

# **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **Cabinet**

06 March 2019

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

#### **Matter for Decision**

#### **Wards Affected:**

Trebanos

#### **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 Trebanos.

#### **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. To provide essential toileting facilities in the Trebanos RFC Community Changing Room pavilion.

This bid has been developed by Trebanos RFC as a means of assisting Voluntary Sector providers.

The proposal is to equip the upstairs community room within the pavilion with toileting, wash hand basin and baby change facilities

The project will add new sanitary ware, electrics, partition walls, plumbing and refurbishment of the kitchen area. The facility will help in the functionality of the building as the current toileting facilities are either external to the pavilion or within the Home & Away Changing Rooms which are kept locked during fixtures for security reasons. This proposal will assist the Club in making better use of the building by creating a self-contained secure room which will facilitate fund raising events for the Junior Section.

The need for the project has arisen from there being no dedicated toileting or baby change provision on the first floor. There is a need to give the Juniors their own place which is safe and easily supervised.

The long term sustainable benefits associated with the proposal include making the Changing Room pavilion a more community friendly venue to use. This new investment will assist family events, the Play schemes and the success of the Club on and off the field. The new provision will help with player retention and participation (the Club has some 200 registered players and bucks the trend in terms of local rugby development).

The total cost of this scheme is £3,150 net (VAT is recoverable as Trebanos RFC are a Community Amateur Sports Club or CASC). The Councillor for Trebanos would wish to invest £2,850 in order to make this project a reality. The £300 shortfall on the project will be donated from budgets held by the Club.

### **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 by a core of twelve willing volunteers who are already instrumental in safeguarding the Club and its future growth. Cleaning duties and the replenishment of consumables will come under the auspices of personnel who maintain and clean the Trebanos RFC Clubhouse.

### **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 first floor toileting /baby change facilities to the Trebanos RFC Community Changing Room pavilion is approved and that Councillor Rebeca Phillips' allocation of £2,850, under the Members Community Fund is 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 Trebanos initiative has been developed from the Members Community Fund Application Form submitted by Councillor Phillips. The Application has been made in association with a Third Sector Organisation and as a consequence the Constitution, Audited

Accounts, Bank Account details, Legal Title, Insurance Policy and the Quotations that have been generated for the proposed work, by Trebanos RFC, have been retained for future reference.

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