

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES CABINET BOARD

7 MARCH 2018

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

MATTER FOR DECISION

WARDS AFFECTED – BLAENGWRACH

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

Purpose of Report

1. To seek Members' approval to provide a grant to Blaengwrach 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 Blaengwrach Community Council. This application is for grant assistance towards the cost of redeveloping and improving the provision currently on offer at the Welfare Park in Cwmgwrach. Grant assistance from the minor projects scheme would be used to facilitate stage 1 of the works ie Demolition and Drainage works at the Welfare Park. The estimated cost of Stage 1 is £25,000.

4. The Community Council will be submitting a funding bid to the next funding round of the Selar Opencast Blaengwrach Community Benefit Fund for the remainder of Stage 1 project costs. The result of that funding bid will be determined on 8th May 2018.
5. Stage 2 of the development is for a multi-faceted play/MUGA, bollard lighting and community art project. Bids to the Selar Opencast Fund and Pen y Cymoedd Wind Farm Fund will then be submitted later this year.

Consultation

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

Proposal

7. The application from Blaengwrach Community Council complies with the conditions of grant and is entitled to grant support at 70% up to a maximum of £14,000 in accordance with the Minor Projects Grants Scheme and payment be made on receipt of paid invoices together with a copy bank statement.

Recommendation

8. It is recommended that Members approve a maximum grant of £14,000 to Blaengwrach Community Council.

Reason for Proposed Decision

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

Implementation of Decision

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

List of Background Papers

11. Application form from Blaengwrach Community Council.

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