

# **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **Cabinet**

20 February 2019

### **Report of the Head of Transformation - A.Thomas**

#### **Matter for Decision**

#### **Wards Affected:**

Aberdulais

#### **Project Proposal made to the Members Community Fund**

#### **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 submitted by one of the Ward Member for Aberdulais.

#### **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. Aberdulais Traffic Regulation Order**

This bid has been developed by the Ward Member for Aberdulais and will involve the making of a no waiting at any time Traffic Regulation Order, advertising for its enforcement, design work and the marking of clipped double yellow lines on the junction of Ger - Yr- Afon with Cefn - Yr - Allt and Forest Hill.

The need for this initiative has come to the attention of the local Councillor and Officers within the Highways Dept. Residents are concerned that indiscriminate parking at this junction reduces visibility for both pedestrians and motorists making the access and egress at the splay dangerous.

The project has the support of the NPTCBC Engineering and Transport Division. It is seen as an enhancement to Council services and will be maintained into the future as part of the highway asset infrastructure.

The total cost of this scheme is £2,000.00. The request for Grant aid from the Members Community Fund is for 100% of the project cost from Councillor Doreen Jones's allocation.

## **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 project will be sustained in the long term in accordance with Highways infrastructure and the ongoing maintenance regime.

## **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. That the project proposal for the provision of a 'no waiting at any time' Traffic Order is approved and that Councillor Jones's allocation of £2,000.00 under the Members Community Fund be awarded.

## **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 Aberdulais initiative has been developed from the Members Community Fund Application Form submitted by Councillor Jones and the advice given by the NPTCBC Engineering & Transport Division within the Directorate of Environment.

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