

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cabinet

1st September 2021

Report of the Head of Support Services and Transformation

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: Dyffryn Clydach, Port Talbot, Coedffranc North, Aberdulais, Baglan and Neath South.

Project Proposals made to the Members Community Fund

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek approval to fund project proposals that request financial support under the Members Community Fund.

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.
3. The Project Development & Funding Unit (PDFU) within ELLL is charged with the governance of the Fund and will act as the Grant Management Organisation.

4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Project proposals seeking funding are to be formally submitted to the PDFU. Bids are checked for completeness, accuracy and deliverability and will be deemed 'fit for purpose' and ready for determination by Cabinet. Officers have considered the project proposals submitted by Members and these are deemed to comply with the Policy as endorsed by Cabinet on the 25th June 2020 and 30th June 2021

Background

7. The 'Background' or 'Project Specifics' pertinent to each project are set out in the appendices to this report. The detail on the 'Project Specifics' will expand upon the Project Description, the Applicant, the need, the community benefit and how the project costs have been arrived at.
8. The Appendices included with this report, and subsequently the projects to be evaluated, are as follows:-
 - (a) Appendix A - An Application by Cllr Martyn Peters for a Greening Initiative in the Ward of Dyffryn. Project comprises the placement and planting of 16 raised planters positioned strategically and safely throughout Longford and the Highlands. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £9,828.47.
 - (b) Appendix B - An Application by Cllr Dennis Keogh for the Extension of existing double yellow line road markings at the junction of Pen-y-Cae Road and Gwar-y-Caeau Road, Port Talbot. Project involves the making of two 'no waiting at any time' Traffic Regulation Orders, advertising for their enforcement, design work and the marking of double

yellow lines. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £4,500.

- (c) Appendix C - An Application by Cllr Mike Harvey for supply and installation of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) at Skewen RFC, Tennant Park, Coedffranc North. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £1,824.
- (d) Appendix D - An Application by Cllr Doreen Jones for supply and installation of new playground apparatus at Cefn Yr Allt play area, Aberdulais. The funding will be used to procure and install new dynamic and challenging play equipment including an Inclusive Dish Roundabout, a Springer, a see saw and a 'Play Zone' Multi play unit. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £10,000 towards a £25,448 project.
- (e) Appendix E - An Application by Councillors Peter Richards, Carol Clement-Williams and Susanne Renkes for supply and installation of new playground apparatus at Baglan Park, Lodge Drive, Baglan. New installations will include 118 square metres of Wet pour surfacing in front of an existing Play End Wall, a new 25m Cableway, a Pendulum Seat Combination Swing, a Springy see-saw and an Inclusive wheelchair accessible Seat & Scooter Roundabout. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £30,000 towards a £48,356 project.
- (f) Appendix F - An Application by Councillors Peter Rees and Jamie Evans for supply and installation of new playground apparatus at Mount Pleasant Play Area, Neath South. The existing play facilities will be improved by installing a 'Spiro-Whirl' roundabout and a 'Mini Swing' with inclusive basket seat. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £12,994.15.

Financial Impact

9. 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 and the ongoing revenue commitment to keep a project functioning beyond the life of the Grant will have been rigorously investigated to determine as to whether there are any financial burdens on the Council.

Integrated Impact Assessment

10. 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

11. No implications

Workforce Impacts

12. No implications

Legal Impacts

13. The delivery of the Members Community Fund will come within the purview of the Local Government Act 2000 which contains well-being powers which enable every Local Authority to have the ability to do anything which it considers likely to promote an improvement to economic, social or environmental well-being in the area. 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

Risk Management

14. There are no risk management issues associated with the reporting.

Consultation

15. There is no requirement for external consultation on this item.

Recommendations

16. It is recommended that, having due regard to the Integrated Impact Screening Assessment that members approve the following applications:
 - (a) An Application by Cllr Martyn Peters for a Greening Initiative in the Ward of Dyffryn as set out in Appendix A
 - (b) An Application by Cllr Dennis Keogh for the Extension of existing double yellow line road markings at the junction of Pen-y-Cae Road and Gwar-y-Caeau Road, Port Talbot as set out in Appendix B
 - (c) An Application by Cllr Mike Harvey for supply and installation of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) at Skewen RFC, Tennant Park, Coedffranc North as set out in Appendix C
 - (d) An Application by Cllr Doreen Jones for supply and installation of new playground apparatus at Cefn Yr Allt play area, Aberdulais as set out in Appendix D
 - (e) An Application by Councillors Peter Richards, Carol Clement-Williams and Susanne Renkes for supply and installation of new playground apparatus at Baglan Park, Lodge Drive, Baglan as set out in Appendix E
 - (f) An Application by Councillors Peter Rees and Jamie Evans for supply and installation of new playground apparatus at Mount Pleasant Play Area, Neath South as set out in Appendix F

Reasons for Proposed Decision

17. To approve the Applications for funding that have been received under the Members Community Fund.

Implementation of Decision

18. The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

List of Background Papers

19. None

Appendices

20. Appendices A – F Project Proposals
Appendix G – Impact Assessment First Stage

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