

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

COYCHURCH CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE

FRIDAY 30 JUNE 2017

REPORT OF THE CLERK & TECHNICAL OFFICER

RECYCLING OF METALS SCHEME DONATIONS

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to obtain the Joint Committee's nominations and approval of organisations to receive charitable funding from the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management (ICCM) scheme for the recovery of metals arising from cremations and to update the Joint Committee on charity donations made by Coychurch Crematorium.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Plan / Other Corporate Priority

- 2.1 This report is prepared and takes into consideration the following Corporate Improvement Objectives as outlined in the Councils Corporate Plan: -

- Priority one – Supporting a successful economy
- Priority two – Helping people to be more self-reliant
- Priority three – Smarter use of resources

3. Background

- 3.1 Coychurch Crematorium participates in a national scheme for the Recycling of Metals, which are derived from the cremation process. Any surplus monies after deduction of costs from the sale of metals are distributed to charities associated with bereavement services, via the ICCM.

- 3.2 The charities that receive support from the ICCM are nominated by member authorities of the Institute. The Joint Committee has previously supported charitable donations to:

- Cruse Bereavement Care (Morgannwg) in August 2012 in the sum of £4000.00;
- Bridgend Samaritans in May 2014 in the sum of £4412.00;
- Eye to Eye (RCT) in May 2015 in the sum of £4487.00;
- Macmillan Cancer Support (Wales) in October 2015 in the sum of £4321.00;

- Make a Wish UK (South West and South Wales).in April 2016 in the sum of £4444.00.
- 2 Wish Upon A Star in October 2016 in the sum of £4336.00;
- Ty-Hafan in May 2017 in the sum of £5000.00

4. **Current Situation/Proposal**

- 4.1 The nomination of charities to benefit from funding accrued from the sale of metals is presented periodically to the Joint Committee for consideration to ensure even distribution of the funding.
- 4.2 At its meeting on 24th June 2016 the Joint Committee agreed to consider a list of organisations that it wished to support in order to achieve a proactive and efficient approach to nominating funding for local charities and to rotate these on a cyclical basis. In order to ensure that a wide range of local charities receive funding an updated list of organisations is listed below for the Joint Committees consideration.

TENOVUS – helping cancer patients and their families in the local community cope and offering hope through vital research. Tenovus offers a range of services, such as a Support Line open every day, Mobile Support Units bringing chemotherapy or lymphoedema treatment closer to home, a Counselling Team, Choirs to lift spirits and unite people suffering with cancer, Cancer Support Advisors and Research.

MARIE CURIE (Bridgend) – The local Marie Curie Nurses work night and day in people’s homes across Bridgend, providing hands-on care and support to local people living with a terminal illness and their families, helping them make the most of the time they have together by delivering expert care, emotional support, research and guidance. Last year in Bridgend, the 6 Marie Curie Nurses provided over 3500 hours of care and support to more than 100 local people and their families.

CRUSE Bereavement Care (Morgannwg) - offering counselling for the bereaved. Cruse promotes the well-being of bereaved people and enables anyone bereaved to understand their grief and cope with their loss. As well as providing free care to all bereaved people, the charity also offers information, support and training services. Cruse is the UK’s largest bereavement charity. Cruse Morgannwg counsels adults and children and last year supported 174 bereaved people in the Bridgend area. They provide support through targeted information and advice, one to one sessions with trained counsellors, a support group and via a friendship group which meets twice monthly to provide ongoing social support to those left isolated following the loss of a loved one.

BRIDGEND SAMARITANS - helps children and adults through difficult times, in person at the Bridgend branch and at the Princess of Wales Hospital, answering callers by telephone, email, text and also participating in the pastoral care scheme in Bridgend Centre on Saturday nights. The branch trains listeners in Parc Prison so they can provide support to fellow prisoners. The organisation’s emotional

support programme allows general discussion in schools, colleges, training centres and doctors surgeries. The branch attends events and shows throughout the region and has been part of the multi-disciplinary team tackling the level of teenage suicides in the past few years.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT (Wales Office) - offering local support for cancer patients and their families. Last year their cash grant scheme supported 140 patients in Bridgend County Borough Council with grants totalling £42,713. In Rhondda Cynon Taff Borough Council, 246 people were assisted with a total grant of £80,978. These grants are utilised for helping with the hidden cost of cancer i.e. heating, extra food, clothing and improving the quality of people's lives.

MAKE-A-WISH UK (South West and South Wales) – grants magical wishes to children and young people fighting life-threatening conditions. It gives a desperately ill child and their family time away from the daily struggles of living with a serious condition. Make-A-Wish receives no government funding and relies on donations to assist the hundreds of seriously ill children who turn to them each year.

TY-HAFAN - Tŷ Hafan is one of the UK's leading paediatric palliative care charities and offers care to children and support for their families, throughout Wales. Tŷ Hafan offers comfort, care and support to life-limited children, young people and their families in the hospice, in the community and in their home so they can make the most of the time they have left together. They allow parents and carers to relax and recharge their batteries and they make sure the needs of brothers and sisters are never forgotten. Tŷ Hafan uses the term life-limited to describe a child not expected to live beyond 18 years of age. They have supported nearly 600 children since they opened in 1999. Importantly, they are also a family's safe haven when their child is close to the end of life, providing expert comfort and support in their darkest hours and beyond. Every year Tŷ Hafan has to raise £3.7 million to provide its free services to families in Wales.

- 4.3 The charities are listed in order of award and nominations will be provided to the ICCM in rotation, upon request and further recommendations from Members of the Joint Committee will be added to the list.

5. **Effect upon Policy Framework and Procedure Rules**

- 5.1 None.

6. **Equalities Impact Assessment**

- 6.1 Bridgend Council's Equalities Impact Toolkit has been utilised, which indicates that the nomination proposed will have no impact on specific equality groups and disability duties.

7. **Financial Implications**

- 7.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

8. Recommendation

- 8.1 The Joint Committee is recommended to note the charitable donations made by Coychurch Crematorium.
- 8.2 The Joint Committee is recommended to nominate and support the list of suitable charities, for submission for funding from the National Recycling of Metals Scheme.

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Background Papers: Equalities Impact Assessment Toolkit;
Coychurch Crematorium Joint Committee Report, 24th June 2016,
"Recycling of Meta Scheme Donations"