

# **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **Cabinet**

30 October 2019

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

#### **Matter for Decision**

#### **Wards Affected:**

Cadoxton

### **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 Member for Cadoxton.

#### **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 upgrade the floodlighting of the Llangatwg Community School Artificial Turf Pitch (ATP), in order to safeguard the extensive community use made of this facility.

The project involves converting existing time served flood lamps and column wiring to new LED lamps which offer better luminescence and a 70% reduction on energy consumption.

The ATP has served the school and the wider community for nearly 25 years and whilst the school has tried to keep pace with replacing lamps, paid for from community hires, there is now a need for a block change to arrive at a uniform curtain of light and Lux levels of 150 lux which is the normative standard for training/recreational use.

Currently the facility hosts 18 separate Mini and Junior football and rugby teams and because the Cwrt Herbert ATP has come to the end of its useful life, many of the hires from Cwrt Herbert now gravitate to the school. The Llangatwg ATP provides training facilities for Under 5's through to Under 15's, boys and girls, that play for teams that originate from Cilfrew, Ynysygerwn, Tonna, Bryncoch and Coedffranc.

The need for the project has been brought to the local Councillor's attention by the Head teacher, the NPTCBC PASS Section and their Active Young People Officer working in the school. Without investment in new floodlighting all hires, (18 midweek evening sessions involving 20 children in each staged between mid-October

and mid-March each year), sports participation would be lost when the natural day length dictates that training is to take place on synthetic floodlit training surfaces .The total project cost is £9,752(exclusive of recoverable VAT).

The community benefits associated with this project include the positive engagement of young people, (between mid-October and mid-March potentially 7,200 footfalls based statistics from the Lettings Diary held by the school). Also the opportunity to get and keep fit, to pursue sport and physical activity which in its self creates friendship, discipline, communication, well-being, team working and active lifestyles. This investment will augment the community focus of the school and has the added advantage of indoctrinating Primary school aged children into a Comprehensive school setting which assists transition in the long term.

The project costs are based upon quotations secured from reputable floodlighting and electrical services. £8,000 is sought from Councillor Annette Wingrave's Members Fund allocation. The remaining match funding of £1,752 has been secured from the School's PTA fund raising budget.

The project will be sustained by the community hire charge levied by the school for use of the floodlit synthetic pitch. Going forward the consumption of electricity will be significantly reduced due to the energy efficiency rating of the new LED bulbs. The project will be more economic to operate into the future.

### **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.

Upkeep of the floodlights, maintenance (of which there is very little) and servicing will be the responsibility of the school

There will be no revenue implications for the Council going forward.

## **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 upgrade the floodlighting at the Llangatwg Community School Artificial Turf Pitch (ATP) is approved and that Councillor Wingrave's allocation of £8,000, 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 Cadoxton initiative has been developed from the Members Community Fund Application Form submitted by Councillor Annette Wingrave. The quotes, Lettings Diary and supporting documentation generated by the school will be entered on File for reference. The first stage Impact Assessment documentation associated with this project proposal has also been retained.

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