

LLANGADOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DONATIONS POLICY

ADOPTED APRIL 2024

Donations are made available by Llangadog Community Council through Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. Section 137.

The Community Council receives a large number of requests for financial support during each year, and priority is given to charities and organisations based within and bordering the Community Council area or ones that offer services that directly benefit the community.

Llangadog Community Council has adopted the following policy:

- The maximum sum, the Community Council set aside each financial year for donations, is to be agreed upon annually at the full Council meeting.
- Financial requests are normally considered each March, in exceptional circumstances and where there is a time constraint, applications may be considered at other times.
- All applications for donations must be made in writing and submitted to the Clerk by Email to Llangadogcommunitycouncil@yahoo.co.uk
- All donation applications will be decided at the Finance Meeting held in March.
- Llangadog Community Council must satisfy itself that the donation will benefit the area and a significant number of residents.

- Councillors must feel confident that appropriate management mechanisms and financial controls are in place within the applicant's organisation
- If the donation requests received exceed the donation monies available in a financial year, then Councillors will target donations which benefit as many people as possible within the community.
- All proposed expenditure must be detailed in the Community Council's annual budget meeting, to enable calculation of the Council's precept
- Only one grant will be given to any group or organisation, or for any particular purpose, in any financial year (1st April to 31st March).
- Grants cannot be awarded after the relevant event or project has been completed.
- Successful applicants shall provide details of to whom payment should be made and acknowledge receipt of the payment.

Donations Conditions:

- Donations will not normally be awarded to individuals.
- Donations will not be awarded to fund activities of a political nature
- The Community Council will assess applications with particular reference to the number of residents likely to benefit, or whether any particular category of residents would receive specific benefit. Where a request for a grant/donation is agreed, the Council shall determine the amount, using the figure stated by the applicant as a guide only.

- The donation must be used for the stated purpose only
- Organisations applying for a donation should be properly constituted, with appointed officers.
- Donations will be awarded on the assumption that other sources of income have been sought.
- The donation must be used for the purpose for which the application was made
- All donations will be published on the Llangadog Community Council website.