

Appendix D.

Background or 'Project Specifics' – Application MF033/T2

To supply and install new playground apparatus to the Pen Yr Allt play area in Ystalyfera.

This bid has been developed to 'Enhance Existing Council Services', working in close partnership with the Ystalyfera Community Council.

The funding will be used to procure and install new dynamic and challenging play equipment to add to the existing provision. New apparatus will include an Inclusive Dish Roundabout for children with limiting mobility and a 12 metre zip wire. All new equipment to be protected by Impact Absorbing Safety Surfacing or wet pour to meet modern day BS EN1177 compliances. Play equipment that has proven under a recent RoSPA inspection to be defective will be removed and miscellaneous play items and seats are to be relocated to create more usable space for the Dish Roundabout and zip wire.

The need for this initiative has come to the attention of the local Ward Member. Representation has been made by residents, parents and grandparents. The play area has received modest investment over the years with the Impact Absorbing Surfaces under the swing bays being renewed with 'jungle mulch'. The Community Council wish to build upon this investment by incrementally improving the play value of the Park.

The Pen Yr Allt play area could, with this investment, again become a meeting point for the growing number of young families in the area, a place to play but also to socialise. The play provision at Pen Yr Allt has been historically poor with young mothers with children walking into Ystalyfera to avail themselves of adequate play facilities. This could be corrected with this investment by placing the amenities on their doorstep as a Locally Equipped Area for Play (a LEAP).

The scheme has no further financial implications for NPTCBC as the maintenance, inspection, upkeep and insurance of the new equipment will remain with Ystalyfera Community Council. There will be less maintenance in the short term with new play equipment benefiting from 5 and 10 year warranties on structural failure.

Recommendations

The project is valued at £9,980, which is the full cost of procuring, relocating and installing all of the equipment. The Applicant, Councillor Alun Llewellyn, would wish to fund this project using the whole of his Members Fund allocation for the Ward of Ystalyfera.

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