

# **POLICY AND RESOURCES CABINET BOARD**

**28<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015**

## **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES**

### **SECTION A – MATTER FOR DECISION**

**Wards Affected – BLAENHONDDAN**

#### **COMMUNITY COUNCILS MINOR PROJECTS SCHEME – APPLICATION**

##### **Purpose of Report**

We have received an application for grant aid under the above mentioned scheme from Blaenhonddan Community Council. This application is for the repair of playgrounds in Caewern, Cadoxton, Cilfrew and Ynysygerwn with an estimated cost of £46k plus VAT. A fifth playground Leiros Parc needs greater attention and replacement of equipment/provision of safety surfacing with an estimated cost of £27k. A local contractor will be painting equipment at a cost of just under £2k. The total estimated cost of the project is £75k. A further application may be received in future years for the refurbishment of two of the playgrounds when external funding may become available.

The Community Council has identified £15k from within its budget, external funding of £15k and if this application is successful for £6k then the residual sum of £39k will be funded from their reserves.

##### **Background**

A grants scheme has been introduced in order to assist Community Councils in undertaking minor capital projects which will alleviate to some degree the perceived unfairness about “double rating”.

### **Recommendation**

The application from Blaenhonddan Community Council complies with the conditions of grant and I therefore recommend that support at 30% up to a maximum of £6,000 in accordance with the Minor Projects Grants Scheme be made on receipt of paid invoices together with a copy bank statement.

### **Reason for Proposed Decision**

The decision is in compliance with the approved policy and to enable community improvements.

### **List of Background Papers**

Application Form.

### **Officer Contact**

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## **COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**

### **COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINOR PROJECTS SCHEME**

(a) **Implementation of Decision**

The decision is proposed for implementation after the 3 day call-in period.

(b) **Sustainability Appraisal**

Community Plan Impacts:

Economic Prosperity	Positive
Education and Lifelong Learning	Positive
Better Health and Well Being	Positive
Environment and Transport	Positive
Crime and Disorder	No impact

Other Impacts:

Welsh Language	No impact
Sustainable Development	Neutral
Equalities	Positive
Social Inclusion	Positive

(c) **Consultation**

There has been no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.