

CYNGOR CYMUNED BRYNCRUG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DONATIONS POLICY

Bryncrug Community Council recognises the immense value of voluntary and community activity and its contribution to the well-being of local residents. The Council is committed to supporting and strengthening the many networks and community groups that help to make a positive difference. The aim of the Council's Donation Scheme is to promote a vibrant and active community.

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 empowers local Councils to make donations to charitable, voluntary and non-profit making organisations.

Introduction:

Bryncrug Community Council will set a budget each year for donations to charitable/voluntary and non-profit making organisations which undertake work or provide services of benefit to the local community.

Donations are defined as "gifts" to assist a cause and are given without return consideration.

There is no formal application process, and all requests will be considered. Organisations may approach the Council at any time with a request in writing providing as much details as possible to include any benefit to the local community which will be placed before the Council at the next monthly meeting.

Criteria for Eligibility:

- Donations will only be made to charitable, voluntary and other non-profit making organisations in accordance with S137 of LGA 1972.
- Individual applications **will not** be eligible.
- Commercial companies **will not** be eligible for donations under any circumstances.
- Requests for donations in association with national appeals will in general be rejected unless a specific connection with the local community can be demonstrated.

General Conditions:

- An applicant may be required to submit a budget and expenditure statement before a request can proceed.
- A successful recipient must provide a receipt and if requested a copy of their annual accounts to the Council within 14 days of receipt of a donation. Failure to do will result in any future requests being refused.
- The Council will not consider more than one request for a donation from an organisation/charity in any one financial year.
- The award of a donation in one year **will not** set a precedent for the Council's response to any further requests for donations in future years.
- The award of a donation **will not** set a precedent for the Council to donate an amount of the same value in any future years.

- *Annual Donation cheques to be signed in the February meeting.*

Expenditure under Section 137 must be authorised by resolution.

An account must be kept of expenditure under this section.

Policy Review:

The Council will agree a budget for donations as part of the general budget setting process each year.

This Donations Policy will be subject to a formal annual review by the Community Council.

Approved by Bryncrug Community Council on:.....

Signed:

Chair/Clerk

Report reviewed annually

Reviewed: 15/07/24 Cllr. A H Jones

Next Review July 2025