

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cabinet

19 June 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 tabled by one of the Aberavon Ward Member.

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.

A further 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 equip a local Community Group with the means of expanding their litter picking initiatives around the Baglan Moors area.

This bid has been developed to 'Enhance existing Council Services' by working closely with Keep Wales Tidy and NPTCBC's 'Streetcare Services'.

The acquisition includes the purchase of litter pickers, gloves, high viz vests, sharps pouches and hoops for adult and children volunteers.

The need for this initiative has come to the attention of one of the local Councillors. There is a recognition that in order to build upon the good work that the Baglan Moors Community Group do in terms of keeping the area clean and litter free, and in order for them to grow their membership (which includes residents and staff from the Llys y Seren Nursing Home), they need more equipment. This initiative was brought to the attention of Cllr N. Hunt who has worked with this Group since their inception in June 2018.

The long term sustainable benefits associated with the project include the continued cleanliness of the area, restored pride in place,

opportunities to build morale and to be of great assistance to the NPTCBC 'Streetcare' Team.

The request for Grant aid from the Members Community Fund is for £523.38. This is the first proposal received to the Members Community Fund from Cllr Nigel Hunt.

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 Baglan Moors Community Group will keep the equipment in good order. There is a close working relationship with the 'Streetcare Team' who ensure that all arisings (which includes reported fly tip) are collected and carefully disposed of. There is no need for further investment to sustain this development.

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 Community Impact

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 to provide litter picking equipment for the Baglan Moors Community Group is approved and that Councillor Nigel Hunt's allocation of £523.38 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 Aberavon initiative has been developed from the Members Community Fund Application Form submitted by Councillor Nigel Hunt .This information has been retained for reference as have the documents associated with the first stage Impact Assessment.

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