

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cabinet

6 March 2019

Report of the Head of Transformation A.Thomas

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected:

Tonna

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 the Ward Member for Tonna.

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. Purchase of a piano for Tonna Male Voice Choir.

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

The funding will be used to purchase a Kawai E200 upright acoustic piano, dust cover and adjustable stool. The piano will be permanently situated in the Choir's rehearsal venue, Tonna Primary School Community Hall. When not in use by the Choir, the piano will be made available to other community organisations who hire the Hall such as the Rainbows and Brownies, and to staff and pupils at Tonna Primary School for non-curricular activities.

The need for the piano has been brought to the attention of the local Ward Member via representatives from Tonna Male Voice Choir, Tonna Community Council and Tonna Primary School. The provision of a piano will have a profound impact on the diversity of current community activities and will greatly enrich the musical environment at the School.

The long term community benefits associated with the project include expanding the Choir's repertoire, better quality performances, sustaining music and cultural activities in the community, and providing a more attractive and better equipped venue for those interested in hiring the Primary School's Community Hall.

The request for Grant aid from the Members Community Fund is for £3,900.00 from Councillor Leanne Jones' allocation which is the full cost of the piano, dust cover and adjustable stool (no match funding).

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 piano will be the responsibility of the Tonna Male Voice Choir, who have made an ongoing commitment to ensuring that it is appropriately cared for, insured and maintained for the foreseeable future. The piano comes with a 10 year warranty and an after-service following delivery.

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. That the project proposal for the procurement of a piano for the Tonna Male Voice Choir be approved and that Cllr Jones' allocation of £3,900.00 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 Tonna initiative has been developed from the Members Community Fund Application Form submitted by Councillor Jones. The Constitution, Audited Accounts, Quote, Bank Account details and Insurance documentation for 'Tonna Male Voice Choir' have been retained for future reference.

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