

# **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **Cabinet**

30 October 2019

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

#### **Matter for Decision**

#### **Wards Affected:**

Resolven

### **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 Ward Councillor for Resolven.

#### **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 install a Community kitchen into the Resolven Miners Welfare Hall.

This project forms part of a more ambitious proposal to revitalise the Welfare Hall and return it to its former glory. The Application is made by a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) who's ultimate ambition is to re- establish the hall as a cinema, restaurant, Tourist Information Point and Heritage Centre.

The community kitchen project proposal is considered to be the starting point for making amenities within the Hall more welcoming and more adaptable - it will be used as a catalyst for future investment and sustainability giving the CIO a trading arm. The new kitchen is to benefit from nine assembled units, worktops, appliances and altro flooring.

The need for the project has been arrived at through robust community consultation. The Charity has carried out a Public Survey and several public consultation exercises at the Resolven Carnival, Glynneath Fun Day and Ynysfach School Fayre in 2018. Research has revealed the need for a Café as there is a gap in provision. With volunteer recruitment, training in Food Hygiene and Catering and further development of the Youth Trustee Programme the Hall will set up a 'Meals on Wheels' scheme for Sunday lunches.

The community benefits associated with this project will include improved health & Well-being, social interaction, employment, training and extending the range of services on offer. The new kitchen will help to consolidate the use of the Hall by existing users which include CISWO ladies, men's darts, bingo events and the Youth programme; - this investment in turn will make the Hall a truly inclusive intergenerational environment for existing and new patrons.

The project costs have been arrived at from seeking out Quotes from reputable suppliers. The total project cost is £5,357.02 of which £4,000 is sought from the Members Fund and Councillor Dean Lewis's allocation. The remaining £1,357.02 match funding will be in the form of secured donations.

The new installation, its upkeep, cleanliness and running repairs will fall to the CIO and the relevant Insurance cover. Users will be asked to adhere to a Code of Conduct whilst using the new facility and its appliances.

The long term sustainable benefits associated with the project include building a more resilient community, providing a venue for community - run events, co - location of workers and opportunities to develop new business.

### **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 inspection, insurance and maintenance of the community kitchen, its fixtures and fittings will be the responsibility of the Charity Trustees.

There will be no 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 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 further develop the Miners Welfare Hall in the Resolven Ward is approved and that Councillor Dean Lewis's allocation of £4,000, 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. Full Funding Applications can be made to the Members Community Fund until the end of the financial year. 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 Resolven initiative has been developed from the Members Community Fund Application Form submitted jointly by Councillor Dean Lewis and the Resolven & District Miners Welfare. The Quotes for the supply and installation of the fittings and fixtures have 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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