

# **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **Cabinet**

19 February 2020

### **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 Member 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 provide a public Notice Board and improved lighting to the Clyne and Melincourt Community Centre at Ynys - yr- Afon, Clyne.

This proposal has been developed in partnership with the Clyne and Melincourt Community Council which has the smallest precept amidst the 19 Town and Community Councils in NPT.

The inadequacy of the lighting on the entrance to the Community Centre has been repeatedly brought to the attention of Community Councillors by patrons using the Hall in the depths of the winter. The need for the published Minutes of Council, obligatory notices like Planning Applications and posters promoting social prescribing for the new Primary Care Centre in Glynneath, to be displayed in hard copy has been a concern of residents who lack digital access and social media networks like 'Facebook'.

The project involves illuminating the entrance porch of the Community Centre with an LED lighting kit which is attached to a new lockable aluminium framed magnetic notice board.

The installation of the lighting and the notice board is to be carried out by a qualified electrician who has been sourced from the local supply chain.

The need for the project has arisen from less affluent residents, who have no internet access (and still rely on Hard Copy and written forms

of communication), wishing to be kept informed as to what's happening locally. There is a need to make the Community Centre more welcoming as the focal point of the village and the new lighting will assist in that regard whilst also improving security.

The cost of the notice board, LED lighting and installations have been competitively sourced. The total cost of the project inclusive of VAT (which is recoverable by the Community Council) is £1,241.27. The request for grant aid from the Members Community Fund is for £1,005 from Councillor Dean Lewis's portfolio which will, henceforth reduce the value of the Resolven Members Fund allocation to zero in this Financial Year. The funding shortfall of £29.39 (net) will be found by the Clyne & Melincourt Community Council.

### **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 responsibilities for the new lighting and lockable weatherproof notice board will fall to the Community Council.

There will be no revenue 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 this project proposal to equip the Clyne Community Centre with lighting and an anodised aluminium notice board, is approved and that Councillor Lewis contributes his remaining Members Fund of £1,005.00 to arrive at a project cost of £1,241.27.

## **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 the Chair of Clyne & Melincourt Community Council. The quotation for the supply and installation of the lighting and notice board has 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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