

# **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **Cabinet**

10 July 2019

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

#### **Matter for Decision**

#### **Wards Affected:**

Coedffranc Central

### **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 respective Ward Members.

#### **Executive Summary**

2. The Members Community 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. Supply and installation of a Bus Shelter at Parc Wern, Caewathan.

The proposal is to procure a two bay cantilever bus shelter with perch seating and install it onto the site of an existing designated bus stop.

This bid has been developed to 'Enhance Existing Council Services' and has the full support of the NPTCBC Engineering and Transport division.

The need for this initiative has been brought to the attention of Cllr Angharad Aubrey by local residents. There are currently no bus shelters within the Caewathan housing estate for people to take refuge from inclement weather. The bus stop at Parc Wern is central and receives the greatest amount of use, therefore a shelter at this location would achieve the maximum amount of benefit for the local community. Many local residents receive concessionary transport, are elderly, or have mobility issues.

The long term sustainable benefits associated with the proposal include assisting residents by providing shelter from poor weather, and encouraging further use of public transport.

The request for Grant aid from the Members Community Fund is for the total project cost, £6,250.00, from Councillor Angharad Aubrey'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.

The bus shelter will be of robust construction, comprising a rust-free aluminium frame and secure, fully framed glazing. What little maintenance there is associated with the shelter will be the responsibility of the NPTCBC Engineering and Transport Services.

## **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 or the 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 supply and installation of a bus shelter at Parc Wern, Caewathan, is approved and that Councillor Angharad Aubrey's allocation of £6,250 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 Coedffranc Central initiative has been developed from the Members Community Fund Application Form submitted by Cllr Angharad Aubrey. The Application Form has been retained for future reference, as have documents associated with the first stage Impact Assessment.

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