

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE CLERK & TECHNICAL OFFICER

COYCHURCH CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE

FRIDAY 24TH JUNE 2016

RECYCLING OF METALS SCHEME DONATIONS

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to obtain the Joint Committee' 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. Background

- 2.1 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 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 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;
- 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.

3. Current Situation/Proposal

- 3.1 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 between the partner Councils to the Joint Committee.
- 3.2 At its meeting on 12th June 2015 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.

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.

MARIE CURIE (Cardiff and The Vale) – The Marie Curie Hospice in Penarth offers specialist care for people living with a terminal illness and support for families, completely free. The hospice underwent an extensive refurbishment in 2012 to improve levels of privacy and dignity for patients and their families. They offer 30 beds in their in-patient unit, with more single occupancy rooms, en-suite and upgraded family rooms in bright, modern facilities overlooking the sea. They have a fully-equipped day service department and some services are offered in patients' homes. They aim to promote the best quality of life and death according to the wishes of the individual person. Their services include physical, emotional and spiritual care for patients together with support for the people who are close to them. They aim to meet the needs of people from all cultures and communities. The hospice employs a team of health and social care professionals, including medical and nursing staff; specially trained in pain and symptom control; occupational therapists, chaplains, physiotherapists and social workers.

2 WISH UPON A STAR - The aims of 2 Wish Upon a Star are to raise funds to improve bereavement services in Wales. Emphasis is on bereavement support for parents after losing their child suddenly and traumatically. The charity's aims are: to ensure every Accident and Emergency Department in Wales has suitable bereavement suites for bereaved relatives; that bereavement boxes are available for parents at each of these hospitals; that immediate bereavement support is available for parents and siblings; to provide a professional counselling service for bereaved parents.

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 from the Bridgend area.

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.

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 by 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.

- 3.3 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.

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 asked to note the charitable donations made by Coychurch Crematorium.
- 7.2 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

