

Appendix E.

Background or 'Project Specifics' – Application MF005/T2

To supply and install new playground apparatus to Baglan Park, Lodge Drive, Baglan.

This bid has been developed to 'Enhance Existing Council Services' and will be part of a more complex project requiring an input from the PDFU.

The funding will be used to procure and install new dynamic, adventurous and challenging play equipment to augment current provision. A range of equipment has been chosen to be of maximum appeal to Toddlers, juniors, early teens and young people alike.

New installations will include 118 square metres of Wet pour surfacing in front of the existing Play End Wall to arrest further erosion, a new 25m Cableway, a Pendulum Seat Combination Swing, a Springy see-saw and an Inclusive wheelchair accessible Seat & Scooter Roundabout. All new equipment to be protected by Impact Absorbing Safety Surfacing to meet modern day BS EN1177 compliances. The new apparatus to receive a Post Installation Inspection by an independent Service Engineer to ensure all work is safe and fit for purpose before inviting public use.

The need for this initiative has come to the attention of the local Ward Members. A consultation exercise conducted digitally and through 'Facebook' generated over 100 positive responses to the proposal that is now being tabled for Members funding. Representation has been made by residents, parents and grandparents as the play area has not received investment for many years. The site is already segregated to allow young children and older teens to simultaneously enjoy exercise and play in a safe, secure environment without colliding with each other.

Baglan Park play area could, with this investment, grow to become a meeting point for young families in the village, attract older children to age appropriate play equipment like the Cableway and be a place where young people could hang out to socialise and play sport. This

would in turn help to regenerate Baglan making it more vibrant, attractive and a better place to live, promoting inward migration.

The scheme has no further financial implications for NPTCBC as it comes within the existing maintenance and inspection regime of 'Street Scene' and Environmental Services. There will be less maintenance in the short term with new play equipment benefiting from 5 and 10 year warranties on structural failure,

Recommendations

The project is valued at £48,356.00, which is the full cost of procuring and installing all of the equipment. The Applicants, Councillors Peter. D. Richards, Carol Clement – Williams and Susanne Renkes would wish to fund this project using the whole of their Members Fund allocation for the Ward of Baglan. A further £15,656.00 match funding has been secured from the Baglan Energy Park Solar Farm. The funding package is completed with a £2,700 contribution from the Section 106 community benefit Fund associated with a 'Coastal Housing' development at Baglan Stables

The project proposal is recommended for approval and financial support under the Members Community Fund.