

# **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **Cabinet**

29 May 2019

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

#### **Matter for Decision**

#### **Wards Affected:**

Bryn & Cwmavon

### **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 two of the Ward Members for Bryn and Cwmavon.

#### **Executive Summary**

2. The Members Community Fund was approved in its present form at Cabinet Board on the 16.05.18 .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.

## **Background**

3. To re-roof the existing Changing Room pavilion at Parc y Llyn, Cwmavon.

This bid has been developed by Cwmavon RFC as part of the tripartite Leasehold agreement that the Rugby Club, Football Club and Boys & Girls Club have with NPTCBC. The bid will assist Voluntary Sector provision.

The proposal is to completely replace and modernise the apex roof structure of the pavilion as it is time expired and letting in rainwater.

The project is intended to completely re-new the roof felt (326 square metres); battens, support trays and tiles to extend the lifespan of a NPTCBC premise for another 20 to 30 years.

The need for the project stems from protecting the usage of the Changing Rooms for the 200 - 300 beneficiaries who regular play rugby and football at Parc y Llyn. The playing surfaces at Parc y Llyn have just benefited from £44,425 of pitch drainage works and now there is a need to provide Fit for Purpose changing facilities to augment provision at the site. The project will protect existing use and assist in growing further participation in positive leisure time pursuits.

The long term sustainable benefits associated with the proposal include safeguarding the future of this facility both for Lessees and the Council.

The total cost of this scheme is £11,664 .Councillor Rhidian Mizen and Councillor David Whitelock would each wish to invest £5,832 in order to make this project a reality.

### **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 by making best use of modern day roofing materials with an expected lifespan of 25 years. The ongoing upkeep of the roof and the building that it protects will fall to the three Sports Clubs that are bound to the NPTCBC under a fully insuring and maintaining Lease Agreement.

### **Integrated Impact Assessment**

5. A first stage impact assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its legislative duties (under the Equality Act 2010), the Welsh Language Standards (No.1) Regulations 2015, the Well - being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.

The first stage assessment has indicated that a more in - depth assessment is not required as the summary concludes there are positive outcomes for the sustainable development principle, collaboration and involvement, with no impact on equalities and Welsh language.

### **Valleys Communities Impacts**

6. No implications.

### **Workforce Impacts**

7. There are no workforce impacts associated with this report.

## **Legal Impacts**

8. 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**

9. There are no risk management issues associated with this report.

## **Consultation**

10. There is no requirement for external consultation on this item.

## **Recommendations**

11. That the project proposal for the re- roofing of Parc y Llyn Changing Room pavilion is approved and that Councillor Rhidian Mizen's allocation of £5,832 and Councillor David Whitelock's allocation of a further £5,852, under the Members Community Fund is awarded.

## **Reasons for Proposed Decision**

12. 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**

13. The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

## **List of Background Papers**

14. This Bryn & Cwmavon initiative has been developed from the Members Community Fund Application Form submitted jointly by Councillor Mizen and Whitelock. The Application has been made in association with a Third Sector Organisation and as a consequence the Constitution, Accounts, Bank Account details, Insurance Policy, Leasehold Agreement and the Quotations that have been generated for the proposed work, by Cwmavon RFC, have been retained for future reference. The first stage Impact Assessment has been retained.

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