

CEULANAMAESMAWR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

POLICY & CRITERIA – GRANTS AND DONATIONS

This policy sets out the Community Council's position and procedure with regard to the award of financial assistance within the Community. Each year, Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council allocates within its budget a sum of money for which organizations can apply for projects/initiatives that will benefit residents within the community of Ceulanamaesmawr. This document sets out the Community Council's policy and procedure for grants and donations with the aim of ensuring the award-making process is open, transparent, fair and supports local, county and national organizations. This policy is in line with the relevant legal power.

If you wish to apply for funding but are unsure whether you satisfy the criteria, please contact the Clerk to discuss.

CRITERIA

GROUP FUNDING – WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Any organization/group satisfying the following criteria:

- Based within the community parish of Ceulanamaesmawr, or in nearby parishes, and providing activities for the benefit of the residents of Ceulanamaesmawr community. If the budget allows, financial aid is also available to organizations at county and national level;
- Established for charitable, benevolent, social, cultural or recreational purposes;
- Has a constitution, or set of rules, which define its aims, objectives and operational procedures;
- Can provide a copy of its latest annual accounts or latest bank statement;
- Holds a bank account operated by a minimum of two signatories. In the case of a single signatory account, receipts must be provided for all expenditure linked to the grant.

WHAT CAN BE FUNDED?

- The organization/group should be making the local community a better place to live, work or visit;
- It should benefit people living in the community. This may include activities held outside the community itself but which directly benefit those living in this community;
- There must be clear evidence that local people support the project and are involved in carrying it out;
- Organizations/groups may make one application only per financial year. No entitlement to an annual allocation can be presumed;
- Applications can be made for both ongoing running costs and specific projects.

The Council uses its discretion to award sums according to its budget.

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT ELIGIBLE

- Private businesses/Limited companies;
- Statutory bodies;
- Projects to improve or benefit privately owned land or property;
- Projects already completed or which will have been completed by the time the grant is allocated.

CONDITIONS OF SUPPORT

The Community Council may award any financial assistance subject to the following conditions:

- All donations will be made via BACS;
- For audit purposes, written acknowledgement is required from the organisation as confirmation of receipt;
- The Community Council would ask that you also acknowledge its support in your publications, publicity materials, and annual reports (if applicable).

WHEN TO APPLY

The Community Council considers applications once a year. Applications may be sent to the Clerk at any time, but will only be considered at the January ordinary meeting of Full Council. **All applications should be sent to the Clerk by 31 December.** A new application will be required each year.

HOW WILL DECISIONS BE MADE?

The Council's Finance Committee will meet mid-January to discuss all applications received by the closing date. The Finance Committee's recommendations will be presented to Full Council at the ordinary meeting held on the last Monday of January. The Community Council may not be able to offer financial support to every organization that applies. However, each application will be given careful consideration.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications should be made in writing (preferably via email), using the standard application form, which is available on request to the Clerk or to download from the website:

<https://ceulanamaesmawr.cymru/dogfennau/?lang=en>

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