

**BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO COYCHURCH CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE**

**3 SEPTEMBER 2021**

**REPORT OF THE CLERK & TECHNICAL OFFICER**

**RECYCLING OF METALS SCHEME DONATIONS**

**1. Purpose of 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 well-being objectives/ other corporate priorities**

- 2.1 This report assists in the achievement of the following corporate well-being objectives under the **Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**:-

1. **Supporting a successful sustainable economy** – taking steps to make the county borough a great 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 borough.
2. **Helping people and communities to be more healthy and resilient** – taking steps to reduce or prevent people from becoming vulnerable or dependent on the Council and its services. Supporting individuals and communities to build resilience, and enable them to develop solutions to have active, healthy and independent lives.
3. **Smarter use of resources** – ensuring that all resources (financial, physical, ecological, human and technological) are used as effectively and efficiently as possible and support the creation of resources throughout the community that can help to deliver the Council's well-being objectives.

**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 £4,000
- Bridgend Samaritans in May 2014 in the sum of £4,412
- Eye to Eye (RCT) in May 2015 in the sum of £4,487
- Macmillan Cancer Support (Wales) in October 2015 in the sum of £4,321
- Make a Wish UK (South West and South Wales) in April 2016 in the sum of £4,444
- 2 Wish Upon A Star in October 2016 in the sum of £4,336
- Ty-Hafan in May 2017 in the sum of £5,000
- Tenovus in October 2017 in the sum of £5,000
- Marie Curie in April 2018 in the sum of £5,000
- Stroke Association in June 2018 in the sum of £5,000
- Giving To Pink in October 2018 in the sum of £5,000
- SANDS in February 2019 in the sum of £7,000
- Welsh Hearts in June 2019 in the sum of £8,000
- Alzheimers Research UK in November 2019 in the sum of £8,000
- Clic Sargent (South & Mid Wales) in November 2020 in the sum of £10,000
- Cruse Bereavement Care Cymru in July 2021 in the sum of £10,000
- Bridgend Samaritans nominated August 2021

#### 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 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018 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.

**FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS** – established in 2004, a national charity based in Pontyclun. It inspires children and young people with learning disabilities and other difficulties (and sometimes with life limiting conditions) to follow their dreams. The charity focuses on children’s abilities, growing and developing skills through the delivery of creative and interactive events, community groups and workshops.

**WINSTON’S WISH** – set up in 1992 to meet the needs of bereaved children, young people and their families in the UK. The charity offers a wide range of emotional, practical support and guidance to bereaved children, their families and professionals. The charity is reported to currently support 40,000 bereaved children and young people per year. Their expert teams offer one off and ongoing bereavement support in individual group and residential settings, and via a national helpline, online resources, specialist publications and training for

professionals. The charity is reportedly the only specialist national provider of support for children bereaved through murder, manslaughter, suicide, military or hard to reach families. Winston's Wish also operate SWITCH, a community outreach bereavement support service for vulnerable children and young people aged between 8-14. The service is targeted at vulnerable children who are bereaved of a parent/carer, grandparent or sibling. It is reported that in 2019 Winston's Wish responded to 84 calls from within the former Glamorgan counties.

**ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY** (South West Wales) – reported to be the UK's leading dementia charity, working to challenge perceptions, to fund research to find a cure, while improving and providing care and support. There are reported to be 850,000 people with dementia, set to double in the next two decades.

**MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT** (Cymru) - offering local support for cancer patients and their families, the money raised in Wales is spent in local communities to help local people living with cancer. The charity reports that during 2020, Macmillan gave more than £620,000 in hardship grants to 1,967 people with cancer across Wales, helping with the hidden cost of cancer i.e. travel to hospital appointments, heating, extra food, clothing and improving the quality of people's lives.

**TY-HAFAN** – 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 **850** 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** – Tenovus Cancer Care is a Welsh cancer charity that supports cancer patients and their families, funds cancer research and works to raise awareness of how to prevent cancer. It has supported people affected by cancer in Wales for over 70 years bringing treatment, support and care closer to home for cancer patients in Wales and funding life-saving and life-changing 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** (Wales) – providing care and support for more than 3,500 people living with a terminal illness in Wales each year. There are around 150 Marie Curie Nurses working in Wales, caring for around 2,400 terminally ill people and their families in their homes each year. The Marie Curie Hospice, Cardiff and the Vale, in Penarth, cares for around 1,000 people each year, including people staying in the hospice and those going in for the day to use the hospice's services. The services are offered free of charge to people with any terminal

illness and they need to raise around £4.5 million a year to fund their hospices and nursing care in Wales. Marie Curie campaigns on behalf of people living with a terminal illness and their families, to make sure they can access the high quality care they need when they need it most.

**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.

**CRUSE Bereavement Care** (Cymru) - 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 provides local 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** - set up in 1972, Bridgend Samaritans have been supporting our local community for over 45 years. There are 88 volunteers who provide a telephone, email and face to face listening service every day of the week, including weekends and overnights. In 2019 they spent over 4,500 hours on the phone answering over 24,000 calls and replied to 1,000 email messages. 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.

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. Equality Act 2010 implications**

6.1 The protected characteristics identified within the Equality Act, Socio-economic Duty and the impact on the use of the Welsh Language have been considered in the preparation of this report. As a public body in Wales the Council must consider the impact of strategic decisions, such as the development or the review of policies, strategies, services and functions. This is an information report, therefore it is not necessary to carry out an Equality Impact assessment in

the production of this report. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable equality impacts as a result of this report.

## **7. Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 implications**

- 7.1 The well-being goals identified in the Act were considered in the preparation of this report. It is considered that there is no significant or unacceptable impact upon the achievement of well-being goals/objectives as a result of this report.

## **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. Recommendations:**

- 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, 22<sup>nd</sup> June  
2018, "Recycling of Metal Scheme Donations".