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WELSH CHURCH ACT ESTATE COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Remote Meeting held on 30th July, 2024.

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Present: Councillor M.R. Wilson (Chair); Councillor P. Drake (Vice-Chair);
Councillors C.E.A. Champion, J.E. Charles, H.C. Hamilton and M.J. Hooper.

292 ANNOUNCEMENT –

Prior to the commencement of the business of the Committee, the Assistant Democratic Services Officer read the following statement: “May I remind everyone present that the meeting will be live streamed as well as recorded via the internet and this recording archived for future viewing”.

293 MINUTES –

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 27th February, 2024 be approved as a correct record.

294 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

295 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2024/25 TRANCHE 1 (DCR) –

The report was presented by the Operational Manager for Accountancy, who advised that a budget of £60k had been set for issuing grants during 2024/25.

An unallocated budget amount of £25,325 was carried over from 2023/24, of this £23,070 was available for allocation during 2024/25 with the total unrestricted reserve standing at £161,870 as at 31st March, 2024.

It was proposed £20k of this sum be utilised in 2024/25 for grants and therefore the total grants budget for 2024/25 was now set at £80k.

On a trial basis the maximum grant that could be potentially awarded had been increased from £5k to £10k.

Grants totalling £16,067.50 as set out in Appendix A to be report were recommended as part of the report.

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A remaining sum of £63,932.50 was available for allocation during 2024/25.

Following the Officer's presentation, Committee Members raised the following points:

- The Committee had in the past been reluctant to fund projects' salary costs, although revenue costs were not prohibited by the fund's charitable purposes (Appendix B), and also needed to be cautious around funding ongoing projects;
- More information would be welcomed regarding how the requested funds would be used, and in relation to sustainability of the Girls Friendly Society project;
- The next meeting of the Committee may present too long a time for the Applicant to wait for a decision.

In response to Committee Members' questions and comments, the Officer advised the following:

- That conversations could be had with Cardiff Council and the Applicant regarding the potential to increase amount requested by Girls Friendly Society, and that the maximum £10k award would be possible for this Application;
- That the funds applied for in the Girls Friendly Society's application were intended to contribute to costs such as venue hire fees and the cost of residential trips, in addition to contributions towards staffing costs. There were also volunteers helping to run the project;
- Additional information required from Girls Friendly Society could be supplied to the Chair and Vice-Chair, and responsibility could be delegated to those Members to approve the Application on the basis of this additional information.

There being no further questions or comments, Committee subsequently

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the applications for grant assistance, as set out in Appendix A of the report from Dinas Powys Community Council; St. Canna's Church, Llangan; and Creigiau Tennis Club, be approved.

(2) T H A T the application for grant assistance, as set out in Appendix A of the report from Girls Friendly Society be approved, subject to further information being obtained from the Applicant in relation to the sustainability of the project, and this being deemed sufficient to approve the application by the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Reasons for decisions

(1) Having regard to the content of the report and subsequent discussion at the meeting.

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(2) The application funding be awarded on the provision of satisfactory information first being provided to demonstrate the project's sustainability, and the Chair and Vice-Chair's approval being received.