

TAFF'S WELL & NANTGARW COMMUNITY COUNCIL

POLICY ON FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE/GRANTS.

The Community Council's grant scheme is intended to provide financial support to assist community organisations active within the Taff's Well and Nantgarw Community Council boundaries that work for the benefit of the residents. Grants can be made to existing and newly formed organisations.

The types of organisation that will be considered for grants include

- Charitable groups
- Sports clubs
- Youth groups
- Playgroups
- Arts groups
- Free advice organisations
- Environmental Groups
- Community/Voluntary transport schemes

Organisations must be properly constituted, non profit making based, based within the Taff's Well and Nantgarw Community Council area or can demonstrate a benefit to the residents who live within the Community Council area. National UK wide organisations will not be eligible for a grant unless they have a locally based Group. Wales wide bodies will be eligible to apply for a grant but must be able to show that there are beneficiaries within the Community Council area.

Grants cannot be made to individuals, profit making organisations and be accompanied by copies of their latest accounts or a budget in the case of a new organisation, together with any supporting information about the purpose for which assistance is requested. Applicants will also be asked to provide details of any successful grant funding applications. Each application will be considered on its merits.

Applications will be considered twice yearly by Council in November and June in each year. The Council allocates a limited budget each financial year for grants and awards will be made on a first come first served basis.

Examples of what can be supported

- Supporting the provision of opportunities for older people
- Activities for young people and helping to meet their social, educational and leisure needs
- Supporting community involvement in local arts and cultural activities
- Supporting community participation in local sports and leisure activities
- Supporting access and sustainable transport schemes by community and voluntary groups
- Supporting schemes that improve the appearance of the local area eg conservation, planting, decorations.

Grants will be made on tiered structure depending on how many people living in the area will benefit

- 15 members up to £150
- 16-40 members up to £250

- 41 plus members up to £400

Local organisations with more than £10k bank balance will not normally be considered for a grant.

Where the application relates to major capital expenditure (e.g. a building project) a higher level of grant may be considered but not exceeding £1000 and in such cases the bank balance threshold will be disregarded.

Wales wide organisations will receive a maximum grant award of £100.

The Council will normally follow the criteria set out in this Policy but can exercise discretion to vary the amount awarded depending on individual circumstances of each Application.

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