

**MINUTES OF PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
VIRTUAL POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 6th January 2021**

In attendance:

Councillor: J. Killick (In the Chair)

Councillors in attendance: Mrs G James, Mrs E Hunt, and R. Overton

Also in attendance: Councillors Mrs E Chilcott JP

Officers: Mrs A. Ambrosen, Mrs C. Challenger and Mrs R. Cronin.

88. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs N Parrish, Mrs J. E. Jones, and B. Taylor

RECOMMENDED: that the apologies be noted.

JW

89. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillors Mrs G. E. James, R. Overton and declared an interest on any item on the agenda relating to Torfaen County Borough Council. Mrs E. Hunt declared an interest in item regarding Panteg House.

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

JW

90. **Schedule of Receipts and Payments**

The Committee received and considered the schedule of receipts and payments for September 2020.

RECOMMENDED: that the schedule of receipts and payments for September be approved

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91. **Monitoring Report**

The Council received and considered the Financial Monitoring Report to the end of October 2020.

The Chair stated that he had asked the Accountant to speak to the Software provider Edge to request a fifth column to be inserted in order that Councillors would not need to calculate the spending for each month themselves.

It was recommended that the Financial monitoring Report to the end of October 2020 be received.

RECOMMENDED: that the Monitoring report to the end of October 2020 be received.

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92. **Local Voluntary Funding**

The Committee received the following Local Voluntary Funding requests:

Councillor J Killick

£400 Blaendare Allotments Association
To care for fences etc.
small holdings and allotments act 1908 as 23, 26 and 42

£400 The Race Club, Blaendare Road Provides activities and a meeting place for the people in the area
Local Government Act (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. S. 19

£400 Pontymoile Community Hall Provides space for community groups to run sessions and events.
Local Government Act (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. S. 19

£400 Race Football Club
To support junior football.
Local Government Act (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. S. 19

£400 Pontymoile OAP Hall
Provides activities and a meeting place for the elderly.
Local Government Act (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. S. 19

£400 West Monmouth RFC
To support Junior Rugby
Local Government Act (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. S. 19

RECOMMENDED: that the Committee approves the applications for Local Voluntary Funding as outlined above.

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93. **Printer**

The Committee was asked to consider purchasing a printer for the Administrative Officer.

Members approved the purchase of a printer at a cost of £68.95.

The Acting Clerk enquired if headsets for members of staff could be purchased for the use in teams' meetings. The Events Officer explained that the headset would cost £25 each and were currently in stock on Amazon and that previously the headsets had been out of stock for some time, so the product is in high demand.

The Committee agreed to the purchase of headsets for staff at a cost of £25 each.

A member stated that the Policy on procedures was scheduled to be looked at in the future and had not to date happened. It was requested that a procedure Policy be placed on the February agenda. All agreed.

RECOMMENDED:

- (i) that the printer be purchased at a cost of £68.95.
- (ii) that headsets for staff be purchased at a cost of £25 each.
- (iii) that the procedure Policy be placed on the February Agenda.

94. **Funding Requests**

Sparkle Appeal

The Committee received a request from The Sparkle Appeal South Wales.

The Committee were informed the The Sparkle Appeal at Serunnu Children's Centre dealt with children with disabilities and did a wonderful and vital job.

It was agreed that £200 be awarded to The Sparkle Appeal.

International Spinal Research Trust

The Committee received a request from International Spinal Research Trust. It was agreed that £200 be awarded to International Spinal Research Trust.

Cerebral Palsy Cymru

The Committee received a funding request from Cerebral Palsy Cymru. It was agreed that £200 be awarded to Cerebral Palsy Cymru

RECOMMENDED: that £200 be awarded to the following:
The Sparkle Appeal
International Spinal Research Trust
Cerebral Palsy Cymru

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95. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**
By virtue of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public are excluded from discussions on the following items on the basis that disclosure thereof would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.