

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GRANTS COMMITTEE OF ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL (ALCC) HELD ON 10 MARCH 2020 at 7pm in the Council Offices, Mitre Street, Abertillery**

**PRESENT: Councillors:**

Nick Simmons (Chair), Gill Clark, Perry Morgan and Allen Rees

**Officers:** Steve Edwards, Deputy Clerk

**Others:** None

**222. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND WELCOMES**

Apologies received from Councillors Gary Oakley and Glyn Smith.

The Chair of the Finance and Grants had sent in his apologies, so the first order of business was to elect a chair for this meeting.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to elect Nick Simmons as Chair for this meeting.

**223. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declarations were made during the meeting and are shown in the minutes when declared.

**224. GRANT APPLICATIONS**

- a) **Council Grant Application: MENASH (Mental Health Support Group).** This had come before the Committee previously and the officers had been asked to go back to the group to gather further information on the nature of the organisation (e.g. whether it was a national charity, how many beneficiaries there were and exactly what the £500 requested would be spent on). There was a reply dated 25<sup>th</sup> February from the group stating that the group was only based in Abertillery and that the £500 requested would be put towards craft material and equipment together with two day trips for its members. Each trip costs £300, so £600 for the year.

The Committee **RESOLVED to** (1) recommend to full Council that a Council Grant of £300 be awarded and (2) recommend to full Council that the maximum sum for a grant be removed from the Councils website as it was felt that organisations were automatically applying for that rather than consider what they actually wanted.

**The Committee RESOLVED:**

- b) That the ward grant application from Councillor Tracy Postlethwaite, for £200, for the Abertillery and District Museum be approved.
- c) That the ward grant application from Councillor Tracey Dyson, for £150, for the Abertillery and District Museum be approved.
- d) That the ward grant application from Councillor Keri Bidgood, for £100, for the Abertillery and District Museum be approved.
- e) That the ward grant application from Councillor Gill Clark, for £100, for the Abertillery and

District Museum be approved.

- f) That the ward grant application from Councillor Beverley Lucas, for £150, for the Ebbw Fach Choir be approved
- g) That the ward grant application from Councillor Roger Clark, for £200, for the Abertillery Bluebirds AFC be approved (Councillor Gill Clark declared an Interest, son and grandson are members of the group))
- h) That the ward grant application from Councillor Peter Adamson, for £100, for the Hospice of the Valleys be approved.
- i) To recommend to full Council that a Council Grant of £229 (the cost of the 3m BMS Folding Dew Brush) be awarded to Abertillery Bowls Club
- j) To recommend to full Council that a Council Grant of £300 (the same recommendation as for MENASH) be awarded to 275 (Nantyglo & Blaina) Squadron (Councillor Perry Morgan declared an interest, daughter is a member of the group)
- k) That the ward grant application from Councillor Perry Morgan, for £200, for the Bounville Community Centre be approved. (Councillor Perry Morgan declared an interest, he is a member of the group).
- l) That the ward grant application from Councillor Nick Simmons, for £200, for the Abertillery and District Museum be approved

The meeting ended at 7:30pm.

Signed as a correct record by the Chair .....

*NB these minutes are a summary of the proceedings and record of the decisions taken. They are not intended to be a verbatim record.*

*Minutes produced by Steve Edwards, Deputy Clerk*