

# **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **Cabinet**

31 July 2019

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

#### **Matter for Decision**

#### **Wards Affected:**

Bryncoch North/Bryncoch South

### **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 three Councillors representing the Wards of Bryncoch North and Bryncoch South.

#### **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. To refurbish the changing rooms/shower facilities and improve disabled access and toileting within Bryncoch Sport Club, Memorial Grounds, Bryncoch.

This bid has been developed to 'Assist Voluntary Sector providers'.

The Bryncoch Sports Club has now becoming a thriving centre or village hub for community sport. In recent years the Rugby Club has diversified to grow its membership and now hosts many different sporting fraternities. On the field of play the Sports Club now runs Senior and junior rugby, junior football, junior cricket and archery. The Social element of the Club provides League Darts and Pool. The Club is also used a community venue for Birthday parties, Christenings and family functions.

This Application is to convert, modernise and adapt the existing ground floor changing rooms, showering facilities and the toileting and access arrangements for those with disabilities. In so doing a new energy efficient hot water supply to be installed in place of unvented electric tanks which are expensive to run.

The entire scheme has been arrived at by taking professional advice from a reputable local Architect. The scheme has been exposed to competitive Tender and the lowest tender has been arrived at through a JCT Minor Works Contract.

The need for this initiative has been established over a period of years as the Club has embarked upon an ambitious phased Development Plan supported by the WRU, local Landfill and Sport Wales. This Application is seen as the next part of that phased development recognising that facilities off the field do not meet current standards.

The long term sustainable community benefits associated with the project include still further increasing the footfall at the Club by offering modern day ancillary facilities, working towards meeting the requirements of the Equality Act 2010, and protecting the future of the Club by making it more sustainable in saving on utility costs.

Following investment the improved offer at the Club will help sustain sports participation and performance across the ages which in turn will promote physical activity, exercise, sport, quality of life and Health & Well-being.

The request for grant aid from the Members Community Fund is for £15,000 which is 30% of the total project cost (project valued at £50,400 net of VAT which is recoverable). The request is made by the three Bryncoch North/Bryncoch South Ward Councillors contributing £5,000 each from their individual Members Fund allocation. The funding shortfall on this project (£35,400) has been secured and is available from the WRU (£25,000), Bryncoch RFC (£1,700), Dyffryn Cricket Club (£1,700) and the Bryncoch Sports Club (£7,000).

### **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 ongoing maintenance, repair, insurance and future of this investment beyond the life of the Grant will be the responsibility of the

Bryncoch Sports Club Management Committee and assurances have been given in that regard.

There are no financial implications for 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 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 this project proposal to adapt and modernise the ancillary changing facilities at Bryncoch Sports Club is approved and that Councillor Wyndham Griffiths', Councillor Jo Hale and Councillor Christopher Williams' allocation of £5,000, 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 Bryncoch initiative has been developed from the Members Community Fund Application Form submitted jointly by Councillors Griffiths, Hale and Williams. The Constitution, audited Accounts, Insurance Policy and Bank Account details for Bryncoch Sports Club have been retained for future reference. The Architects designs, Plan drawings, Tender documents and evidence of secured match funding has been entered on File for reference .The first stage Impact Assessment documentation associated with this project proposal has also been retained.

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