



## **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **CABINET**

**2 JUNE 2021**

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

#### **Matter for Decision**

#### **Wards Affected – Ystalyfera**

#### **Report Title – Community Councils Minor Projects Scheme – Application from Ystalyfera Community Council**

#### **Purpose of Report**

1. To seek Members' approval to provide a grant to Ystalyfera Community Council under the Council's Community Councils 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 Ystalyfera Community Council. This application is for grant assistance towards the cost of repair work to the roof of the Community Hall, Ystalyfera which is owned by the Ystalyfera Community Council. The roof has not been replaced since the building was built back in the 1980's. The roof is flat and covered in felt. Recently there has been water coming into the building from the roof. The estimated cost of the works overall is £23,000 plus recoverable VAT.

4. The Hall is a valued community hub in Ystalyfera that enables local residents to socialise and come together in a safe environment. The Community Council updated the toilet facilities to include improved disabled facilities in 2019 and the hall is now accessible to all in the community.
5. The balance of the project costs will be financed from the Community Council reserves.

### **Proposal and Financial Impact**

6. The application from Ystalyfera Community Council complies with the conditions of grant and is entitled to grant support at 50% up to a maximum of £10,000 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**

7. 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**

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

### **Workforce Impacts**

9. There are no workforce impacts.

### **Legal Impacts**

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

## **Risk Management Impacts**

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

## **Consultation**

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

## **Recommendation**

13. It is recommended that Members approve a grant of 50% of actual costs up to a maximum of £10,000 to Ystalyfera Community Council.

## **Reason for Proposed Decision**

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

## **Implementation of Decision**

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

## **List of Background Papers**

16. Application from Ystalyfera Community Council.

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