

Llantrisant Fawr Community Council

Grants and Donations Policy

Definitions

A grant is awarded for a particular defined purpose. A donation is awarded for general purposes. Both are awarded for the benefit of the communities within Llantrisant Fawr Community Council.

The aim of the Policy is to encourage and support activities and projects which will bring direct benefit to the communities of Llantrisant Fawr Council.

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 provides the Council with the power to give grants to organisations for the direct benefit of the community. The appropriate sum under section 137 (4) (a) for Community and Town Councils in Wales for the financial year 2024/25 is £10.81 per elector.

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 places restrictions on Councils when it comes to making grants/donations, one of the most important being a grant cannot be made to an individual for their own use. However, there may be occasions where the grant can be paid to an individual where that individual is carrying out a service which benefits the local population. In this case it would be the Council's opinion the grant can legally be given.

Budget Setting for Grants and Donations

The maximum sum set aside each financial year for grants and donations, shall be agreed annually at the Council meeting in which the precept is set.

Any Grants/Donations made available are funded directly from the Parish Precept. The Council receives no other monies from any source.

Applications

All applications must be made in writing and submitted to the clerk, who will arrange for those applications which meet the Council's criteria to be considered at the next meeting of the Council.

All Grants/Donations are limited to a maximum of £ 200 per application. But if the Council considers there are exceptional circumstances it can decide to exceed those limits.

Grants/Donations cannot be awarded after the event or project has been completed.

Grants and Donations will not be made to either political or profit-making organisations and each application must be accompanied by supporting documents.

Applications must be made using the Council's Application Form. Please request from the Clerk. Successful applicants shall provide details of to whom payment should be made and acknowledge receipt of the payment once received.

All donation applications must be decided by Council.

The Council must satisfy itself that the donation will benefit the area and a significant number of residents. Wherever possible there should be clear evidence of local need or demand for the proposed activity.

Conditions

The Grant/Donation must be used for the purpose for which the application was made. If the Donation is unable to be used for the stated purpose, then it should be returned to the Council.

The Council will not commit to any continuing expenditure.

Where a Member of the Council is a member of a group/organisation applying for funding, that Member must declare, in accordance with the code of conduct, an interest in the matter and refrain from voting.

All donations are awarded at the Community Council's discretion. The Council's decision is final and there is no right of appeal.

