

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD REMOTELY, VIA ZOOM, AT 6.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY 15th JANUARY 2025

PRESENT: Cllr H Fleet, Chair
Cllrs: P Ashe, C Hughes, S McAllister, J Nuttall (Deputy Mayor), R Owen (Mayor), L Wilkins and G Wynne

OFFICER: Tina Earley, Clerk and RFO
Pam Everley, Assistant Clerk

ABSENT: Cllrs A Khan, S Price

346/24 Welcome and Apologies for Absence:

Members were welcomed to the meeting and apologies for absence were received from Cllrs D Carr, N Coverley, D Jones.

347/24 Declarations of Interest:

Members were reminded that they must declare the existence and nature of any personal and/or prejudicial interests. Cllr H Fleet declared a personal/prejudicial interest regarding the wellbeing grant application for Colwyn Canoe Club. Cllr C Hughes declared prejudicial interests regarding the event grant applications submitted for Theatre Colwyn and Together for Colwyn Bay.

348/24 Wellbeing Grants 2024/25:

The Clerk submitted the Wellbeing Grant applications received by 2.1.25, for consideration by Members.

Cllr H Fleet retired from the meeting during consideration of application B (Colwyn Canoe Club), having declared a personal and prejudicial interest.

In the absence of the Vice-Chair, Cllr J Nuttall chaired the meeting during the consideration of this application, whilst Cllr H Fleet was absent.

(a) Resolved to recommend approval of the wellbeing grants for 2024/25 as detailed in Schedule 'A', attached.

(b) It was further resolved to recommend to Council that all future grants awarded to applicants, regardless of the type of grant, must include a clause requiring acknowledgment of the Town Council's support on their website, and/or in any online and printed media relating to the purpose of the grant. Omission of any such acknowledgement, without a justifiable reason, may risk the approval of future applications.

349/24 Events Grants 2025/26:

The Clerk submitted the Events Grant applications received for 2025/26 by the deadline of 2.1.25, for consideration by Members.

Cllr C Hughes retired from the meeting during the consideration of all of the Event grants, having declared an interest in applications A, B and C.

(a) Resolved to recommend approval of the events grants for 2025/26 as detailed in

Schedule 'B', attached.

- (b) Resolved to recommend deferring a decision on the Together for Colwyn Bay Christmas Extravaganza event application, until a proposal is submitted outlining how TfCB will collaborate with, or involve other local stakeholders, such as Members of the Town Team and the Bay View Centre, in a joined up approach to Christmas 2025.*
- (c) Resolved to recommend that the Council seeks to maintain the current annual event grants budget at £35k, to enable consideration of future applications as they are received during the year.*

350/24 Large Grant applications 2025/26:

The Clerk submitted the Large Grant applications for 2025/26, received by the deadline of 2.1.25, for consideration by Members.

- (a) Resolved to recommend approval of the large grants for 2025/26 as detailed in Schedule 'C', attached.*
- (b) Resolved to recommend the large grant application for Aberconwy Care & Share be declined, as BCTC already supports numerous food banks operating within the Bay of Colwyn area via donations from the Llandrillo Charities.*
- (c) Resolved to recommend the transfer of the application from Rhos on Sea Bowling Club to a wellbeing grant for 2024/25, as its amount and purpose better fits the criteria relating to this funding.*

The Meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

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Summary of Wellbeing Grant Applications for 2025/26

Total Budget 2024'25 = £10,000

REF:	Applicant:	Amount Requested:	Purpose:	Grant Approved 2024'25	Notes:	Bank details rec'd:	Payment & advice sent	Payment received letter/email
Considered on 15.01.2025								
A	Bayside Radio / Coast Community Radio	£1,897.00	Annual licensing fee for Payout One; software required to run the radio station.	£ 1,897.00	REC: approval on the condition that Bayside seeks other sources of funding to cover annual license fee in future years, such as seeking advertising revenue from local businesses			
B	Colwyn Canoe Club	£1,997.00	Improvements to the boathouse storage to improve safety.	£ 1,997.00	Plus request that details of any free taster sessions for the local communtiy are shared with the Town Council			
To be Considered on 19.2.25								
	Jewish Historical Association of South Wales	£ 1,983.00	Research the history of the Jews of Colwyn Bay and surrounding areas.					
		£5,877		£ 3,894.00			£ -	£ -

Events Grants 2025/26

REC Budget = £35,000

Ref:	Applicant:	Event:	Date(s):	Amount Requested:	Total Cost: (if known)	Amount Rec 2024/25	Recommendation:	Approved (£):	Paid:
A	Theatre Colwyn	9 Cinema screenings aimed at our local Community, presented at Theatr Colwyn Cinema in Colwyn Bay. Screenings will be for different age groups, some for family, children or an older generation. Previous funding of £5000 awarded in 2024/25.	various / 9 sessions throughout the year	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	£5,000.00			
B	Together for Colwyn Bay Ltd	Pride and Beach Party Extravaganza. Previous funding of £5000 awarded in 2024/25.	Sunday 11 May 2025	£7,000.00	£38,500.00	£5,000.00			
C	Together for Colwyn Bay Ltd	Colwyn Bay Christmas Extravaganza; would like this event to be a key part of launching Christmas in Colwyn Bay. (new event for 2025)	first w/e in December (TBC)	£5,000.00	£30,000.00		DEFER - REC: budget approved, but T4CB asked to discuss joint event with the Town Team		
						£5,000.00	Provisional		
D	Oriel Colwyn	Northern Eye International Photography Festival - biennial event. Previous funding of £5000 awarded in 2022/23.	Oct-25	£5,000.00	£15,500.00	£5,000.00			

REF:	Applicant:	Amount Requested:	Purpose:	Grant Approved 2023/24	Grant Approved 2024/25	Grant Recommended 2025/26	Notes: Approved Budget = £0	Bank details rec'd:	First Instalment paid 3/5/24	Second Instalment Paid 28/11/24
A	Aberconwy Care & Share	£5,000	Monthly food delivery for families suffering financial hardship. Of 47 families served in October 2024, 13 of those were in the Bay of Colwyn area. Funding will go towards the purchase of food and other grocery items.	£ -	£ -	NIL	REC Decline - all Mission Churches are located out of our area and BCTC / Llandrillo Charities already support five active Foodbanks in our area			
B	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.	£ 6,638.00	£ 6,638.00	£ 6,638.00				
C	Citizen's Advice Bureau	£ 24,596.00	To provide dedicated fact-to-face quality specialist and generalist advice and information services through the community venue of Colwyn Bay Town Hall, with homesitting services	£ 19,990.00	£ 19,990.00	£ 24,596.00				
D	Colwyn Community Hub	£ 8,400.00	Funding will be used to cover the cost of rent for 12 months. (Updated bank statement to follow)	£ -	£ -	£ 8,400.00	REC: approve full amount this year, but request that they look for alternative income generation for next year onwards, as funding at this level			
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 callin & 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	£ 5,000.00	£ 5,000.00	£ 5,000.00	Funding conditional on acknowledging support from BCTC in the premises and in promotional literature			
F	Mochdre FC	£ 7,020.00	Additional pitch drainage to improve the playing surface	£ -	declined	£ 5,000.00	REC: reduced amount due to previous estimates that 70% of players come from BCTC area			
G	Y Pentan	£ 2,000.00	Welsh language monthly publication for Welsh speakers in Conwy County, run by volunteers. Funding will be used towards the cost of printing.	£ 1,200.00	-	£ 500.00	REC: reduced amount in line with support given by other local councils			
H	Rhos on Sea Bowling Club	£2,000.00	To improve the local signage in the surrounding area to enable potential members and visitors to find the club more easily.	£ -	£ -		REC: application be approved and moved to the Wellbeing Grants 2024/25 budget, as it meets the conditions/purpose better			
<u>LATE APPLICATION(S):</u>										
				£ 31,628.00	£ 50,134.00					
£60,654							£ -			

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