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**Housing association makes local drama group 'Jump' for joy**



Melin Homes has awarded a Torfaen youth drama group with funding under its 'Jump' community grant scheme.

Jackson's drama group, who are based in Pontypool, used the grant to buy props, face masks and face paints. These were presented to the group this week

by Mark Gardner, Chief Executive of Melin Homes when he visited them during their weekly workshop.

Kate Jackson, who runs the group said “We were thrilled to be given a grant from Melin’s Jump fund. The group has only been going for a year and already we have forty members. This grant will ensure that we have enough props and supplies to keep going.”

Mark, Chief Executive of Melin Homes said: “We have always been committed to supporting local groups and initiatives, and our Jump fund provides a structured and fair way for us to allocate funds to ensure we maximise benefits for our residents and communities. We wish Jackson’s Drama Group every success with their future productions and we are delighted that our contribution will help with these”.

Melin’s Jump fund provides grants of up to £250 for groups and organisations that benefit Melin residents and the communities in which the housing association operates. The fund can sponsor a wide range of projects including sport and youth clubs, environmental improvement schemes and those for social gain.

Melin residents, voluntary groups and not-for-profit organisations working within Melin communities can apply for sponsorship from the Jump fund. Grants are awarded four times a year. Please call Melin on 08453 101102 or e-mail [enquiries@melinhomes.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@melinhomes.co.uk) for an application form.

Jackson’s Drama Group meet at Garndiffaith Millennium Hall every Monday at 7.30pm. Please call Kate on 07527318212 for more information.

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**Photo caption:** ‘Mark Gardner, Melin’s Chief Executive with members of the Jackson drama group.’

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