

Isle Of Anglesey Charitable Trust Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 22 April 2014

- PRESENT:** T. Victor Hughes(Chair)
- Lewis Davies, Jeff M. Evans, Jim Evans, Ann Griffith, John Griffith, Derlwyn R. Hughes, Kenneth P. Hughes, T.Ll. Hughes, Vaughan Hughes, Llinos M. Huws, Gwilym O. Jones, H. Eifion Jones, Richard O. Jones, R.Ll. Jones, R. Meirion Jones, Alun Mummery, Bob Parry OBE, Dylan Rees, J. Arwel Roberts, Nicola Roberts, Alwyn Rowlands, Ieuan Williams.
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Secretary,
Committee Officer (MEH).
- APOLOGIES:** Richard A. Dew, W.T. Hughes, Aled M. Jones, Carwyn Jones, Peter S. Rogers, Dafydd R. Thomas.
- ALSO PRESENT:** Mr. Gerallt Llewelyn Jones, Managing Director (Menter Môn)

The Chair welcomed Mr. Gerallt Llewelyn Jones, Managing Director of Menter Môn to the meeting.

1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mr. Derwyn R. Hughes wished it to be noted that he is employed by Medrwn Môn who share office accommodation with Menter Môn.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 March, 2014 were confirmed.

ARISING THEREON

Members questioned if a report was to be presented to the next full Charitable Trust on the issue raised at the last meeting regarding discussions to raise the capital funding for grant allocations. The Secretary responded that application forms for grants has been sent out for the 2014/2015 municipal year and that discussions will need to be considered for the 2015/2016 grant allocation process. He further noted that the grant allocation guidelines will also need to be considered.

3 APPLICATION FOR MATCH FUNDING FOR EUROPEAN COMMUNITY GRANT IN RURAL WALES

The Secretary reported that the Isle of Anglesey Charitable Trust has allocated match funding to Menter Môn over the years. He stated that these match funding allocations are separate from the yearly grant funding process to playing fields, village/community halls etc.

The Isle of Anglesey Charitable Trust has a Regeneration Committee who has been considering economic funding and European Grant for Rural Areas.

A presentation was received by Mr. Gerallt Llewelyn Jones, Managing Director of Menter Môn in relation to an application for match funding of £330,000 for European Community Grant in Rural Wales 2014 – 2019.

Mr. Jones stated that the funding will draw upon £2,805,000 of EARDF and other funding assigned through the EU Rural Development Plan's LEADER programme to assist the economic restructuring

of the Isle of Anglesey. This funding covers the period between 1st July, 2014 and 31st December 2017. Figures indicate that the Charitable Trust's funding will amount to 10.5% of a total fund of £3,135,000.

He gave a background of Menter Môn from its establishment in 1995. The company does not distribute profit; it has wholly altruistic purposes of adding economic value and creating jobs. Annog Cyf., is a subsidiary commercial company of Menter Môn and both employ 65 staff and in 2013 returned a turnover of £7m.

The Isle of Anglesey Charitable Trust agreed to provide Menter Môn with £300k of funds to produce a total budget of £3m for 2010 – 2014 which was concentrated upon Village Enhancements and Community Enterprises and Services. 18 capital projects were completed, 15 town communities/villages received investment, 25 community groups advised, 219 individuals advised, 41,600 population of the areas receiving benefit and 1,212 children benefiting from the works.

The European Community Grant Programme 2014 – 2019 will be targeted towards :-

- Exploitation of digital technology
- Facilitating pre commercial development, business partnerships and short supply chains
- Exploring new ways of providing non-statutory local services
- Renewable Energy at Community Level
- Adding value to local identity and natural and cultural resources

Issues raised by the Members of the Trust :-

- Questions raised as to the percentage of the grant allocation taken up by administration. Mr. Gerallt Ll. Jones responded that less than 10% of the grant would be used for administration purposes.
- Questions raised whether organisations are able to obtain a grant from Menter Môn and the Isle of Anglesey Charitable Trust for the same project. Mr. Gerallt Ll. Jones responded the grant application would need to separate i.e. for a different venture within the project.
- The need for the Charitable Trust to investigate the possibility of the Town of Amlwch to be able to apply for grant funding from the funds of the Isle of Anglesey Charitable Trust. It was noted that Amlwch at present are unable to apply for funding from the Charitable Trust as noted within the Trust Deed.
- Members of the Trust ascertain whether the financial accounts of Menter Môn could be available for inspection. Mr. Gerallt Ll. Jones responded that the accounts are sent to the Economic Development Department on an yearly basis. He noted that he would be happy to afford the Members of the full Trust the financial accounts of Menter Môn for 2013.

Following further deliberations, it was **RESOLVED** :-

- **To support, in principle, the application for match funding for European Community Grant in Rural Wales;**
- **That the Regeneration Committee shall discuss the matter in detail together with the guidelines for the allocation of match funding grants and report back to the next full Charitable Trust.**

MR. T. VICTOR HUGHES
Chair