

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cabinet

19 June 2019

Report of the Head of Transformation - A.Thomas

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected:

Ystalyfera

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 the respective 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. Installation of play equipment in the form of 25 metre Cableway or Zip wire complete with Safety Surfacing to Parc y Farteg, Ystalyfera.

This bid has been developed by the Ystalyfera Community Council to 'Enhance existing Council Services' and has the full support of Tai Tarian'.

The proposed play equipment or zip wire has been tested and certified to BS EN 1176 in order to comply with modern day Standards. The 34.5 square metres of Eco Smart Safety Surfacing conforms to BS EN 1177.

The need for this initiative has come to the attention of the local Councillor. It is in direct response to a raft of community consultation exercises staged in the summer and autumn of 2018. The zip wire project has been deemed a priority as a result of feedback from social media, an online Survey Monkey, suggestion boxes placed at key locations like the Post Office and YDT and a poster campaign.

The long term sustainable benefits associated with the project include adding significantly to the play value of Parc y Farteg, providing age appropriate exercise equipment for mid to late teens and enhancing

the range of outdoor adventurous play equipment. This installation is considered the first part of a phased development for the Park as the intention is to add more equipment as and when Community Council budgets and grant giving opportunities present themselves.

The request for Grant aid from the Members Community Fund is for £10,000 to offset the total project cost (net of VAT, which is recoverable) of £10,250. The funding shortfall is to be met by Ystalyfera Community Council. This investment of the Members Community Fund in Ystalyfera will fully commit Councillor Llewellyn's allocation.

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.

Ystalyfera Community Council has entered into a new lease with Tai Tarian for area intended to receive the Zip wire. Currently the grounds maintenance on the site comes under the management of Tai Tarian and under the Lease this will be transferred to the Community Council.

The Community Council will be responsible for ongoing maintenance, inspection and insurance of the new Cableway/Zip wire. The Community Council already has maintenance, an inspection regime and insurance in place for the other play facilities and MUGA's that come within their sphere of responsibility.

There will be no additional revenue burden on NPTCBC.

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 new adventurous play apparatus in Parc y Farteg is approved and that Councillor Alun

Llewellyn's allocation of £10,000, 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 Ystalyfera initiative has been developed from the Members Community Fund Application Form submitted by Councillor Alun Llewellyn and from additional research conducted by the PDFU with the Ystalyfera Community Council- this information has been retained for reference as have the documents associated with the first stage Impact Assessment.

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