

**MINUTES OF THE POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2016.**

**Present :** Councillor J Criddle ( Chair )  
Councillors A Farina-Childs & W Baber

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors L Thomas, G Hale ,P Cook & J Weeks

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest made at this point

**3. To Receive the Minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> . March 2016**

It was *resolved* the minutes be received

**4. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising

**5. Applications for Financial Assistance**

The Clerk circulated his report on applications received from the last meeting.

Each application was considered in some detail, and after some discussion it was *agreed* to recommend to Town Council that the following grants be awarded –

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Libanus Primary School	250
Blackwood Musical Theatre Society	250

It was also *agreed* not to recommend a grant to CHAD ( based in Bargoed ), as it was considered to provide a somewhat similar service as Disability CANDO ( based in Pontllanfraith ) in offering help and advice to the disabled and disadvantaged.

## **6. Annual Return for Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup>. March 2016**

The Clerk circulated his report, and copies of the relevant pages identifying the Accounting Statement for 2015/2016 and the Annual Governance Statements Parts 1 & 2.

He explained that the figures shown in the Accounting Statement was based on the figures contained in the Annual Accounts approved by Town Council at the last meeting.

Members compared the figures on the Statement and satisfied themselves all was in order.

It was **agreed** to recommend acceptance of the Accounting Statement to Town Council.

Members then turned their attention to the Annual Governance Statements Part 1 & 2 and considered each in turn.

After some discussion members were confident that Part 1- Statements 1 – 8 could be answered positively ( albeit 4 – the notice is to be posted on 30<sup>th</sup>. May and 6 – the internal auditor has yet to complete the audit ) by the time Council consider the item.

Statement 9 Trust funds – Not Applicable

Part 2 – Statements 1 – 3 could be answered positively

It was **agreed** to recommend same to Town Council