

## **Appendix M.**

### **Background or 'Project Specifics' – Application MF022/T2**

To purchase essential items of café and catering equipment for Amman Valley Trotting Club, Lower Brynamman.

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

The funding will be used to fully equip and complete the Community Café facility at the Amman Valley Trotting Club Events Barn. Items to be procured include an upright fridge, stainless steel preparation table, thermometers, chopping boards, highchairs and a baby changing unit. Previous investment from local and national third-sector funding streams have facilitated the construction of the Events Barn; an investment from the Members Community Fund would enable the Trotting Club to get the Community Café up and running.

The need for this initiative has come to the attention of the local Ward Member. The Events Barn has proven to be an important community asset to Lower Brynamman, particularly in recent times where the sheer size of the venue has enabled the local Youth Club, exercise and sporting fraternities to continue activities indoors whilst observing social distancing restrictions. The Community Café will provide the Trotting Club with an additional income stream by catering to event visitors/ participants, current and future user groups, as well as those who may choose to visit ad-hoc. It will also be used as a training facility to upskill young unemployed residents with a view to eventually gaining full or part-time employment.

The long term community benefits associated with the project include enabling the Club to diversify onto a stronger economic footing, improving the venue for the staging of events, and providing employment opportunities to local residents through supported learning.

The Community Café will be the sole responsibility of Amman Valley Trotting Club, there are no ongoing financial implications for NPTCBC. Any surplus income generated by the initiative will be budgeted to include provision for additional equipment or maintenance requirements.

## **Recommendations**

The project is valued at £6,210.32, which is the full cost of purchasing the items listed in the grant application including VAT which is non-recoverable. The Applicant, Councillor Arwyn Woolcock, would wish to cover the total sum via a contribution from his Members Fund allocation.

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