

MINUTES OF A HYBRID MEETING OF THE POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL AND ONLINE, VIA ZOOM, AT 6.30^{PM} ON WEDNESDAY 14th JANUARY 2026

PRESENT: Cllr H Fleet (Chair)
Cllrs: P Ashe (Vice Chair), D Carr, C Hughes, S McAllister, J Nuttall (Town Mayor), S Price, L Wilkins, and G Wynne (Deputy Mayor)

OFFICERS: Tina Earley, Town Clerk and RFO
Pam Everley, Assistant Clerk

357/25 Welcome and Apologies for Absence:

The Chair welcomed members and apologies for absence were received from Cllrs D Jones, A Khan, and N Coverley.

358/25 Declarations of Interest:

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

Cllr C Hughes declared a personal and prejudicial interest as a Director for Together for Colwyn Bay (grant application), clarifying he has dispensation to remain in the meeting for discussion but will leave for the vote.

Cllr S Price declared a prejudicial interest in the grant application from Mochdre FC, having previously been involved in funding decisions for Mochdre FC and Mochdre Sports through Mochdre Town Council.

359/25 Event Grants:

(a) Event Grants 2026/27:

Resolved to recommend for approval the applications received, as detailed in the summary included as schedule 'A'.

Resolved to defer the (2) event grant applications for Together for Colwyn Bay to Full Council on Monday 19 January 2026, due to supplementary information sent out earlier today, that not all Members have had chance to read.

(b) To consider the total budget to be requested for Events Grants for 2026/27.

(i) ***Resolved that the £2,500 Event Grant approved for Chwilota under minute 138/25(b) be carried forward and held as match-funding in the Events Budget for 2026/27, conditional upon the success of their resubmitted application to the Arts Council of Wales.***

(ii) ***Resolved to recommend the Event Grants budget remain at £35,000 for 2026/27.***

(iii) ***Resolved for £1,000 to be allocated from the Event Grant budget for 2026/27 for the purchase of promotional pop-up signs, to be used by grant recipients at their events to highlight the Town Council's support.***

360/25 Large Grants:

(a) Large Grants 2026/27:

Members considered the large grant applications received.

- The Town Clerk, Tina Earley, declared a personal and prejudicial interest in application C, as a Trustee of the Upper Colwyn Bay Community Centre, and left the meeting during the consideration of that application.

Resolved to recommend for approval the applications received, as detailed in the summary included as schedule 'B'.

(b) Members were asked to consider the total budget to be requested for Large Grants for 2026/27.

Resolved to recommend the Large Grants budget remain at £50,000 for 2026/27, to allow for any late applications, such as the Benefits Advice Shop.

The meeting closed at 8.37 pm.

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Events Grants 2026/27

REC Budget =	£35,000
	£35,000

Ref:	Applicant:	Event:	Date(s):	Amount Requested:	Total Cost: (if known)	Amount Rec'd 25/26	Recommendation:	Approved (£):	Paid:	SLA Received:	Payment Receipt:
To be considered on 14.1.26											
A	Colwyn Bowls Festival	Crown Green bowling festival - 6 days / 9 competitions. Arranged by Rhos Park and Min y Don BCs.	26/7/26 - 31/7/26	£ 500.00		£ 500.00	£500.00				
B	Conwy Arts Trust	Terry Jones statue unveiling event. £5000 requested, however, event will be scaled to budget dependent upon amount offered.	25/4/2026	£ 5,000.00			£5,000.00			for activites on the day, possibly increased to £7,500 at Council discretion, to include outreach pre-event	
C	Theatre Colwyn	9 Cinema screenings aimed at our local Community, presented at Theatr Colwyn Cinema in Colwyn Bay. Screenings will be for various / 9 sessions throughout the year different age groups, some for family, children or an older generation.		£ 5,000.00		£ 5,000.00	£5,000.00				
D	Together for Colwyn Bay	The Big Picnic	Saturday 8/8/2026	£ 5,000.00	£ 5,630.74	n/a	DEFER to allow time to consider accounts submitted				
E	Together for Colwyn Bay	Christmas Collective 2 events - Lights Switch On & Lantern Parade, Nov/Dec 2026 and Santa's Festive Funfair		£5,000.00	£32,500.00	£5,000.00	DEFER to allow time to consider accounts submitted				
				£20,500.00	£38,130.74	£10,500.00	£10,500.00	£0.00			
									£35,000.00	Budget remaining	

Summary of Large Grant Applications for 2026/27

REF:	Applicant:	Amount Requested:	Purpose:	Grant Approved 2024/25	Grant Approved 2025/26	Grant Recommended 2026/27	Notes:
							Approved Budget = £0
A	Home Start Conwy	£ 5,000.00	Grant will be used towards continuing the service and supporting families in the Bay of Colwyn area, providing one-to-one support for families who are isolated and at risk of social exclusion.	£ 5,000.00	£ 5,000.00	£5,000.00	
B	Mochdre FC	£ 3,500.00	Install a concrete spectator pad - to be used later for a converted container with seating.	declined	£ 5,000.00	£3,500.00	
C	Upper Colwyn Bay Community Centre	£ 5,000.00	Building roof repairs, quotes received in March 2025 suggest cost will be £37,000 (plus 5% for inflation once new quotes are received). Will also be applying to Gwynt y Mor for funding.	n/a	n/a	£5,000.00	
D	Colwyn Bay Heritage Association	£ 30,000.00	Develop and produce 3x short historical films focusing on notable local figures: Miss Ethel Hovey, Sir John Pender, and Lady Erskine or John Porter. Each film will cost £10,000. Films will be show in local schools and community venues/screenings.	n/a	n/a	£2,500.00	REC: seek funding for first film from other funders
E	Conwy Borough Heritage Association	£ 3,500.00	Funding for the purchase of an ultra-short throw projector, laptop, tablet stand with tablet, and card reader to support our ongoing educational and community initiatives.	n/a	n/a	DEFER	DEFER - REC: explore if TC laser projector could be loaned and/or if they could use equip,et from TAPE or College
F	Citizen's Advice Bureau	£ 24,964.94	Retail 4 day per week Generalist Advisor, delievering drop in sessions Tuesday to Friday 9.30am to 12.30pm at Coed Pella, with the other hours being used for follow up actions for clients and home visits.	£ 19,990.00	£ 24,596.00	£12,500.00	
G	CBCEF / Friends of Eirias Park	£ 5,000.00	Various projects (please refer to form) including: multiple person swing, installation of benches, address winter flooding area, planting new trees and bulbs, and maintenance of existing trees.	£ 5,000.00	n/a	£5,000.00	
		£ 76,964.94			£ 34,596.00	£ 33,500.00	