

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cabinet

27 March 2019

Report of the Head of Transformation - A.Thomas

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected:

Aberavon

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 Aberavon Ward Members.

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 mobile cricket cover for Port Talbot Town Cricket Club.

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

The funding will be used to purchase an additional mobile cricket cover 8m long x 4m wide which will be used to protect the playing surface from inclement weather. The cover consists of 2mm folded steel with a galvanised finish to guard against rusting. It can be easily manoeuvred by one person.

The need for the additional cover has been brought to the attention of one of the local Ward Members via representatives from Port Talbot Town Cricket Club. The Club has a growing number of members and currently fields 4 Senior sides, 8 Junior sides, and the ground is also used for representative cricket including the Wales Disability Team, Wales Women West Glamorgan and local schools tournaments. As a result the playing surface is used almost every day during the summer months and the wicket can become quite worn. The provision of an additional cover will allow the Club to utilise a second wicket, which will ensure that use is spread equally over the two and neither of them become unplayable due to over use.

The long term community benefits associated with the project include an increase in participation, a contribution to local health and wellbeing and ensuring that the playing surfaces are kept in good condition so that the game of cricket can be played consistently throughout the season.

The total cost of the mobile cover is £1,500.00. The request for Grant aid from the Members Community Fund is for £1,000.00 from Councillor Steffan ap Dafydd's allocation. The £500.00 shortfall will be contributed from the Club's reserves.

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 new mobile cover will be the responsibility of Port Talbot Town Cricket Club, who have made an ongoing commitment to ensuring that it is appropriately cared for and maintained for the foreseeable future by their experienced team of ground staff. The Club will insure the cover against theft and 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. That the project proposal for the Purchase of a mobile cricket cover for Port Talbot Town Cricket Club be approved and that Cllr Ap Dafydd's allocation of £1,000.00 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 Aberavon initiative has been developed from the Members Community Fund Application Form submitted by Councillor ap Dafydd. The Constitution, Audited Accounts, Quote, Bank Account details and Insurance documentation for 'Port Talbot Town Cricket Club' have been retained for future reference.

14. Officer Contact

Paul Hinder, Project Development & Funding Manager, (ELLL).

Tel: 01639 763390, email: p.hinder@npt.gov.uk

