



# Laleston Community Council

## Grants and donation Policy

### Policy Statement

Laleston Community Council budgets a sum of money every year for grants and donations for voluntary and 'not for profit' organisations. Council defines a voluntary group as a non-profit making organisation set up and run by a voluntary, unpaid management committee. Requests from local charities will also be considered and will not be required to complete an application form but will be recorded in the system.

Council aims to promote a healthy and cohesive community by using its Grants Scheme to provide financial support for community groups working for the benefit of the residents in the ward areas of Laleston and the well-being of the local community. These grants are limited and are made available to organisations that address a demonstratable need for assistance.

The community of Laleston encompasses the village of Laleston, Broadlands, Bryntirion, Cefn Glas (part) and Llangwydd Court.

### Guidelines for Grant Applications

- 1) It is a condition restricted by law, that any grant application that the group or project must bring direct benefit to the majority of residents of the community of Laleston.
- 2) Grant applications will be considered only upon completion of a grant application form which is available from the Clerk or from the Council website.
- 3) All applicants must provide annual accounts, unless the group is recently formed. Balances held by the organisation will be taken into consideration when deciding levels of grant funding.
- 4) Applications from educational, health/social service or religious establishments will be considered where the organisation can demonstrate the benefits to the community of Laleston.
- 5) Small grants are available to assist with the purchase of equipment or the provision of services and in exceptional cases can be made available to help with operating costs but must demonstrate a need for the service within the community that it operates.
- 6) In any publicity given to the specific purpose for which the grant is requested, the organisation is required to acknowledge the contribution that has been made by the Council.

### Consideration of Grant Applications

- 7) Applications will be considered on a quarterly basis throughout the current financial year.
- 8) In the event of the repetition of a grant the Council also requires sight of documented evidence giving clear indication of how the previous year's grant was spent.

9) The powers for expenditure encountered by the Council are defined and it must justify every item of spend within legislation. Council rely on a range of powers for the administration of grants and donations such as:

- Power of Wellbeing
- Provision of entertainment and support of the arts
- Power to contribute to organisations encouraging tourism
- Section137

It is important to point out that the Welsh Assembly imposes limitation on spend using the power of Wellbeing and Section 137. The expenditure limit is determined annually and is expressed as a unit rate per persons on the electoral roll for the wards at 1 April.

10) Amounts distributed will be at the Council's discretion.