

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cabinet

31 July 2019

Report - Head of Transformation - A.Thomas

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected:

Cimla

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 Ward Members for Cimla.

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 add essential resources to the existing Youth Club provision at Crynallt Community Centre, Cimla.

This bid has been developed to 'Enhance Existing Council Services' and will augment the work of the part time Youth Worker.

Cimla Youth Club operates every Monday during school term from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. There is regular attendance of young people who benefit from Art, Sport, Citizenship and Welsh Language tuition. Young people are coached as volunteers and some have won accreditation through the Volunteering Wales programme. The provision helps young people to gain skills needed to become happy, confident and fulfilled adults and members of the community.

This Application is to provide items of equipment that will enhance activities, build on existing hobbies and interests and generally grow the membership of the Club. The items include table tennis equipment, an LED TV/DVD player, films, a PS4 console and games.

The need for this initiative has been established from recent consultation with young people and the detached Youth Worker. The provision is seen as essential diversionary activity engaging young people some of which are at risk of anti - social behaviour.

The long term sustainable community benefits associated with the project include the development of citizenship, keeping children and

young people positively engaged in leisure time pursuits, affording them the opportunity to learn new skills, to interact and to build confidence and self-esteem.

Following investment the ongoing costs associated with this project will continue to come within the remit of the NPTCBC Youth Services.

The request for grant aid from the Members Community Fund is for £1,173.96 which is the total project cost. The request is made by one of the Ward Member for Cimla.

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 staffing costs and rents associated with the venue will continue to be funded by the Youth 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 this project proposal to provide new resources for the Cimla Youth Club is approved and that Councillor John Warman's allocation of £1,173.96, 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 Cimla initiative has been developed from the Members Community Fund Application Form submitted by Councillor Warman. The PDFU has worked closely with the NPTCBC Youth Services to arrive at this priority project and that exchange of correspondence has been retained for future reference .The first stage Impact Assessment documentation associated with this project proposal has also been retained.

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