

**MINUTES OF A POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN
COUNCIL, HELD REMOTELY (VIA ZOOM) AT 6.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY 17TH JANUARY 2024**

PRESENT: Cllr H Fleet (Chairman)
Cllrs: P Ashe, C Hughes, J Nuttall, R Owen (Dep Mayor), S Price, G Wynne

OFFICER: C Earley, Town Clerk and RFO

IN ATTENDANCE: Ann Jones (Newly Elected Councillor)

298/23 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: D Carr, N Coverley, A Khan, D Jones, S McAllister, L Wilkins

299/23 Declarations of Interest:

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

Cllr CH declared a personal/prejudicial interest in agenda items 3(b), as a Director of Together for Colwyn Bay and 4, in connection with the large grant application for Colwyn Bay Environment Federation.

= Newly elected Cllr Ann Jones joined the meeting at this juncture.

300/23 Events Grants 2024/25

a) Beach of Dreams: The Clerk shared further information with members about the Arts Council England (ACE) bid by Kinetika, which includes a national artist commission for eight communities, with five across England and one each in Wales, Scotland and Ireland, as an inter-nation collaboration. It was noted that further discussions had taken place in the past week with Judith Sharp and Sian Young (CCBC) and Neil Dunsire from TAPE about the potential activity in the Bay of Colwyn for the summer of 24, in the lead up to the national event in May 25. This had a good fit with a current TAPE 'Beneath the Waves' project, part-funded by the Arts Council Wales (ACW), and it is hoped that a national artist co-commission could include involvement with TAPE.

Resolved to ratify the signing of the partnership agreement, which is required for the submission of the funding bid to ACE later this week.

b) Prom Xtra and Pride Events – May 24: It was noted that further information (a detailed budget) had now been received from T4CB and that they would require £20,000 in Events Grant funding from the Town Council, if Prom Xtra was not able to go ahead this year and we wished them to put on a two-day event, to maximise benefit from the road closure / event infrastructure. This was instead of the £5k - £7k request for the one-day Pride Event. The second day of activity would not be themed as 'Prom Xtra' and may have some different elements, though it would still

be aimed at families. It was noted that the budget for the two day event included approx. £7k for staging, which it may be possible to hire much cheaper from the CCBC Events Team (if their funding has come through and they have been able to make some capital purchases for events equipment).

The CCBC Events Team had requested increased funding of £15k (a £5k increase on the usual contribution of £10k from the Town Council, which had already been approved) to be able to continue with Prom Xtra in May 24, as they do not have access to any other grant or capital events funding this year to subsidise the costs of the event. If this goes ahead, the one-day Pride Event will only need £5k from the Events budget.

Resolved to await further information from CCBC Events Teams to give a more detailed breakdown of costs for Prom Xtra and to recommend an overall budget of £20k is approved to cover both events, to enable the organisers to get together to collaborate and support each other and agree how to best maximise the benefits and impact of both events from the funding available.

301/23 Large Grants 2023/24:

Members considered the large grant applications for 2024/25, for inclusion in the Annual Budget Estimates.

Resolved to recommend:

a) Approval of grants for applicants A, B, C, D and E, as detailed in Schedule 'A' attached, subject to:

- i) Payment of the second instalment to applicant B being subject to receipt of a satisfactory and detailed report on the number of clients assisted and types of queries from the Bay of Colwyn area during the 2022/23 financial year.***
- ii) Applicant D submitting data on the number of clients they have supported from the Bay of Colwyn area in 2023.***
- iii) Applicant E being asked to provide more data and testimonials etc with any future large grant application.***

b) Application G was deferred pending receipt of additional information on how many team members live within the Bay of Colwyn boundary.

302/23 Photocopier Lease:

The Clerk submitted a summary of the three quotations received for a new lease for a multi-purpose copier/scanner/printer for the office, given that the existing five-year lease with Canda Copying has now come to the end of its term. A discussion took place about the pros and cons of a new machine over an older or reconditioned model and it was noted that all quotes now included a drop box and wi-fi printing capability. Two companies had been shortlisted, based on their competitive quotes and experience/references from other councils and there was less than (£1 pa between these two quotes, based on a new machine and current (past year) printing quantities.

Resolved to delegate authority to the Clerk to check the print quality of the two

machines and the environmental credentials of both companies/machines and go with whichever she feels would be best.

The meeting closed at 7:50pm.

..... Chairman

Events Grants 2024/25

Provisional Budget = £35,000

Ref:	Applicant:	Event:	Date(s):	Amount Requested:	Total Cost: (if known)	Amount Given 23/24	Recommendation:	Amount Approved (£):	SLA received (date)	Date Paid:	Payment Receipt: (Y)	Report received (date)
A	Artisan Market	To hold Artisan Markets during the year (3) to help bring footfall into the town	April - October	£3,787.00	N/K	£3,698.00	£3,787.00					
B	Uke A Bay (via TAPE)	Ukukele Festival (10yr event)incorporating an open air party in the grounds of St Paul's	9-11 August	£4,500.00	£4,450.00	£3,600.00	£4,500.00					
C	Together for Colwyn Bay	Big Picnic in St Paul's Grounds	3/8/2024 (prov)	£2,433.50	£4,867.00	£2,433.50	£2,433.50					
D	Together for Colwyn Bay	Pride 2024 main event on the promenade during the day but also events on in Town Centre in the evening	May dependant on Prom Extra date	£5,000.00	£31,400.00	£2,500.00	DEFER					
E	Beach of Dreams	Summer 2024 artist co-commission		£5,000.00	£20,000.00		£5,000.00					
F	PromXtra	Additional contribution to make up shortfall		£5,000.00	£15,000.00		£5,000.00					
				£25,720.50			£20,720.50					

REF:	Applicant:	Amount Requested:	Purpose:	Grant Approved 2023/24	Grant Recommended 2024/25	Notes:	Bank details rec'd:	First Instalment paid	Second Instalment To be Paid	Report Requested Received	Payment: 1st instalment letter/email	Payment: 2nd instalment Confirmation letter/email
						Approved Budget =						
A	Benefit Advice Shop	£6,638	To assist the residents of the area with all aspects of their Welfare Benefit and Social Security Law problems. We aim to assist 250 people from the area to maximise their income through benefit claims, better off calculations and lengthy disability forms.	£6,638		£ 6,638.00						
B	Citizen's Advice	£ 20,000.00	To provide dedicated fact-to-face quality specialist and generalist advice and information services through the community venue of Colwyn Bay Town Hall, with homesiting services	£19,990		£ 19,990.00	agree £10k initially and remainder (second instalment) subject to detailed report					
C	CBCEF (CBay Conservation & Environment Federation)	£5,000	Planting of 200 Jurassic trees in Eirias Park (see information for species) to enhance the Centenary Trails	£500		£ 5,000.00						
D	Cruse Bereavement	£ 2,191.12	To pay the rental on the town council office that we currently rent. This enables us to continue to have a base in Colwyn Bay following the closure of our old office due to rising rental costs. We use the office for client work and meetings and it means we still have somewhere local that people can come to have counselling	Nil		£ 2,191.12						
E	Homestart Conwy	£ 5,000.00	Our premises in Tan Lan combine a community centre with an office for the Home-Start team. This means that we can provide an open- door policy to the community & we are on hand to offer support when needed . During these times of significant financial hardship this has meant that families can simply call in & request food parcels & utility vouchers if needed. We also operated as a warm hub to provide a warm space for people struggling to keep their homes warm in cold spells	£5,000		£ 5,000.00						
F	Llandudno & Colwyn Bay Tramway Society	£1,500.00	Keep this popular mode of transport in the public eye in North Wales, to increase awareness of heritage through appearances at events and via facebook/website. Recent appearance in Colwyn Bay generated a lot of interest.	Declined		declined						
G	Llysfaen Jnr Football Club	£ 3,000.00	This funding will help innovate and growth of the teams facilities- we currently don't have a team clubhouse and lack in toilet facilities at our grounds. We have one run down changing facilities which are not appropriate to use for the younger teams.	n/a		DEFER	ask how many members the club has from the Bay of Colwyn area					
						<u>£ 38,819.12</u>						
		<u>£ 43,329.12</u>						<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>			