

Appendix B.

Background or 'Project Specifics' – Application MF011/T2

Supply and install additional benches at the Aberavon Aqua Splash, Sandfields West.

The funding will be used to procure five recycled plastic benches along with the necessary fixtures and fittings. One of the benches will be fitted with a commemorative plaque, which will recognise the contribution made by the Members Community Fund. The benches will be installed by the NPTCBC 'Street Care' team.

The need for this initiative has come to the attention of the local Ward Members. The newly renovated Aqua Splash facility at Aberavon Beach is a hugely popular facility, attracting many hundreds of users per day during the summer months. Whilst there is ample provision to keep visiting children entertained, there is a lack of formal seating for their parents and guardians, particularly those who would have difficulty sitting at ground level on the surrounding grass due to a lack of strength or mobility. The new benches will be equipped with armrests to enable easy transition from a seated to a standing position or vice-versa.

The community benefits associated with this project include further enhancement to one of the most attractive amenities in the County Borough, resulting in greater use and public enjoyment.

This bid has been developed to 'Enhance Existing Council Services' and has the full support of NPTCBC's 'Street Care' Services. The benches will be of robust construction, comprised of 100% recycled plastic and stainless steel so they will not rot, splinter or crack. They are very durable and can stand up to any attempts made to vandalise or destroy them. Minimal maintenance is required to keep them in good condition.

Recommendations

The total request for grant aid from the Members Community Fund is £3,604.65, which is the full cost of procuring and installing the

benches. This will comprise of three equal contributions of £1,201.55 from each of the three Ward Members for Sandfields West.

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