

# **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **Cabinet**

19 February 2020

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

#### **Matter for Decision**

#### **Wards Affected:**

Trebanos

### **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 Councillor Rebeca Phillips.

#### **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. Supply and installation of a publicly accessible Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and directional signage to its location at the Western Garage, Trebanos.

This bid has been developed to 'Assist Voluntary Sector Providers,' and has been produced in partnership with Pontardawe Town Council.

'The Pontardawe Town Council Defibrillator Project' seeks to make the Wards of Pontardawe and Trebanos one of the first 'Defibrillator Friendly Communities' in the UK. By providing 24 hour access to defibrillators, universal coverage and essential training in AED use and CPR, it is hoped that there will be better capacity within the local community to use this lifesaving medical equipment.

A partnership established between the registered charities 'Heartbeat Trust UK', the 'Leon Heart Fund', and Pontardawe Town Council, has carried out a spatial mapping exercise to establish the location of existing defibrillators within the community. A clear void in provision has been identified at the northerly end of Swansea Road in the Ward of Trebanos. Therefore permissions have been sought from the landowner of the 'Western Garage' to mount a publically accessible defibrillator onto the exterior wall, and it is this proposal that seeks grant aid from the Members Community Fund.

The defibrillator will be procured and installed via the 'Heartbeat Trust UK,' a registered charity that aims to improve the chances of survival for those who suffer an out of hospital cardiac arrest. The defibrillator will be housed within a heated stainless steel cabinet attached to the exterior of the building. The cabinet will be coupled to an existing electrical supply in order to ensure that the defibrillator remains at the necessary ambient temperature to keep the AED batteries and pads ready for immediate use.

The proposal also includes the provision and installation of signage to inform potential users of the proximity of the defibrillator. The signs will be secured to the lamp posts leading away from the Garage in both directions on Swansea Road, and will display a 'countdown' from 300, to 200, to 100 yards.

In the event of cardiac arrest time is of the essence. Without the intervention of CPR and a defibrillator the chance of survival is just 3%, however if a defibrillator can be used within 6 minutes, the survival rate dramatically increases to 75%. It is therefore vitally important that members of the public are aware of where the nearest defibrillator is, and can gain unhindered access to it at any time of the day.

The request for grant aid from the Members Community Fund is for £2,246.60 from Cllr Rebeca Philips' portfolio, which is the total cost of procuring the defibrillator, stainless steel cabinet and signage. Should this application be successful, Cllr Phillips will have £2,265.89 remaining in her Members Fund allocation for Trebanos.

### **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 defibrillator, stainless steel cabinet and associated signage will be the responsibility of Pontardawe Town Council, who have made assurances that this important piece of medical apparatus will be appropriately insured and maintained for the foreseeable future.

Every defibrillator supplied by 'Heartbeat Trust UK' comes with a ten year maintenance package, which offers regular checks, replacement batteries and pads, a 24 hour emergency call out service and insurance against theft or damage. This will ensure that the defibrillator is kept in a state of readiness in case of an emergency.

### **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 supply and installation of a publicly accessible Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and directional signage to its location at the Western Garage, Trebanos, be approved, and that Cllr Rebeca Phillips' allocation of £2,246.60 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 Trebanos initiative has been developed from the Members Community Fund Application Form submitted by Councillor Rebeca Phillips, which has been retained for future reference. The quotation for the defibrillator, cabinet and signage, and the bank account details for the Pontardawe Town Council have been entered on file. The first stage Impact Assessment documentation associated with this project proposal has also been retained.

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