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Dear Mike

Thank you for your letter regarding a petition for a statue to honour former rugby league player Billy Boston. In principle, I would have no objection to a statue being erected in Billy's honour.

Should the Petitions Committee wish to support the request, my officials responsible for the Tourism Product Innovation Fund have stated that although no firm guarantees can be made they would be willing to discuss the project with the CIACS. Below is a web link which contains advice, including the appropriate contact details of the relevant officials:-

<https://businesswales.gov.wales/dmwales/sites/dmwales/files/documents/Tourism%20Product%20Innovation%20Fund-Guidance%202017-2019%20pdf.pdf>

The First Minister has previously responded to a similar request from a different source and his advice suggested the correspondents should contact the Arts Council of Wales (ACW) to discuss the matter. Working within the strategic framework that the Welsh Government sets, the ACW are best placed to provide support and advice to artists and make direct grants to individuals (normally from its National Lottery programmes) as well as to arts organisations.

The contact details for ACW are:

Arts Council of Wales,  
Bute Place,  
Cardiff,  
CF10 5AL  
Tel: 0845 8734 900  
[www.arts.wales](http://www.arts.wales)  
[www.arts.wales/what-we-do/funding/apply](http://www.arts.wales/what-we-do/funding/apply)

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

ACW's website also contains information on other sources of funding.

I trust you will find this information helpful.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken', written in a cursive style.

**Ken Skates AC/AM**

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