

**NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**POLICY AND RESOURCES CABINET BOARD**

**13 DECEMBER 2017**

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

**MATTER FOR DECISION**

**WARDS AFFECTED – Cilybebyll**

**COMMUNITY COUNCILS MINOR PROJECTS SCHEME –  
APPLICATION – CILYBEBYLL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To seek Members' approval to provide a grant to Cilybebyll 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 Cilybebyll Community Council. This application is for grant assistance towards the cost of improving the site drainage, new play equipment, safety surfacing, fencing and access path for Lon Tanyrallt Playground in Alltwen in the community of Cilybebyll with an estimated cost of £70,000 plus VAT. The project would replace the existing poor facilities and improve the safety of the playground for the use of children in the area.

4. The Community Council have submitted a funding bid to WREN's Community Fund in the amount of £50,000 and Council Minor Projects Grant of £9,000 with a balance coming from their own funds. A decision from WREN is expected in February 2018. If the bid is unsuccessful the Community Council will seek to progress a phased scheme. Phase 1 would comprise appropriate work from the approved scheme, funded by the Community Council's own resources and the Minor Projects Grant if approved.

### **Consultation**

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

### **Proposal**

6. The application from Cilybebyll Community Council complies with the conditions of grant and is entitled to grant support at 45% up to a maximum of £9,000 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 £9,000 to Cilybebyll 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 Cilybebyll Community Council.

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