

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cabinet

19 June 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 provide new rugby posts to 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 replace the existing rugby posts which have served Parc y Llyn for over 30 years.

The project is intended to provide a set of 10 metre galvanised powder coated 76mm steel uprights, with 63mm crossbar 5.6 metres long.

The need for the project has arisen from an investigation carried out by the consultant appointed to improve the pitch drainage at Parc y Llyn (an initiative sponsored by an earlier Members Fund investment). Findings revealed that the existing posts were unsafe to return to the pitch following the extensive drainage works and the recommendation was to renew. The Contractor appointed to the pitch drainage scheme will provide new sockets for the posts at no cost to the Rugby Club or the Members Fund. This bid is for a set of posts only. This investment, complete with the re- roofing of the Changing

pavilion, 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 acquisition is £960 .Councillor Rhidian Mizen and Councillor David Whitelock would each wish to invest £355.25, this being the remaining balance within their respective Members Fund allocation. The Rugby Club will match fund the shortfall of £249.50 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 materials. The ongoing upkeep of the posts and their below ground sockets will fall to Cwmavon RFC who 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 equipping Parc y Llyn with new rugby posts is approved and that Councillor Rhidian Mizen's allocation of £355.25 and Councillor David Whitelock's allocation of a further £355.25, 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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