

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cabinet

9 December 2019

Report of the Head of Transformation - A.Thomas

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected:

Sandfields East

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 one of the respective Ward Members.

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. Purchase of essential items of training equipment and coaching awards for Afan Lido Ladies and Girls Football Club.

This bid has been developed to 'Assist Voluntary Sector Providers.'

Afan Lido Ladies and Girls is a young Football Club, having been in existence for only six months. In that short space of time they have enabled many females from the Sandfields East area to participate in regular training sessions and matches in the South Wales Women's and Girls League (SWWGL). At present the Club fields an Under 9's, Under 10's and Under 13's team, and they have the numbers in attendance to start an Under 8's and an Under 14's side.

The funding will be used to purchase items to facilitate the growth of the Club, and to finance Football Association of Wales (FAW) courses. These courses will ensure that volunteers receive the adequate training needed to deliver a consistent level of coaching. Items to be purchased include pop-up goals, targets, bibs, cones, markers and balls. Courses to be attended include Leaders Training, Safeguarding and First Aid. The Club would also use the grant to purchase flyers so they can advertise themselves within the local area.

The need for the proposal has been brought to the attention of Councillor Matthew Crowley. The Club currently has very little in the way of training apparatus, and 75% of players live within the 30%

most deprived areas in Wales according to the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD). As the payment of increased subscriptions is often a barrier to participation, the Club is making this Application for Grant Aid in order to keep the costs transferred to players at an absolute minimum.

The long term community benefits associated with the project include more women and girls becoming involved in the game of football within a fun, safe and enjoyable environment.

The request for grant aid from the Members Community Fund is for £800 from Councillor Matthew Crowley's portfolio. If this Application prevails the Club will contribute £19.37 from their own reserves in order to achieve the total project cost.

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 new equipment will be the responsibility of Afan Lido Ladies and Girls Football Club, who have made a commitment to ensuring that it is appropriately cared for and maintained for the foreseeable future. Additional equipment or repairs to the existing will be paid for via fundraising for sponsored events, bag packing in local superstores and sponsorship from local businesses.

This scheme has no financial implications for 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 the project proposal for the purchase of essential items of training equipment and coaching awards for Afan Lido Ladies and Girls Football Club be approved, and that £800.00 of Cllr Crowley's allocation 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 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 Sandfields East initiative has been developed from the Members Community Fund Application Form submitted by Councillor Matthew Crowley. The Constitution, Audited Accounts, Insurance documentation, quotations and bank account details for the Afan Lido Ladies and Girls Football Club have been retained for future reference. The first stage Impact Assessment documentation associated with this project proposal has also been retained.

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