

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cabinet

17 April 2019

Report - 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 respective 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. To supply and install an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) at The Bulldogs Boxing and Community Activities, Fenbrook Close, Port Talbot.

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

The Bulldogs Boxing and Community Activities is a lively hub which provides not only a boxing provision, but also numerous community activities such as pilates, walking to wellness, employment support (assistance with job applications and CVs) and a community gym. The Bulldogs building is in close proximity to Port Talbot Town Cricket Club and the Port Talbot Harriers.

The funding will be used to procure an AED through the Registered Charity, 'Welsh Hearts.' The quotation includes for a heated stainless steel cabinet which will be used to attach the AED to the exterior of the building so it is available for wider community use. The defibrillator will be easy to use, featuring a full-colour display with vivid rescue images, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) cycle timer and a gauge that shows CPR compression depth. It is suitable to be used on individuals of any age. 'Welsh Hearts' will make arrangements for a volunteer from the Welsh Ambulance Service to provide free basic life support training and defibrillator training to

members of The Bulldogs, Port Talbot Town Cricket Club and the Port Talbot Harriers.

The need for this initiative has come to the attention of one of the local Ward Members. In partnership with the local PCSO, Cllr Steffan Ap Dafydd has conducted a mapping exercise to identify areas of the Aberavon Ward which do not have access to this lifesaving equipment. An AED at The Bulldogs would serve the Westerly portion of the Ward including Baglan Moors. Statistics provided by 'Welsh Hearts' indicate that 8,000 people suffer a cardiac arrest outside of the hospital environment every year in Wales, and at present the survival rate is just 3%, but with immediate treatment using an AED many lives can be saved. In the unfortunate event of a cardiac arrest the provision of an AED would allow persons in the vicinity to perform emergency medical treatment whilst waiting for the Emergency Services to respond.

The request for Grant aid from the Members Community Fund is for £1,490.00 which is the full cost of procuring the defibrillator, the stainless steel cabinet and the associated training (no match funding). This is the second proposal received to the Members Community Fund from Cllr Ap Dafydd and if it prevails £7,510.00 will remain in his Members Fund allocation to develop further priority projects.

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 defibrillator will be the responsibility of The Bulldogs Boxing and Community Activities, who have made an ongoing commitment to ensuring that it is appropriately insured and maintained for the foreseeable future. The defibrillator comes with a 7 year warranty from 'Welsh Hearts.'

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 supply and installation of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) at The Bulldogs Boxing and Community Activities, Fenbrook Close, Port Talbot be approved and that Cllr Ap Dafydd's allocation of £1,490.00 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 'The Bulldogs Boxing and Community Activities' have been retained for future reference.

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