

Appendix C.

Background or 'Project Specifics' – Application MF030/T2

To acquire essential grounds maintenance equipment for Gwynfi United Football Club.

This bid has been developed to 'Assist Voluntary Sector providers', building upon the goodwill and time invested by a small loyal band of volunteers.

The funding will be used to purchase a 48” cut 690cc Ride on Mower.

The new acquisition will help the Club volunteers to improve both the standard and the speed in which they carry out essential grounds maintenance routines. Currently maintenance is performed by outdated machinery which takes a considerable time in cutting an area as large as a football field. As part of the purchase arrangements for the new Ride On mower further volunteers will be trained in the safe use of the equipment, hence the workload will be spread. The net result of acquiring the new mower will be a quantum improvement in the playing surface making for a more accurate game benefiting both players and keen spectators.

The need for this initiative has come to the attention of the local Ward Member. The Club will save on the upkeep of the pitch by being more efficient and effective and will then be able to divert scarce resources to future sustainability and hopefully promotion to the SWFA Alliance League Division 3. Success will breed success in terms of retaining and attracting more players of a sufficient calibre, from both the Afan valley and further afield, to play at this level.

The scheme has no further financial implications for NPTCBC as the Club are already operating under a Leasehold agreement with the Council in terms of its changing rooms and Welfare Ground. The Club will enter into an annual service level agreement with the Company that provides the new machinery. Day to day cleaning, storage and insurance of the new acquisition will fall to Gwynfi United Football Club.

Recommendations

The project is valued at £4,500, which is the full cost of procuring the equipment. The Applicant, Councillor Jane Jones would wish to fund the whole of this project, with a proportion of her Members Fund allocation.

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