

Appendix R.

Background or 'Project Specifics' – Application MF027/T2

To supply and install two new ground trampolines to the existing play provision at Ynysdawley Playing Fields, Nant y Cafn, in Seven Sisters.

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

The funding will be used to procure and install new ground trampolines as a means of augmenting the earlier investments made in an 'All Ability Swing' and other play apparatus specifically adapted for use by both disabled and fully ambulant children and young people. The project entails creating two rebound therapy bounce surfaces (42 square metres) that are flush fitting to the ground. These are immediately accessible to those with limited mobility or visitors to the play area that are perhaps confined to a wheelchair.

The need for this initiative has come to the attention of the local Ward Member. An eighteen month consultation exercise has revealed the need to add yet more inclusive apparatus to the Ynysdawley Playing Fields Association (YPFA) site. Consultees have included local schools, residents, the Community Council, the PSCO, local Sports Clubs and the Dulais Primary Care Practice.

With this investment the Nant y Cafn play area can boast the most inclusive play provision in the County. The addition of ground trampolines will allow disabled and special needs children the opportunities for play that their able bodied peers and siblings enjoy. This proposal will promote positive social attitudes, integration and inclusiveness giving the young people the opportunity to mix, share experiences, have fun and make friends.

The scheme has no further financial implications for NPTCBC. The YPFA have been landowners of Ynysdawley Playing Fields since it was bequeathed to them in 1945 and their track record of developing upwards of £500k worth of play investment over the years will naturally extend to include the maintenance of the new acquisition. Insurance, servicing, inspection, supervision, keeping the area safe, secure and litter free will fall to the YPFA.

Recommendations

The project is valued at £19,993.20, which is the full cost of procuring and installing the two ground trampolines. The Applicant, Councillor Stephen Hunt, would wish to fund this project using the remaining £8,000 of his Members Fund allocation for the Ward of Seven Sisters. £10,000 has been successfully secured from the National Lottery Community Fund. The YPFA will contribute £1,000 from their Reserves. The funding shortfall of £993.20 will be provided from the PDFU 'Enabling Fund'.

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