**Minutes of The Panel Meeting held on 7th December 2022.**

Present: Councillors: Mr. D. Cawsey, Mr. A. Jones, Mr. G. Llewellyn

 and Mr. L. Reynolds.

Co-opted Members : Mr. R. Kemeys and Mr. P. Littlewood.

 NPT Council : Mr. P. Hinder.

**1. Apologies for Absence**.

Mrs. S. Coy and Mr. L. Thomas

**2. Declaration of Interests**.

 Mr. Jones in item no. 5(ii)

 Mr. Cawsey, Mr. Jones and Mr. Littlewood in item no. 5(iii).

**3. To confirm the minutes of The Panel Meeting held on 14th Sept. 2022**.

 With the inclusion of Mr. Kemeys in members present it was RESOLVED that the minutes were a true record of the meeting.

**4. Matters Arising**.

 None.

**5. The following applications were considered:**-

(i) No.097. View Dove Ltd.

 Further development to the roundhouse area with raised beds and with forest school sessions for children.

 This application was discussed at length by the Panel with the following points being raised :-

\* The gardening proposal seems to be a duplication of facilities currently provided by the Gardening Club.

\* There was nothing included for staff costs. It was considered that there is an over reliance on volunteer labour, and the one intern, for the initial construction of the gardening facilities and for the ongoing delivery of the forest school and gardening sessions.

\* With the over reliance on volunteer labour there is no guarantee of continuity.

 Following a vote, with Mr. Littlewood abstaining, it was agreed that the application be turned down.

 The clerk to inform the applicant.

(ii) No.098. Call of the Wild Development Trust.

 Delivery of a Resilient Pupil Programme at Maesmarchog School.

 Similar programmes had been held at 10 other primary schools with good results. It was unanimously agreed that this application in the sum of £4,992 be recommended for approval by NPT Council.

 This project to be monitored as a pilot and, if considered successful, a further application may be considered.

(iii) No.099. Banwen RFC.

 Development of an outdoor toddler/family learning area and playground.

 The total cost of this project is £119,603 to be funded as follows:-

 Benefit Fund £88,603.

 Onllwyn CC £6,000.

 WRU £25,000. (decision pending.)

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 The club had been informed by the WRU that it must become an Incorporated Organisation before an application is considered. The Club’s officers and solicitor are working on this.

 It was unanimously agreed that this application in the sum of £88,603 be recommended for approval by NPT Council on condition that the WRU grant is forthcoming.

 Mr. Hinder informed that there was other work involved in providing this facility. The existing fire escape ramp needed to be replaced, funding for which he had acquired from other sources.

**6. Correspondence**.

 A letter had been received from Banwen Riding Club regarding a grant received in March 2020 for the supply of electricity to the arena. WPD had been paid “upfront” and had completed some 80% of the installation up to the arena boundary fence but were refused entry onto the land by the 2 trustees named on the lease at the Land Registry. The Club do not have the resources to take court proceedings so the cabling work cannot be completed. The Club offered to repay the grant, given time, as they would need to run several events over a lengthy period in order to raise the money.

 It was unanimously agreed to write off the debt.

**7. Clerk’s Report**. Accepted

**8. Any Other Business**.

(i) Mr. Hinder informed that following this evening’s grants there would be £32,794 left in the Fund which will be replenished in June 2023.

(ii) Mr. Kemeys tendered his resignation from the Panel. He was thanked for his services over several years.

**9. Next Meeting**. Open 9th Jan. 2023, close 10th Feb. and meet on 22nd March.

 Chairman………………….. Date…………………….

**Clerk’s Report to the Panel Meeting to be held on 22nd March 2023.**

**Income.** **£**

Call of the Wild. Following the December meeting. 4,992. 00

RFC Tots’ playground. “ “ “ “ 88,603. 00

**Payments. Cheque No.**

B.L. Parfitt, December 209 218. 50

Call of the Wild 210 4,992. 00

B.L. Parfitt, January. Salary 211 218. 50

Expenses 01.08.20 to 31.12.22 “ 50. 64

B.L.Parfitt, February 212 218. 50

**Projects ongoing**.

No. 098. Call of the Wild.

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