

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE CLERK & TECHNICAL OFFICER

COYCHURCH CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE

FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2014

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.

2. Background

- 2.1 Coychurch Crematorium participates in a national scheme for the Recycling of Metals, which are derived from cremation processes. Any surplus monies after deduction of costs from the sale of metals are distributed to charities associated with bereavement services, via the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management. (ICCM).
- 2.2 The charities that receive support from the ICCM are nominated by member authorities of the Institute. The Joint Committee has previously supported an application from Cruse (West) and Bridgend Samaritans.

3. Current Situation

- 3.1 Currently the nomination of charities to benefit from funding accrued from the sale of metals are presented year on year to Committee for consideration. While every effort is made to ensure that equitable arrangements are in place when presenting organisations to Committee for approval this approach can lead to an uneven distribution of the funding between the partner Councils to the Joint Committee.
- 3.2 In order to overcome this, in the future it is proposed that a more proactive approach is taken in seeking funding opportunities for local charities - this would also be more efficient. It is proposed that the Joint Committee considers a list of organisations that it wishes to support and to rotate these on a cyclical basis. The details of suggested charities are listed below:-

Eye to Eye (RCT) – to provide a free confidential counselling service to young people between the ages of 10 and 25 years through schools and community based projects, for Rhondda Cynon Taff.

Macmillan Cancer Support – offering local support for cancer patients and their families. Last year their grant scheme supported 140 people in Bridgend County Borough Council with £42,713. In Rhondda Cynon Taff Borough Council 246 people benefited from £80,978. These grants are utilised for helping with the hidden cost of cancer i.e. heating, extra food, clothing by improving the quality of people's lives.

Bridgend Samaritans - It helps children and adults through difficult times and participates in the pastoral care scheme in Bridgend Centre on Saturday nights. The organisation's schools support programme allows general discussion with children and the branch has been part of the multi-disciplinary team tackling the level of teenage suicides in the past few years.

CRUSE - offering counselling for the bereaved

- 3.2 Nominations will be for one charity per year and further recommendations from Members of the Joint Committee will be added to the list.

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

- 4.1 There are no effects.

5. **Equalities Impact Assessment**

- 5.1 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.

6. **Financial Implications**

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

7. **Recommendation:**

- 7.1 The Joint Committee is recommended to nominate and support a list of suitable charities, for submission for funding from the national Recycling of Metals Scheme.

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