

**MINUTES OF A POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN
COUNCIL, HELD REMOTELY (VIA ZOOM) AT 6.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY 13TH JANUARY 2021**

PRESENT: Chairman: Cllr K Swindon (Vice-Chair)
Cllrs: H Fleet, D Howcroft, D Jones, Mrs M Jones, M Jones, T Pearson,
P Richards,

OFFICERS: Mrs C Earley, Town Clerk and RFO
R Dudley, Assistant Clerk

202/20 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs C Hughes and A Khan.

203/20 Declarations of Interest:

Members were reminded that they must declare the existence and nature of any personal and/or prejudicial interests. The following interests were declared:

Cllrs K Swindon and P Richards – Item 4 – personal and prejudicial interest in the Uke-a-Bay event grant application, due to their association with TAPE.

204/20 Large Grants 2021/22

Members considered the large grant applications received by the deadline of 31st December, as detailed on Schedule 'A' attached.

Resolved to recommend:

- a) Approval of large grants to applicants C, D, E, F, G and K, as detailed in that schedule.***
- b) That application A be referred to the Youth Grants Panel, for consideration as a youth grant application.***
- c) That applications B, I and J be deferred, pending the receipt of further information and/or refocussed applications (see notes in Schedule 'A').***
- d) A total budget of £35,000 for 2021/22, as per the draft Annual Estimates submitted to Council for approval.***

Further resolved that the Committee considers approving a formal policy and guidance for applicants for large grants, to give information about the type of applications that will be considered.

205/20 Events Grants 2021/22

The Clerk gave a brief verbal report, following her attendance at an online Events seminar arranged by CCBC Events staff earlier today. The outlook for events in 2021 remains uncertain, despite the vaccination programme. Wales would need to be

back at alert level 1 before events with public attendees can realistically look to resume (some test events may be able to take place at level 2). This would mean Covid cases falling to a level of under 50 per 100,000 across Wales (and not rising).

Members then considered the one application received to date for the 2021/22 financial year, as detailed in Schedule 'B' attached.

- Cllrs P Richards and K Swindon retired from the meeting during consideration of this application, due to their involvement with the applicant and/or a close personal associate of the applicant.

Members noted that the organisers hoped that the traditional Uke-a-Bay event could resume in August 2021 and have based their application on that being the case, however, as in 2020, there are back-up plans for a virtual event if this is not possible (at a reduced cost).

Resolved to recommend that the full amount requested (£3,600) be offered, if a full event is able to go ahead.

The meeting closed at 7:55pm.

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Summary of Large Grant Applications for 2021/22, considered on 13th January 2021 and approved by Council on 18th January 2021

REF:	Applicant:	Amount Requested:	Purpose:	Amount of Grant paid 2020/21	Grant Approved 2021/22	Notes:
						Provisional Budget = £35,000
A	Autonomy Dancers	£ 1,000.00	Towards costumes, travel, and entry fees to the British Dance Festival in December 2021	n/a	YOUTH	Refer to youth grants (PB) pot
B	Bayside Radio	£ 5,760.00	To extend the broadcasting licence for 3-months; to offer support to local businesses and regeneration of the area	£1,000 (COVID small grants)	£5,760.00	REC: Minded to support, if evidence shows it is providing a needed service to local residents who are isolated and digitally excluded (cannot listen online). Request stats on listener numbers (on FM) and any supporting qualitative data on how it is helping people, during covid restrictions.
C	Benefit Advice Shop	£ 6,391.20	To continue to assist local residents with advice and advocacy	£4,000	£4,000	Plus free/low cost use of back room for one day per week.
D	Conwy District CAB	£ 17,373.02	To part fund a dedicated generalist advisor post for Bay of Colwyn residents for 3 days a week	£2,500	£5,800	Offer funding for one day per week dedicated support for Bay of Colwyn residents, plus offer free/low cost use of back room to deliver one day a week drop-in sessions at Town Hall.
E	CRUSE	£ 2,500.00	For room rental of a support/counselling room at the Town Hall	£0 - missed deadline	£2,500	
F	Happy Faces	£ 3,000.00	To convert a room at Ysgol Bryn Elian into a sensory room	£0	£3,000	Offer funds directly to the school (via PTA/Friends group, if they have one)
G	Home Start Conwy	£ 4,000.00	To continue to provide volunteers to support families by encouraging good parenting and family values and help parents to interact well with their children	£2,500	£2,500	
H	Llandudno & Colwyn Bay Tramway Society	£ 2,000.00	Maintenance of tram no.7, work on narrow gauge tram and IT equipment	£0 - declined	£0	Advise them to apply for a small grant (£500), as in previous years.
I	NW Development Trust	£ 5,000.00	Support officer(s) - full application to follow	£0	£5,000	REC: Minded to support the work of the Trust, but custom and practice of this council is not to fund a 'post'. Request resubmit with focus on other revenue or capital costs, plus updated business plan to explain refocus, if not successful in obtaining the lease for 7 Abergele Road.
J	The Kind Bay Initiative	£ 4,160.00	50% of the cost of a part-time co-ordinator role	£0	£4,160	REC: As above, commend the work being done by KBI to support the local community during the pandemic, but explain custom and practice not to fund a 'post' and suggest reapply with focus on services to be provided to the local community.
K	Y Pentan	£ 1,000.00	Towards printing costs of Y Pentan	£1,000	£1,000	
		£ 52,184.22			£33,720.00	If the deferred applications highlighted are subsequently approved

SCHEDULE 'B' - Events Grants 2021/22

Budget = £45,000

Ref:	Applicant:	Event:	Date(s) of event:	Amount Requested:	Total Cost: (if known)	Approved (£):	Date approved / Paid:	Covid-19 Notes	
								Email contact date	Details
A	Action for Arts Trust Ltd	Festival of Voice	t.b.c.	£ 4,500.00	£ 13,500.00	£2,200.00		23/04/20 10:39 (Sent)	Asked if they could postpone their event until 2021
B	IMAGINE Colwyn Bay	State of Independents Project	t.b.c.	£2,825.00	£11,300.00	£2,825.00		15/10/20 (sent to PCRT)	Event re-purposed to Christmas shop local campaign, but had to be postponed again due to Covid
C	TAPE Community Music and Film	Bay of Colwyn Imagine Festival	t.b.c.	£ 5,000.00	£ 113,483.00	£5,000.00		09/04/20 sent / ch	Asked if event could be postponed to 2021 Postponement Approved 7.12.20 Min 167/20(h)
D	<u>Considered 13.1.20:</u> Lucy Farrar	Uke a Bay		£ 3,600.00	£ 3,600.00	£3,600.00			Subject to Covid restrictions being lifted
				£12,325.00		£10,025.00	£0.00		
PLUS Provisional CCBC Major Events 2020:									
						£10,025.00	£0.00		