Llandwrog Community Council

Financial Support Policy for Voluntary Organisations

Below are the terms and conditions of giving financial support to local **non-profit organisations.**

1 Introduction	• This policy sets out the criteria and procedure for the distribution of donations by the Council under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. The aim of the policy is to ensure that financial contributions are allocated fairly, transparently and in the direct benefit of the community.

2 **The Right to Action**	• Section 137(1) of the 1972 Act allows a Community Council to spend on an activity in respect of which it does not have specific powers, if the Council considers that the expenditure will directly benefit the area, any part of it, some or all of the residents, provided that the cost is consistent with the benefit. Section 137(3) of the Act also allows Community Councils to spend for certain charitable and other purposes.

3 **Community Council Intent**	• The Council's intention is to support a vibrant community • The Council recognises and supports the value of the work that the voluntary sector does in the community. • The Council will provide financial support to not-for-profit community organisations working for the benefit of the residents of the community of Llandwrog with a view to improving the choice of services or activities in the community

4 **Application Timetable**	• An application must be submitted by 31 January • The annual awards meeting will be held in February. • The Council will arrive at its plenary meeting in February. • However, the Council may, at its discretion, consider late applications if they are deemed to relate to: - *Initiatives/activities aimed at tackling the cost of living, in particular keeping warm or food schemes; or* - *A one-off event or celebration that benefits the community.*

5 Languages	• All groups or organisations applying for a donation will be expected to promote the Welsh language and culture.

6 **What the donation can use towards**	• Capital project • Running costs

7 **Eligibility and Criteria**	• Consideration is limited to just one application per organisation or organisation in each financial year. However, the Council may, in its absolute discretion, make an exception in respect of certain projects, including but not limited to:- - *Initiatives or workshops aimed at tackling the cost of living; specifically keep warm or meal plans.* - *One-off events or celebrations that benefit the community.* • The Council will make a contribution of different amounts • All questions on the application form must be answered accurately and completely to create a comprehensive picture of the organisation's work and purpose in the community.

8 **General Exclusions**	• All applications are expected to be submitted by a recognised organisation, with financial arrangements and a bank account in the organisation's name • No consideration will be given to any application that does not have a bank account in the name of the organisation itself or is run under the name of a company or individual

9 **Who and What is not eligible?**	• Individuals (e.g. players looking for sponsors) • To branches that can be funded through their main organization; • Organisations or limited companies operating for profit or with the intention of making a profit, other than those established locally (within the community) and providing community activities, except in exceptional circumstances that bring significant community benefit. • Projects that have a political or religious feel to them; • Projects that discriminate on the basis of age, colour, disability, marital status, lifestyle and culture, nationality, race, gender, sexuality, or on the basis of economic reasons or social status. • Services funded by statutory budgets; • The Council can refuse financial support to organisations that should be funded from other sources • Uninsured premises • Costs of maintenance or repair of equipment (except for an exceptional circumstance) • Salary, travel or standard administration costs

	• Swansea

10 **How to apply for financial aid?** ***The following must be provided***	• A completed application form which is available from the Council Manager or on the Council's website www.glantwrog.cymru • Accounts and Current Financial Balance Sheet audited • Latest Bank Statement • The Council may ask for more details to support your application. • All applicants will be expected to have read and agreed to the requirements set forth in this policy • If the organisation is unable to continue with the project then the money will have to be returned to the Council. • The Council may request evidence that the money has been spent in accordance with the purpose and the Council may request the money back if the evidence does not arrive. • The donation must be used for the purpose requested. **Additional condition:** As a condition of the grant, the applicant will be expected to provide a photo to share on the Council's social media. This can be a photo of the project, the building, or the committee/volunteers—whichever is most relevant. The photos are intended to highlight the support given, highlight your work, or promote activities. *Please note:* You are kindly asked to ensure that proper permission has been given before sharing photos of individuals.

11 **Decisions on Applications**	• All applications will be assessed by the Council in accordance with the criteria set out in this policy. • The Council reserves the right to refuse any application that does not comply with this policy or is not considered appropriate. • The Council's decisions will be final.

12 Policy Review	This policy is reviewed periodically to ensure that it remains relevant, fair and effective.

Reviewd & Adopted Full Council Meeting

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