

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES CABINET BOARD

14 JUNE 2017

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE &
CORPORATE SERVICES – MR. HYWEL JENKINS**

MATTER FOR DECISION

WARDS AFFECTED –Seven Sisters

**COMMUNITY COUNCILS MINOR PROJECTS SCHEME –
APPLICATION**

Purpose of Report

1. To seek Members' approval to provide a grant to Seven Sisters Community Council under the Council's Minor Projects Scheme.

Background and Financial Impact

2. Neath Port Talbot Council has approved a Community Council Minor Projects Grants Scheme in order to assist Community Councils in undertaking minor capital projects which will alleviate to some degree the perceived unfairness about "double rating". Approved grants are required to be claimed within two years of approval.
3. The Council has received an application for grant aid under the above mentioned scheme from Seven Sisters Community Council. This application is for grant assistance towards the cost of replacing play equipment following an unsatisfactory report by ROSPA at a teenage play park and under 8 yrs of age play area in the community of Seven Sisters with an estimated cost of £155,000 plus VAT. The play grounds in Seven Sisters are very well used.

4. The Community Council have been granted a loan of £25,000 from Welsh Government PWLB and have applied for a grant of £118,000 from the Welsh Government Rural Development Programme.

Consultation

5. There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

Proposal

6. The application from Seven Sisters Community Council complies with the conditions of grant and is entitled to grant support at 60% up to a maximum of £12,000 in accordance with the Minor Projects Grants Scheme and payment be made on receipt of paid invoices together with a copy bank statement.

Recommendation

7. It is recommended that Members approve a maximum grant of £12,000 to Seven Sisters Community Council.

Reason for Proposed Decision

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

Implementation of Decision

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

List of Background Papers

10. Application form from Seven Sisters Community Council.

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