

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cabinet

9 December 2019

Report of the Head of Transformation A.Thomas

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected:

Alltwen

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 Alltwen.

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 provide a Play End Wall to the recently refurbished Lon Tanyrallt play area in Alltwen.

The project involves adding an 8 metre long x 3 metre high Play End Wall, complete with recessed football goals, basketball hoop and cricket wicket to the play park.

The Cilybebyll Community Council has recently secured a fully insuring and maintaining Lease for the Lon Tanyrallt site and has used external grant aid to arrive at a new play area which caters for toddlers and juniors. There is some play provision for mid to late teens in the form of a zip wire.

Representation has been made to the local Councillor and the Community Council that there is still a gap and an unmet demand in play provision for teenagers and young people. The optimal solution is seen to be a Play End Wall which will promote ball games and informal sport and recreation amongst adolescents.

The Community Council is very aware of the inherent drainage problems at the site and the quotes that have been developed to support this proposal allow for 400mm of clean stone which offers greater porosity beneath the proposed safety surfacing and the goal mouth. This extra investment in open textured positive drainage has brought the total project cost (exclusive of recoverable VAT) to £11,225.

The community benefits associated with this project include the positive engagement of young people whilst keeping children active in a safe secure, risk managed play environment. The continued inward investment will make the village more vibrant, sustainable and attractive.

The project costs are based upon quotations secured from reputable Playscape providers. £10,000 is sought from Councillor Christopher Jones' Members Fund allocation. The remaining match funding of £1,225 has been secured from the PDFU who are project managing this proposal on behalf of the Applicant Organisation.

The project will be sustained under the existing Parks and Open Spaces management regime proffered by the Cilybebyll Community Council. Insurance will be under their Block Policy arrangements and ongoing inspection will be with RoSPA. The Play End Wall is heavy duty galvanised powder coated steel which benefits from a 25 year warranty on its structural strength and a 5 year warranty on anodised paintwork.

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.

Maintenance, inspection and insurance of the new Play End Wall and its playing surface will be the responsibility of the Community Council going forward and the investment will be secure.

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 provide a new Play End Wall at Lon Tanyrallt, Alltwen is approved and that Councillor Jones' allocation of £10,000, 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 Alltwen initiative has been developed from the Members Community Fund Application Form submitted by Councillor C.J. Jones. The quotes, bank account details and supporting documentation generated by the Cilybebyll Community Council 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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