towards running costs)
Local Government Act (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19
Congregational Church Women's Guild - £150 (£37.50 x 4) (towards running costs)
Griffithstown Ladies Club - £150 (£37.50 x 4) (towards running costs)
St. John's Ambulance Griffithstown Division - £350 (£87.50 x 4) (towards running costs)
s.137 LGA 1972/Power of Well Being s2 LGA 2000
Pontyfelin Ladies Bowls club - £250 (£62.50 x 4) (towards running

	<p>costs) Friends of Pontypool Park - £200 (£50 x 4) (towards equipment) Local Government Act (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19</p> <p>Linden Singers - £150 (£37.50 x 4) (towards running costs) Griffithstown Allotment Association - £350 (£87.50 x 4) (towards running costs) <i>s.137 LGA 1972/Power of Well Being s2 LGA 2000</i></p> <p>Griffithstown Community Hall - £300 (£75 x 4) (towards running costs) Ennirocrafting Crafting Club - £100 (£25 x 4) (to help with running costs) <i>Local Government Act (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19</i></p> <p>Needles and Pins - £100 (£25 x 4) (to help with running costs) Mello 'D' - £100 (£25 x 4) (to help with running costs, sheet music etc) Griffithstown Primary School - £250 (£50 x 3) (Lizzie Hunt, Norma Parrish and Ben Rapier) (£100 x 1 (Adrian Lang)) (towards sports equipment) Ysgol Panteg – £150 (£50 x 3 (Lizzie Hunt, Norma Parrish and Ben Rapier)) (towards sports equipment) 1st Griffithstown Guides - £400 (£100 x 4) (towards running costs) 1st Griffithstown Scouts - £400 (£100 x 4) (towards running costs) <i>s.137 LGA 1972/Power of Well Being s2 LGA 2000</i></p> <p><u>LVF Projects</u> TOG's - £500 (£125 x 4) (Project to help children with social Skills) Age Connects Torfaen - £500 (£125 x 4) (to help with dementia Project) Friends of Fishponds Park (Panteg) - £1000 (£250 x 4) (help with running costs, purchase of equipment, seats and bulbs Panteg House Sports and Social Club - £1000 (£250 x 4) (running costs for distributing food and clothes etc to those in need) Torfaen Museum Trust - £300 (£75 x 4) (towards the cost of an exhibition <i>s.137 LGA 1972/Power of Well Being s2 LGA 2000</i></p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> that the LVF applications above be approved.</p>	
365.	<p><u>Torfaen Community & Volunteer Awards 2022 (TCVA)</u></p> <p>Councillor Richard Overton declared a personal interest in this matter as he was a member of TVA.</p>	

	<p>The Committee received a request from Torfaen Voluntary Alliance (TVA) enquiring if Pontypool Community Council would be interested in sponsoring a TCVA award for 2022 as they are currently finalising the sponsorship proposals and wished to give PCC the first opportunity to support again this year.</p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED*</u>: (a) to sponsor a gold aware (and discuss the cost with TVA) and (b) if a gold award was not available) to sponsor a silver or bronze award instead (in that order of preference).</p>	
366.	<p><u>Requests for Financial Assistance</u></p> <p>A financial request was received from Noah’s Ark Children’s Hospital Charity.</p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED*</u>: that £200.00 be awarded.</p>	CC/ LM

* This is a recommendation to the Council. The Council will make the final decision at a future meeting.

Chair