

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cabinet

27 March 2019

Report of the Head of Transformation - A.Thomas

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected:

Margam

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 Margam.

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 and installation of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for the village of Coed Hirwaun.

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

The funding package will be used to purchase the AED and to procure and install a freestanding 'Superbin' unit in which to house it. The 'Superbin' is a solar powered lockable cabinet, capable of generating the necessary ambient temperature needed to house an AED in an outdoor setting. NPTCBC Streetcare Services have agreed to purchase the 'Superbin' on behalf of the Coed Hirwaun Community Association (CHCA) and install it onto the adopted highway near the Premier Stores at Ffordd Derwen.

The need for a defibrillator has been highlighted on numerous occasions by the residents of Coed Hirwaun, and for many people the lack of this important piece of emergency medical equipment has become a real cause for concern. The nearest ambulance service to Coed Hirwaun is 6.6 miles away and in the unfortunate incident of a cardiac arrest seconds count. The provision of a defibrillator would help enormously in safeguarding the health and safety of the residents of Coed Hirwaun.

The CHCA has secured £1,000.00 towards the project from the Newlands Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund. The request for Grant aid from the Members Community Fund is for £2,636.26 from Councillor Rob Jones' allocation which will complete the funding package.

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.

Following its installation, the 'Superbin' and the defibrillator will be the responsibility of the CHCA, who will have responsible for checking the defibrillator on a weekly basis (the defibrillator performs a weekly self-check and displays a warning light when in need of attention) and have made an ongoing commitment to ensuring that it is appropriately cared for, insured and maintained for the foreseeable future.

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 and installation of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for the village of Coed Hirwaun be approved and that Cllr Jones' allocation of £2,636.26 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 Margam 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 'Coed Hirwaun Community Association' have been retained for future reference.

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