



NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

6 JANUARY 2021

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES – MR. HYWEL JENKINS

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected –Cadoxton

Report Title – Community Councils Minor Projects Scheme – Application from Blaenhonddan Community Council

Purpose of Report

1. To seek Members' approval to provide a grant to Blaenhonddan Community Council under the Council's Minor Projects Scheme.

Background

2. Neath Port Talbot Council has approved a Community Council Minor Projects Grants Scheme in order to assist Community Councils in undertaking minor capital projects. Approved grants are required to be claimed within two years of approval.
3. The Council has received an application for grant aid under the above mentioned scheme from Blaenhonddan Community Council. This application is for grant assistance towards the cost of replacement of play equipment at the playgrounds of Cilfrew and Leiros Parc, Bryncoch. The Cilfrew scheme will cost just under £38k and Leiros Parc will cost just over £19k. The contractors will be Sutcliffe Play at Cilfrew and Wicksteed Leisure Ltd at Leiros Parc. The estimated cost of the works overall is £57,248 plus recoverable VAT.

4. The balance of the project costs will be financed as follows

The Community Council has applied for grant of £26,132 from Welsh Government under its PlayWorks Funding Initiative administered by NPT CBC locally. It is understood that a decision will be forthcoming in January. Subject to the Minor Projects Grant providing the maximum available of £6k, the residual cost in the sum of £25,132 will be met from the Council's budget for 2020/21, and the proposals are scheduled for implementation in the present financial year.

Proposal and Financial Impact

5. The application from Blaenhonddan Community Council complies with the conditions of grant and is entitled to grant support at 30% up to a maximum of £6,000 in accordance with the Minor Projects Grants Scheme and payment be made on receipt of paid invoices together with a copy bank statement.

Integrated Impact Assessment

6. There are no impacts in respect of the obligations to the Council under the Equality Act 2010, the Welsh Language Standards (No 1) Regulations 2015, the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 and support via this grant is a positive impact in respect of the Wellbeing and Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

Valleys Communities Impacts

7. Applications for grant are available to Community Councils across the county borough.

Workforce Impacts

8. There are no workforce impacts.

Legal Impacts

9. Grants are provided in line with the approved scheme criteria.

Risk Management Impacts

10. All grant applications are considered on their own merit and in line with the approved scheme criteria.

Consultation

11. There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

Recommendation

12. It is recommended that Members approve a grant of 30% of actual costs up to a maximum of £6,000 to Blaenhonddan Community Council.

Reason for Proposed Decision

13. The decision is in compliance with the approved policy and to enable community improvements.

Implementation of Decision

14. The decision is proposed for implementation after the 3 day call-in period.

List of Background Papers

15. Application from Blaenhonddan Community Council.

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