

# **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **Cabinet**

5 February 2020

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

#### **Matter for Decision**

#### **Wards Affected:**

Tonna

### **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 Tonna.

#### **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 Tonna AFC with essential items of training equipment.

Councillor Leanne Jones is applying to the Members Community Fund on behalf of Tonna AFC. If successful, the funding will be used to purchase various items of capital equipment including balls, goals, bibs, hurdles and flags.

The need for the project has been identified by the local Ward Member. Tonna AFC are in dire need of additional and more modern training equipment, which will enable them to continue fielding an adult team and sustain the provision of the popular and engaging sport of football in the Ward of Tonna.

The community benefits associated with this proposal include encouraging participation in an active hobby, helping community members to live a healthy lifestyle, and instilling an ethos of discipline and team work.

The project costs are based upon quotations secured from reputable sports equipment suppliers. The request for grant aid from the Members Community Fund is for £951.25 from Councillor Leanne Jones' allocation, which is the total cost of purchasing the equipment (no match funding). If this applications should be successful, Councillor Jones' Members Fund balance will be reduced to zero.

## **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 equipment, its use and its servicing will be the responsibility of the Tonna AFC. The equipment will be used during training sessions under the watchful eye of FAW qualified coaches and when not in use, it will be stored securely under lock and key.

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 Tonna AFC with essential items of training equipment is approved, and that Councillor Leanne Jones' allocation of £951.25 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 Tonna initiative has been developed from the Members Community Fund Application Form submitted by Councillor Leanne

Jones. The Constitution for Tonna AFC, their Bank Account details, signatories, and the quotation that has been developed to support the bid 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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