

**MINUTES OF POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD IN
COUNCIL CHAMBER, PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY 5th JUNE 2019**

In attendance:

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

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

Officers: Mrs R. Tucker, Ms J. Wright

28. **Apologies**

Apologies received from Councillors Mrs E. Hunt, Mrs R. Matthews, R. Overton and B. Taylor JP

RECOMMENDED: that the apologies be noted.

29. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillors Mrs G. E. James and Mrs N. P. Parrish declared a personal interest as members of Torfaen County Borough Council on any items relating to Torfaen County Borough Council.

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

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30. **Schedule of Receipts and Payments**

The Committee received and considered the schedule of receipts and payments for March and April 2019. Reference was made to cheque number 115968 payment to One Voice Wales for £5,358.00. The Clerk informed the meeting that it was the annual subscription to the National Body for Town and Community Councils.

RECOMMENDED: that the schedule of receipts and payments for March and April 2019 be approved.

31. **Monitoring Report**

The Committee received the Monitoring Report for April 2019. The Chair advised that there was little movement due to it being the first month of the new financial year.

RECOMMENDED: that the monitoring report be received and the information noted.

HB

32. **Council Credit Card**

The Committee approved payment by credit card for the following items:

Purchase of Canvas photos for 1st prize and possibly 2nd and 3rd prizes (dependent on Events Committee) for the Photography Competition – up to £100.00

RECOMMENDED: that the payment on the Council credit card as outlined above be approved and the information noted.

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33. **Local Voluntary Funding**

The Committee was asked to approve Local Voluntary Funding applications as follows. The Finance & Events Manager confirmed that she had vetted all LVF applications.

Cllr Mrs G. E. James

Pontypool Retired Men's Society - £100.00
s.137 LGA 1972/Power of Well Being s2 LGA 2000

Torfaen Museum - £200.00
s.145LGA 1972/Power of Well Being s2 LGA 2000

Art Regen - £100.00
s.145LGA 1972/Power of Well Being s2 LGA 2000

Pontypool Park Friends - £200.00
Public Health Act 1875, s.164 LGA 1972

Tranch Ladies AFC - £200.00
s.19 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

Cllr Mrs R. Matthews

Torfaen Museum Trust (PROJECT) - £50.00

S.145 LGA 1972

Cllr B. Taylor

Torfaen Museum Trust - £300.00

s.145 LGA 1972/Power of Well Being s2 LGA 2000

Cllr Mrs J. Taylor

Art Regen - £100.00

s.145 LGA 1972/Power of Well Being s2 LGA 2000

RECOMMENDED: that the local voluntary funding as outlined above be approved.

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34. **Risk Assessment**

The Clerk presented the Policy Statement for the Council's Risk Management. She explained that she had redrafted the risk Register so that it was in a more understandable style. Some minor amendments were proposed and agreed.

RECOMMENDED: that the Risk Management / Risk Assessment policy and register be approved

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35. **Members' Allowances**

In respect of members allowances it was agreed that the payment of £1500.00 to the Chair and £500.00 to the Vice-Chair be approved in accordance with the 2019 Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales determinations. Secondly it was agreed the payment of £150.00 in expenses be paid to members unless they opted out. The Deputy leader enquired if One Voice Wales had produced a form in respect of members opting out. The Assistant Clerk confirmed that this was the case and she had forwarded the form to the Finance and Events Manager.

In respect of nominating a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 5 members to receive the £500.00 senior salary it was agreed that this item be deferred to Full Council.

There was still a lot of misunderstanding regarding the payment of income tax on the allowances. The current position is that members are charged tax. However One Voice Wales is in dialogue with HMRC for a definitive ruling on this matter. It was agreed that the Clerk seek clarification with One Voice Wales in respect of this matter.

RECOMMENDED:

(i) that the payments in respect of Members' Allowances as outlined above be approved in accordance with the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales determinations.

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(ii) the members to receive the senior salaries would be determined by Council.

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(iii) that One Voice Wales be asked what progress was being made with regard to payment of income tax on allowances

RT

36. **Applications for Finance**

Applications for finance were considered from the following organisations:

(i) Hope GB -

It was unanimously agreed that £1500.00 be awarded under Core Funding due to such a massive caseload and the support that is provided to families and carers.

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

(ii) Marie Curie -

£100.00 unanimously awarded

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

(iii) Bobath Children's Therapy Centre Wales -

£100.00 unanimously awarded.

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

(iv) Yr Hyddgen Hanes Gwerin a Theatr -

£200.00 unanimously awarded

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

- (v) Pontypool Senior Active Support Forum
£200.00 unanimously awarded.
s.137 LGA 1972/Power of Well Being s2 LGA
2000

RECOMMENDED: that the grants as
outlined above be awarded.

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CHAIRMAN




