**Charitable Giving Policy 2020**

**for**

**Grwp Cymunedol Rowen Community Group**

**Aims**

The aims of the Grwp Cymunedol Rowen Community Group, hereafter the “Group”, is defined within the Constitution.

**Fund Raising**

Funds are largely raised by various activities throughout the year hosted by the Group’s Management Committee though supported by a keen network of volunteers.

**Giving**

It is intended that the Group should be giving to worthwhile causes and charities. To facilitate the decision-making process this Policy provides guidelines as to what causes we will support and the selection process.

It should be noted that whilst any giving may primarily consist of financial support it may not necessarily be restricted to this, and might include advice, time and practical support, as needed or practicable from time to time.

**Nominations**

Nominations for chosen charities will be invited from any member of the Rowen Community and must be submitted in writing. The Nominator will explain why they have selected their charity and indicate how much they would like given to it.

**Any charity nominated should be either aligned to life in the village or have been of direct benefit to the local community.**

Nominations should be received by the Group’s Secretary at least 4 weeks before the AGM. Clearly the number of charities that can be supported each year will be dictated by how much surplus funds exist.

Should no charities or good causes be nominated then the Committee will be empowered to either distribute any monies to local organisations/charities or retain funds on account for the coming year.

**Process**

At the end of each financial year (currently end of September) and after the accounts have been audited, funds will be set aside to cover:

a)  The total fixed costs of the Car Boot Sale for the coming year (just in case all the boot sales are called off). These to include (but not exclusively) Insurance, Memorial Hall meetings, grass cutting costs.

b) Any expenditure needed for planned events taking place before the start of the new Car Boot Sales year.

c)  A contingency of £500 to cover unforeseen expenditures.

Following these set asides the remaining balance can be distributed to local charities or good causes within the village. The total funds to be distributed will be set by the Treasurer in conjunction with the Chair and Vice-Chair before the AGM. The amount that can be given to each donee will usually fall in a band between a minimum of £100 and a maximum of £500.

All nominations will be on a voting paper to be given to each attendee at the AGM; if any eligible person cannot attend in person, they may request a postal vote which must reach the Secretary a week before the AGM.

Each person will rank their top three charities and the votes will be totalled at the end of the meeting. A decision can be made as to the number of charities who will benefit at the AGM.

**Areas we do not intend giving to:**

Political parties

Advertising and media agencies

**Disputes**

In the unlikely event that the AGM cannot agree on any particular giving, the decision will fall back onto the Management Committee, with the Chair having a casting vote if required.

**Amendments to this Policy**

This Policy can be amended at a Special General Meeting, subject to the same due process as defined in the latest Constitution.