

CYNGOR TREF YSTRADGYNLAIS TOWN COUNCIL

POLICY ON THE AWARDING OF GRANT ASSISTANCE.

The majority of grant awards made by the Council on an annual basis are to various organisations/ volunteer groups and for special events within the community. The Council annually at its budget meeting in January of each year makes provision for applications for financial assistance, which it anticipates, are going to be received in the following financial year. The Town Council has and will always recognise that the provision of grant aid can be a very positive and practical way of developing provision and facilities in the community as well as offering vital financial support to the various organisations/bodies to carry out an invaluable service to the public within the community. To this end the Council has determined three categories of organisations that it will consider financially supporting through the grants system and these organisations have been defined within the following type of grant headings:

A) General Grants

Grant applications from the following type of organisations will be included for consideration under this heading :

- a) Sporting
- b) Arts and leisure
- c) Local Scouts
- d) Local Volunteer Groups
- e) Local Charity Groups
- f) Local Choirs
- g) Summer Play schemes
- h) Special Events

The following principles will apply to all applications received from the above type of organisations:

- 1) Grant application forms will be issued to all known organisations/bodies within the Ystradgynlais Town Council area. Forms will also be issued on request.
- 2) All organisations/bodies applying for financial assistance must use the standard Town Council grant application form, which must be completed in full.
- 3) Completed grant applications will only be considered from organisations that have an address within the Ystradgynlais Town Council area.
- 4) Grant applications will be considered by the Council on an annual basis at a Special meeting convened in either June or July of each year. All completed application forms must be returned to the Clerk of the Council by the 31st May of each year.
- 5) the maximum amount of grant awarded to such organisations shall not exceed £500 in total. This maximum amount to be reviewed by the Council from time to time.
- 6) The Council in exceptional circumstances shall at its discretion consider one off grant applications from organisations /bodies within the community. The above time limit as detailed in 4) above will be waived in such instances.

B) Churches and Chapels

Grant applications from the above religious establishments shall be considered separate from the general grants procedure in that the Council at its budget meeting in January of each year shall allocate an annual amount of funding to assist the local church and chapels in the maintenance of their respective burial grounds. To be eligible to apply the chapels in particular must as a condition have opened up their cemetery for public burials. That is to say that non-membership of the

chapel does not preclude the person from being interred at that particular chapel burial ground. In other words the chapel burial ground must be open to all residents in the community for burial purposes

Grants in such instances shall only be granted towards the maintenance and upkeep of the cemetery. **The maximum limit for such grants being £1,000 annually.** Amount subject to review by the Council from time to time.

C) Community and Welfare Halls

The Council supports the following three Welfare and Community Halls within the community:

- a) Abercrave Miners Welfare Hall
- b) Cwmtwrch Miners Welfare Hall
- c) Ystradgynlais Miners Welfare and Community Hall

The Council at its budget meeting in January of each year, by application, agrees on the amount of both revenue funding and/or capital funding allocations that it will afford each Hall for the following financial year, which will be subject to certain conditions as laid down by the Council.

For Members information local Councils in this regard use the powers conferred under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 to give financial assistance for work to be undertaken on community Halls, or in support of their running costs. It must be noted that there is no limit on the amount that may be given under Section 19 of the said Act.

D B Rees, Clerk

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