



## Cyngor Cymuned Llangamarch/ Llangammarch Community Council

### Small Grant Awarding Policy

A grant is a payment made by Llangammarch Community Council to an organisation for a specific purpose. This purpose must benefit some of the community and its residents.

Llangammarch Community Council allocates an amount in its annual budget to support the community through the process of giving grants.

The grant application form asks about the event, project or charity the grant is intended for. This is to ensure that the council is able to check under various Local Government Laws that it can legally give a grant according to the request.

Llangammarch Community Council recognises the value of voluntary community activity, its contribution to residents' well-being and being able to sustain a range of events that benefit people living and working in the area.

The Council awards grants, at its discretion, to local organisations and groups which can demonstrate a clear need for financial support. This can be through:

- providing a service;
- improving the quality of life;
- involvement in recreation and/or sports;
- enhancing the environment;
- promoting the area and its history

The procedures here are based on the principles of fairness, identifying a local need and showing accountability to the electors.

The Community Council does not award grants:-

- to individuals, unless they are spear-heading a project or event
- to businesses and commercial organisations
- where local or Welsh Government have a statutory duty to support
- to political parties or religious organisations

Only one application for a grant will be considered from any organisation in any one financial year and needs to be submitted by the 1<sup>st</sup> September, at the latest.

Ongoing commitments to award grants in future years will not be made. A fresh application will be required each year.

Grants will not be made retrospectively.

The council will fund up to 60% of fixed costs for the local halls, but reserves the right to award a different ratio to any other project cost should it resolve to do so.

Grant applications will only be considered if submitted on the Grant Application Form accompanied with a copy of the latest set of independently approved accounts.

### **Return of funding**

If the grant is not spent within twelve months from the date awarded, the Council reserves the right to ask for repayment. In addition, if:

- a) a contract is breached and monies are not being used for the purpose specified on the application form, or
- b) if the organisation has submitted any dishonest or misleading information on the grant application form, or
- c) if the organisation ceases to exist, becomes insolvent, goes into administration, receivership or liquidation,

then Llangammarch Community Council reserves the right to reclaim the grant in full.

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