

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cabinet

5th December 2018

Report - Head of Transformation (ELLL) Andrew Thomas

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected:

Margam

Project Proposal made to the Members Community Fund - Margam Community Centre, Defibrillator

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek Cabinet approval to fund a project proposal that requests financial support under the Members Community Fund. The project has been tabled by the respective Ward Member.

Executive Summary

2. The Members Community Fund was approved in its present form at Cabinet Board on the 16.05.18 and was launched at an All Members Seminar on the 14.06.18. The Fund is to be used to address

local needs and to support projects and initiatives that will contribute towards creating vibrant and sustainable communities.

The Project Development & Funding Unit (PDFU) within ELLL is charged with the governance of the Fund and will act as the Grant Management Organisation.

Bids can be made for projects that enhance existing Council services, assist voluntary sector provision or form part of a larger initiative that is in need of additional financial support.

Eligible projects will include those that enrich the environment, promote non - statutory education and learning, assist Health & Well Being, and promote culture and / or recreation in all its forms.

Another project proposal now seeks funding and has been formally submitted to the PDFU. The bid has been checked for completeness, accuracy and deliverability and is 'fit for purpose' and ready for determination by Cabinet.

Project Proposal

3. Supply and installation of a defibrillator in Margam Community Centre, Bertha Road, Margam.

This bid has been developed to 'Assist Voluntary Sector providers.'

Margam Community Centre is a lively community hub which houses numerous voluntary groups including the Glamorgan Wood Turners, Stroke Club, Age Connects NPT, 'Steps' and 'Celtic' dance groups, Karate, Zumba, Keep Fit and the 'Little Dragons' after school club. In total the Community Centre hosts some 800-1000 individuals per month. Due to the ever growing number of users, the Management Committee wish to provide emergency medical equipment in the form of a battery-operated defibrillator which will be mounted on a wall in the main hall.

The defibrillator will be procured and installed through the Registered Charity, 'Cariad.' The defibrillator will be easy to use, featuring a full-colour display with vivid rescue images, Cardiopulmonary

Resuscitation (CPR) cycle timer and a gauge that shows CPR compression depth. It is suitable to be used on individuals of any age.

Along with the defibrillator, 'Cariad' will make arrangements for a volunteer from the Welsh Ambulance Service to provide free basic life support training and defibrillator training for the user groups in the Community Centre.

The need for this initiative has come to the attention of the local Councillor. Representations have been made by the Management Committee of the Community Centre that due to the sheer number of users and the variety of ages and abilities, emergency medical equipment should be on hand in the event of a sudden cardiac arrest. Statistics provided by 'Cariad' indicate that 8,000 people suffer a cardiac arrest outside of the hospital environment every year in Wales, and at present the survival rate is just 3%, but with immediate treatment from a defibrillator many lives can be saved. In the unfortunate event of a cardiac arrest seconds count and the provision of a defibrillator would allow users of the Community Centre to perform emergency medical treatment whilst waiting for the Emergency Services to respond.

The request for Grant aid from the Members Community Fund is for £1,100.00 which is the full cost of the defibrillator, its mounting and the associated training (no match funding). This is the second proposal received to the Members Community Fund from Cllr Jones and if it prevails he will have £7,740.06 remaining in his Members Fund allocation to develop further priority projects.

Financial Impact

4. In order to win favour in Cabinet all projects must be sustainable. Projects must have a robust exit strategy that places no additional revenue or financial burden on the Council.

The defibrillator will be the responsibility of the Management Committee of Margam Community Centre, who have made an ongoing commitment to ensuring that it is appropriately insured and maintained for the foreseeable future.

The defibrillator comes with a 10 year care package from 'Cariad' which includes maintenance, service and regular inspections, replacement batteries/ pads following use or expiry, a 24hr emergency call out service and a commitment to providing an immediate replacement in the unlikely event of theft or damage.

This scheme has no financial implications for NPTCBC.

Equality Impact Assessment

5. There is no requirement under the Constitution for an Equality Impact Assessment on this item.

Workforce Impacts

6. There are no workforce impacts associated with this report.

Legal Impacts

7. The delivery of the Members Community Fund will come within the purview of the Local Government Act 2000 which introduced well-being powers which enable every Local Authority to have capacity to do anything which it considers likely to promote an improvement to economic, social or environmental well-being in the area. Under section 56 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 sanction is given for both Executive and Non - Executive Members to invest within their own Ward.

The Council's Constitution should be referred to for explicit guidance on governance.

Risk Management

8. There are no risk management issues associated with this report.

Consultation

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

Recommendations

10. In line with the earlier agreed Council policies and priorities, the proposal has been thoroughly scrutinised and is deemed to be credible, well thought through and sustainable. The project proposal is recommended for approval and financial support under the Members Community Fund.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

11. To approve the Application for funding that has been received under the Members Community Fund. The Members Community Fund will continue to receive bids until the due deadline date of 31.03.2020.

Implementation of Decision

12. The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

List of Background Papers

13. This Margam initiative has been developed from the Members Community Fund Application Form submitted by Councillor Rob Jones which has been retained for reference.

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