

Appendix A.

Background or 'Project Specifics' – Application MF007/T2

To supply new senior football goals to the recently formed Seven Sisters Onllwyn Football Club.

This bid has been developed to 'Assist Voluntary Sector providers'.

The funding will be used to procure a pair of new 24' x 8' goal posts with netting to augment current provision. This will help to support a new venture in the Dulais Valley which has seen players from Seven Sisters join forces with those at Onllwyn F.C as a means of protecting the future sustainability of football in the area.

The newly formed Club is building upon and enhancing the assets already based at Onllwyn F.C with the acquisition of grounds maintenance machinery, pitch surrounds and off – pitch amenities, with a view to increasing participation and improving standards of performance. The Club is working towards developing a Junior Section, a Youth Team and sporting opportunities for women.

The need for this initiative has come to the attention of the local Ward Member as there are no other Clubs in the Dulais Valley that provide the facility and opportunity to participate in the sport of football. Success with this initiative will develop coaching, Holiday Football Camps and ultimately an Academy of sport.

The intention is that the Seven Sisters Onllwyn AFC will become a community hub offering 'Come & Try' fun activities for Mini Football, a player pathway from 'first kick to First Team' and many other sporting opportunities that could lead to promotion within the West Wales FA and the Neath & District Football League.

The scheme has no financial implications for NPTCBC. The acquisition of the goal posts will make the facilities that the Club offers more attractive which in turn will generate new players, members and volunteers. The income from the growing number of subscriptions will help with the running costs associated with fielding additional teams at Mini, Junior, Youth and senior level.

Recommendations

The project is valued at £3,080.00. The Applicant, Councillor Steven Hunt, would wish to contribute £2,000 towards the project from his Members Fund, the remaining £1,080 match funding being sought from the Club's financial reserve.

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