

**MINUTES OF POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD IN
COUNCIL CHAMBER, PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY 3 JULY 2019**

In attendance:

Councillor: Mrs N. P. Parrish (In the Chair)

Councillors in attendance: J. Killick, Mrs K. Arthur, Miss L. Clarkson, Mrs G. E. James

Officers: Mrs R. V. Tucker, Mrs C. Hillier (Minutes)

70. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillor R. Overton

RECOMMENDED: that the apologies be noted.

71. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Mrs N. P. Parrish

Any item on the agenda relating to Torfaen County Borough Council.

Councillor Mrs G. E. James

Any item on the agenda relating to Torfaen County Borough Council.

RECOMMENDED: that the declarations of interest as outlined above be recorded.

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72. **Schedule of Receipts and Payments**

The Committee received and considered the schedule of receipts and payments for May 2019.

RECOMMENDED: that the schedule of receipts and payments for May 2019 be received and approved.

CC

73. **Junior Team Sponsorship**

The Committee received the report identifying sporting teams in Pontypool that have Junior sections.

The Committee considered the report and agreed to defer this item to the September Establishment meeting in order to obtain further information regarding the number of Junior Teams in the individual clubs and also the number of junior members living in the Pontypool Community Council area.

RECOMMENDED: (i) that the Committee receive and approve four teams to be awarded Junior Sponsorship Grants 2019/2020.

(ii) that this item be deferred to the September meeting of the Policy & Finance Committee in order to obtain further information as stated above.

RT

74. **Grant Aid**

The Committee received applications for Grant Aid from 13 organisations. The Committee noted the Council's total budget for Grant Aid is £5,000 and thereafter considered and approved Grant Aid awards of £350 to each of the organisations.

RECOMMENDED: (i) that the Committee approved Grant Aid awards of £350.00 to each of the following organisations:

Cwmavon Community Centre
Garndiffaith Community Association
Griffithstown Community Hall
New Inn Community Hall
Pontnewynydd Community Association
Pontymoile Community Centre
Pontymoile O.A.P. Club
Sebastopol Community Club
Talywain O.A.P. Club
Trevethin and Penygarn Community Centre
Varteg Community Association
Victoria Village & District Welfare Hall
Wainfelin & Pentranach Community Association

(ii) that the organisations approved to receive Grant Aid awards be notified.

CC/AA

75. **Internal Auditor**

The Committee received the appointment process for the Council's Internal Auditor.

The Clerk advised the Committee that the Wales Audit Office wishes to see the process for appointing the next Internal Auditor in all Councils.

It was agreed that the current Internal Auditor's contract be extended by a further year to cover 2019/20 and the new post be for a period of three years to cover 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23.

The Committee considered and approved the appointment process.

RECOMMENDED: (i) that the Committee approve the appointment process for the Council's Internal Auditor and advertise the post for a period of three years from April 2020.

RT

76. **Internal Audit Report**

The Committee received and considered the Internal Audit Report for the Financial Year 2018/2019 prepared by the Internal Auditor.

The Clerk informed the Committee that the Council's Accountant, Mr HB, is putting together an investment strategy which will be provided for a future meeting of this Committee.

The Internal Auditor was concerned about the level of balances in the Council's accounts. He advised that consideration be given to transferring money to other accounts. The Clerk stated that the Committee would be presented with an Investment Strategy in the Autumn.

The Internal Auditor also suggested that the Committee ensure that grants to local organisation are fit for purpose and meet the objectives of the Well Being Future Generations Act 2015. Also, that all organisations are given the opportunity to receive this funding.

RECOMMENDED: (i) that the Investment Strategy be presented to the Committee in the Autumn.

(ii) that LVF grants meet the goals of the Well Being Future Generations Act 2015.

77. **Local Voluntary Funding**

The Committee received and considered requests received for Local Voluntary Funding. Local Voluntary Funding was confirmed as follows:

Cllr Mrs K. Arthur

Ty-Y-Fi - £300

Local Government Act (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19

Cllr Mrs G. E. James

Comrades of the Great War Pontypool Branch -£250

s. 137 LGA 1972/Power of Well Being s2 LGA 2000

Panteg House Bowls Club - £100

Local Government Act (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19

Pontyfelin Mens Bowls Club - £100

Local Government Act (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19

Pontyfelin Ladies Bowls Club - £100

Local Government Act (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19

Plas-y-Garn - £200

Local Government Act (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19

RECOMMENDED: that the Local Voluntary Funding grants as listed above be approved.

CC

78. **Thank You Letters**

The Committee received thank you letters received from:

- a) Llangollen 2019
- b) Tenovus Cancer Care
- c) Teenage Cancer Trust

RECOMMENDED: that the thank you letters received be noted.

Chair of Policy & Finance