

ISLE OF ANGLESEY CHARITABLE TRUST

COMMITTEE	ISLE OF ANGLESEY CHARITABLE TRUST
DATE	23 JANUARY 2019
TITLE OF REPORT	Future Funding for Urdd and Anglesey Young Farmers
PURPOSE OF REPORT	To consider how to deal with future funding applications from Urdd and Anglesey Young Farmers
REPORT BY	Treasurer – Isle of Anglesey Charitable Trust
ACTION	To consider the report and resolve how to deal with future funding applications from the 2 organisations

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In June 2014, the Trust resolved to award the Urdd an annual grant of £40k per annum for a period of 5 years and to award to the Anglesey Young Farmers an annual grant of £30k for the same 5 year period.
- 1.2 The County Council had previously provided financial support to both organisations but due to the financial pressures faced by the Council this funding was cut and the grant awarded by the Trust allowed both organisations to continue and develop the work undertaken to provide a programme of activities and support for the young people of Anglesey.
- 1.3 Although the grant was awarded for the financial years 2014/15, 205/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19, only £23,333 of the £40,000 awarded was paid over to the Urdd in 2014/15 and only £7,500 of the £30,000 awarded was paid over to the Anglesey Young Farmers in 2014/15. As a result £16,667 will be paid to the Urdd in 2019/20 and £22,500 will be paid to the Anglesey Young Farmers in 2019/20.

2. DEALING WITH FUTURE APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT FUNDING

- 2.1 Up until 2016, the Trust only awarded grants up to £8,000 through a formal application process although it had awarded larger grants to a number of other organisations on an ad-hoc basis, with applications assessed on their own merits with no consideration of any other potential applications. Both the Urdd and Anglesey Young Farmers had received their grant funding through this ad-hoc process.
- 2.2 Given the number of organisations that were coming forward seeking grant funding above the £8,000 limit and in order to have a more structured and controlled approach, which allowed grants to be awarded in a fair and transparent way, the Trust resolved to introduce a larger grants process from 2017. Funding of these grants would be from the growth in the capital value of the portfolio and this also reduced the demand to fund grants in their entirety from the annual revenue income generated.
- 2.3 Despite this formal structured process being in place since 2017, the Trust has awarded a grant to the Menter Môn Leader project (24 January 2018) and pupils from Ysgol Gyfun Llangefni (27 June 2018) outside the annual large grant process. In addition the Trust has resolved in principle to award a grant to the Anglesey Island Games Association to assist them with funding the hosting of the Games in 2025 (28 February 2018).
- 2.4 At the meeting in December 2017, the Trust also resolved that applications from organisations that have previously received funding within the last 5 years can be considered as part of the larger grants process, but only when all other applications have been considered and funding remains unallocated.

- 2.5 Applications have again been invited from organisations for large grants and the deadline for receiving the applications is 25 January 2019, and the applications will be considered by the Regeneration Committee, at its meeting on 13 February 2019. The final decision on the awarding of grants will be taken by the Trust at its meeting on 16 April 2019.
- 2.6 Both the Secretary and Treasurer of the Trust have met with representatives of both the Urdd and Anglesey Young Farmers informing them that the Trust will be asked to consider how any future funding applications will be dealt with and to ask each organisation to submit an application for future funding.
- 2.7 At the meeting of the Trust on 12 December 2018, where the funding of both the Urdd and Anglesey Young Farmers were discussed, Members accepted that both organisations are paramount in affording young people opportunities to take part in competitions and activities, however it was also considered that all organisations should be dealt equally as part of the grant awarding process.

3. OPTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

- 3.1 In dealing with the funding applications from the Urdd and Anglesey Young Farmers the following options are available:-

1. To consider the Urdd and / or Anglesey Young Farmers as favoured organisations and to deal with their funding applications outside the large grants process with the possibility that the organisations would be funded more than once every 5 years i.e. contrary to the resolution in December 2017 (see paragraph 2.4 above). If the Trust decide to follow this option both organisations have indicated that they would wish to attend the Trust meeting in person to provide Trust Members with information on what the organisations have done with the funding received since 2014 and how the further funding would allow the organisations to continue to develop the work they undertake. Given that both organisations will continue to receive funding in 2019, there is no urgency to deal with the applications and they could be considered by the Trust in the Spring or early Summer.

Granting a favoured status does not automatically result in additional funding being awarded to the two organisations. Any decision on future funding would require a further decision by the Trust after having assessed the merits of the applications.

2. To consider the applications received from both organisations as part of the larger grant process and allow the Regeneration Committee to recommend to the Trust whether to support the applications or not. It will be for the Regeneration Committee to decide whether the organisations are invited to give a formal presentation on their work to the Committee.
3. To consider the applications received by both organisations as part of the larger grant process, as above, but to only consider the applications when all other applications have been considered, in accordance with the Trust's decision in December 2017.

4. DECISION FOR THE COMMITTEE

- 4.1** The Committee is requested to consider whether to treat the Urdd and/or Anglesey Young Farmers as favoured organisations and to consider their applications for further funding outside the formal large grant process. If the decision is not to treat the two organisations more favourably, the Committee is asked to consider whether the applications can be considered with all others by the Regeneration Committee or whether the applications can only be considered once all new applications have been considered and that funding remains unallocated.
- 4.2** The Committee is requested to consider whether they wish to increase the budget for allocations in 2019/20, either by funding the increase from revenue income or from the increase in the capital value of the investments.

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