

GRANTS AND DONATIONS POLICY

The Community Council budget is set in advance of each financial year at the time of agreeing the annual precept. This includes a maximum sum set aside for grants and donations.

Small grants and donations to locally based properly constituted, not for profit making organisations, groups and charities which provide benefit to a significant number of residents of the Community Council area may be applied for. Applications from individuals or profit-making organisations will not be accepted.

- Grants and donations may be used for a specific project, capital purchases or in the case of Community halls only, their general running costs.
- Funding must be used for the purpose stated and unspent monies should be returned to the Council.
- Funding will only be considered to equal opportunities groups/projects, therefore should be open to all residents who want to be involved. If there is a good reason for this not to be the case, restrictions on who can be a part of a group and an explanation as to why should be provided.
- Funding will not be made retrospectively or for anything of a political nature.
- In considering all applications the Community Council is compelled to consider its powers and duties under several different Acts of Parliament, Welsh Government legislation and Local Government guidance before agreeing any grant funding.
- All funding is awarded at a meeting of the full Community Council and at the discretion of it. Llangors Community Council's decision is final and there is no right of appeal.

To apply for funding, interested bodies need to apply in writing to the Clerk setting out the nature of their organisation, detail what the funding is required for, how the money will be spent, how much is being requested and provide copies of their latest annual accounts, independently verified/audited.

- Applications for long established annual grants from Llangors Youth & Community Centre, Llanfihangel Talyllyn & Llanywern Community Hall and Llangasty Parish Hall must be received by the Clerk no later than May 1st annually for consideration at the May meeting of the Community Council.
- Applications for annual grants from Pennorth Chapel, Llanywern Church and St Michael and All Angels Llanfihangel Talyllyn must be received by the Clerk in advance of the meeting in January, for consideration at the January meeting of the Community Council.
- All other applications received throughout the financial year from organisations based within the Community Council area will be held on file and considered at the March meeting of the Community Council when it is known what funds remain in the budget for that year and all applications can be considered collectively. In exceptional circumstances due to the nature of the application, at the discretion of the Chair of the Community Council and Responsible Financial Officer, applications may be considered at the next bi-monthly meeting of the Community Council, following receipt of the application.
- Applications from organisations based outside the Community Council area and benefit occupants of the community will only be considered on an annual basis at the March meeting of the Council after applications from organisations within the community area have been considered first.

- Applications for consideration at the March meeting of the Community Council must be received by the Clerk no later than March 1st.

To Comply with Data Protection Policy the Community Council will be collecting and holding data about applicants (including names and addresses) and may share applicant information with auditors, accountants, and government bodies in the interests of safeguarding public funds. It may be used in Council documents, website etc. By applying for financial assistance applicants are agreeing to this use of personal information. It will not be used for any other purpose.

The Clerk and all members of the Community Council are responsible for ensuring compliance with this policy.

This policy is reviewed annually.

Reviewed and adopted at the meeting of Llangors Community Council on:

Signed by Chairperson:

Print Name:
