

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cabinet

25 September 2019

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 submitted by one of the Ward Members for Coedffranc Central.

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. Burrows Road, Skewen, Traffic Regulation Order.

This bid has been developed by one of the Ward Members for Coedffranc Central and will involve the conversion of an existing Order to the making of a no waiting, no loading or unloading at any time Traffic Regulation Order, advertising for its enforcement, design work and the re - marking of double yellow lines on the junction of Bosworth Road with Burrows Road.

The need for this initiative has come to the attention of the local Councillor, the PCSO, Police Inspector and the PACT meetings. Residents are concerned that indiscriminate parking at this junction reduces visibility for both pedestrians and motorists making the access and egress at the splay dangerous.

The project has the support of the NPTCBC Engineering and Transport Division. It is seen as an enhancement to Council services and will be maintained into the future as part of the highway asset infrastructure.

The total cost of this scheme is £2,500.00. The request for Grant aid from the Members Community Fund is for 100% of the project cost from Councillor A.P.H. Davies'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 project will be sustained in the long term in accordance with Highways infrastructure and the ongoing maintenance regime.

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 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 for the provision of a 'No waiting, no loading or unloading at any time' Traffic Order (on the North West side of Bosworth Road), and the re-marking of double yellow lines and kerb markings at the junction of Bosworth Road with Burrows is approved and that Councillor Davies' allocation of £2,500.00 under the Members Community Fund be awarded.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

12. To approve the Application for funding that has been received under the Members Community Fund. Full Funding Applications can be made to the Members Community Fund until 24.02.2020 in readiness for Cabinet decision on the 11.03.2020. The Fund will then close. Funds left unallocated will be returned to Reserves.

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 Councillor A.P.H. Davies and the advice given by the NPTCBC Engineering & Transport Division within the Directorate of Environment. The documents associated with the first stage Impact Assessment have been retained for future reference.

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