

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

COYCHURCH CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE

FRIDAY 22 JUNE 2018

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 Objectives/Other Corporate Priorities

2.1 This report assists in the achievement of the following corporate priorities:-

1. **Supporting a successful economy** – taking steps to make the county a good place to do business, for people to live, work, study and visit, and to ensure that our schools are focused on raising the skills, qualifications and ambitions of all people in the county.
2. **Helping people to be more self-reliant** – taking early steps to reduce or prevent people from becoming vulnerable or dependent on the Council and its services.
3. **Smarter use of resources** – ensuring that all its resources (financial, physical, human and technological) are used as effectively and efficiently as possible and support the development of resources throughout the community that can help deliver the Council's priorities.

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
- Tenovus in October 2017 in the sum of £5000.00
- Marie Curie in April 2018 in the sum of £5000.00
- Stroke Association nominated in May 2018

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. The Crematorium receives a request from the ICCM to nominate a charity approximately every four months
- 4.2 At its meeting on 30th June 2017 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. These charities have approached the Crematorium for funding. Only one charity can be nominated each time.

SANDS (Stillbirth And Neonatal Death Charity) Welsh Network – helping support parents and hospitals by running support groups, providing memory boxes to hospitals, funding special bereavement suites in hospitals, funding special equipment, funding training for midwives and hospital staff to improve the quality of care and services offered to bereaved families and contributing funding to research and prevention to reduce the number of babies who die.

WELSH HEARTS – dedicated to improving heart health in Wales and since 2013 has reported to have supplied over 900 public access defibrillators, trained over 35,000 people in defibrillator use and CPR and screened over 1400 young hearts for abnormalities.

ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH UK (Wales) – reported to be the leading dementia and Alzheimer's disease research charity raising funds towards medical research for the fight against dementia. Founded in 1992 as the Alzheimer's Research Trust, the charity's mission was to defeat dementia through research. The focus shifted to funding scientists in universities to ensure that as much money as possible went directly into research. The charity reportedly now has a network of 15 centres of research excellence across the UK supporting hundreds of scientists and was a founding funder of the UK Dementia Research Institute, a landmark £250m investment in dementia research.

CLIC (Cancer and Leukaemia in Childhood) **SARGENT** (South and Mid Wales) – a leading cancer charity for children, young people and their families with care teams providing specialist support across the UK. The charity arranges grants, helps young people and families get the benefits they are entitled to, coordinates care so that some medical procedures can happen at home,

arranges free accommodation in a CLIC Sargent Home from Home and helps young cancer patients and families keep in touch with school, college or work to keep life as normal as possible. The charity also fights for young lives with cancer by taking what they tell them about the impact of cancer on their lives to the government, service providers and policy makers to improve things and make real change happen.

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 a leading bereavement charity in the UK. 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. The charity reports that last year their cash grant scheme supported 140 patients in Bridgend County Borough Council with grants totalling £42,713 and 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 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 report to 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 reports to raise £3.7 million to provide its free services to families in Wales.

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 are reported to have provided over 3500 hours of care and support to more than 100 local people and their families.

STROKE ASSOCIATION (Bridgend) - Bridgend Stroke Recovery Service provides high quality information, practical advice and emotional support following a stroke. Whether a stroke survivor, carer or family member, they will begin working with them after a stroke. They will continue to provide the support they need, both at home and in the wider community. Bridgend Stroke Recovery Service is one of the leading groups in Wales. The service offers support throughout the stroke journey, providing home visits, leaflets, factsheets and information about Life after Stroke Grants and benefits, help with returning to work, assistance accessing local leisure and social activities, support for carers and links to other organisations and networks.

4.3 The charities will be nominated by the Crematorium upon request from the ICCM and in the order in which they are listed in the report.

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 **Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 Assessment**

7.1 The report seeks approval for the distribution of charitable funds provided by the ICCM. There is no requirement for a well-being statement.

8. **Financial Implications**

8.1 The cost of any donation is funded from the ICCM and therefore has no impact on the revenue budget of Coychurch Crematorium

9. **Recommendation**

- 9.1 The Joint Committee is recommended to note the charitable donations made by Coychurch Crematorium.
- 9.2 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
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