

# **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 add essential play equipment to the Bryn Golwg Play Area in Clyne.

This project forms part of a more complex initiative which will require input from the PDFU to facilitate delivery. It is intended to assist Clyne & Melincourt Community Council in augmenting the range of age appropriate play apparatus within this popular local play venue.

The Clyne & Melincourt Community Council has sought quotations for re - equipping the Play area at Bryn Golwg. Local consultation has revealed the need for a 2.4 m two bay swing unit with inclusive basket, flat and cradle seats. As a means of catering for the mid to late teens there is a need to level, provide a regulating coat and an overlay of macadam to the kick about area and to re - mark it for 5 a side football. The project proposal has recently benefited from a £14,000 Minor Projects Grant and will be supported by £3,500 from earmarked Community Council Reserves. There is a £4,995 funding shortfall on the proposal.

The Swings complete with the requisite Safety Surfacing and the rejuvenated kick about area, which will be chemically treated to suppress future weed growth, will help complete the range of dynamic, adventurous and challenging play equipment on offer.

The scheme has been arrived at by seeking quotes from approved suppliers and installers over an extended period. The products that

are to be used are sufficiently street tough. The steelwork to be used has a 25 year warranty, the Safety Surfacing 15 years and there is an extended 5 year warranty on anodised paintwork.

As a consequence of installing new equipment, long term there will be very little additional ongoing maintenance. The continued inspection, insurance and management of the play area will be the responsibility of the Clyne & Melincourt Community Council.

The need for this initiative has been established from representations made to the local County Councillor and the Community Councillors. There has been a local call to add more play equipment.

The long term sustainable community benefits associated with the project include extending the play value of the facility, adding more age appropriate inclusive play apparatus and safeguarding the future of the Park .In so doing children and young people will be able to keep physically active in a fun filled, safe and secure risk managed environment.

The request for grant aid from the Members Community Fund is for £4,995 which is the funding shortfall on the total project cost of £22,495 (£17,500 having already been secured, with VAT being recoverable).

### **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 Bryn Golwg play area will remain with Clyne & Melincourt Community Council.

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 add equipment to the Bryn Golwg play area in the Resolven Ward is approved and that Councillor Dean Lewis's allocation of £4,995, 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 Clyne & Melincourt Community Council. The Quotes for the supply and installation of the equipment 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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