

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cabinet

17 April 2019

Report - Head of Transformation - A.Thomas

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected:

Bryncoch North and Bryncoch South

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 Members for Bryncoch North and Bryncoch South.

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 essential items of capital equipment for the 5th Neath Bryncoch Scout Group.

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

The funding will be used to purchase items that will facilitate camping trips and jamborees, and assist the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers when working towards their achievement badges. Equipment to be purchased includes camping chairs, camp beds, sleeping bags, a trailer, a mess tent, camping stoves and kitchen utensils.

The need for the equipment has been brought to the attention of the Ward Members for Bryncoch North and Bryncoch South via the Scout Leader. In order to sustain the current membership and support the growing number of 6-14 year olds joining the Scout Group, additional equipment is necessary. The items will be used when undertaking activities that further the Scouts objective of equipping young people with skills for life, and it will allow all members of the Scout group to participate in camping activities and away days regardless of economic hardship.

The long term community benefits associated with the project include more individuals becoming involved in the Scouting movement, additional opportunities for children to take part in outdoor activities

and helping to instil in the young people the Scouts core values of teamwork, leadership and resilience.

The total cost of the items is £4,424.71. The request for Grant aid from the Members Community Fund is £3,107.71, divided equally between Cllr Wyndham Griffiths, Cllr Joanne Hale and Cllr Chris Williams allocations (a contribution of £1,035.90 each). The remaining £1,317.00 needed to purchase the equipment has been raised by the Scout Group via a Tesco Bag Pack and a Beach Clean event.

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 equipment will be the responsibility of the 5th Neath Bryncoch Scout Group, who have made an ongoing commitment to ensuring that it is appropriately cared for and maintained for the foreseeable future. The equipment will be stored in a secure, lockable unit adjacent to the 5th Neath Scout Hut, Woodview Terrace, Bryncoch.

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 essential items of capital equipment for the 5th Neath Bryncoch Scout Group be approved and that £1,035.90 of Cllr Griffith's allocation, £1,035.90 of Cllr Hale's allocation and £1,035.90 of Cllr William's allocation 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 Bryncoch North initiative has been developed from the Members Community Fund Application Form submitted by Councillor Wyndham Griffiths, Councillor Jo Hale and Councillor Chris Williams. The Constitution, Audited Accounts, Quotes, Bank Account details

and Insurance documentation for '5th Neath Bryncoch Scout Group' have been retained for future reference.

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