

Appendix S.

Background or 'Project Specifics' – Application MF028/T2

To augment and improve provision at the NPTCBC play area at Goytre Close, Goytre, in the Ward of Taibach.

This bid has been developed as part of a more complex project requiring the input of the PDFU to hasten its delivery.

The funding will be used to:-

- Remove existing items that are no longer fit for purpose.
- Supply and install two new pieces of fixed play apparatus; a 'Glow Worm' see saw, and a trim trail with step links and a roller barrel.
- Supply and install a new litter bin.
- Make good the existing wet-pour safety surfacing pads and overlay with 'Nomow' artificial safety grass. This will freshen up the play area and give the impression that all surfaces are new, whilst retaining their impact absorbing properties.
- Supply and install a replacement climbing net to an existing multi-play unit.
- Sand and repaint existing play apparatus, again giving the impression of a 'new' play area.
- Pay for preliminaries including site welfare and a skip.

The need for this initiative has come to the attention of the local Ward Members. The play area is the only facility of its kind serving the community of Goytre. It is some distance from the wider community of Taibach, which makes it difficult for children living in the neighbourhood to access similar amenities further afield. Several local residents have approached the Councillors regarding the run down state of the current facilities, which look rather unappealing. The proposed improvements would rectify issues resulting from wear and tear, and provide some new and exciting apparatus.

The proposal will make use of local materials and labour by employing 'Emroch Landscapes' of Taibach to undertake the work.

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 as new components including the artificial grass carry extended warranties of up to 10 years.

Recommendations

The project is valued at £16,265. The Applicants, Councillors Anthony Taylor and Rachel Taylor, would each wish to contribute £7,382.50 towards the proposal from their Members Community Fund allocations for the Ward of Taibach. The remaining £1,500.00 has been assigned to this project from the 'Environment & Street Scene' Capital programme.

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