

## **Appendix F.**

### **Background or 'Project Specifics' – Application MF035/T2**

To procure items of equipment to establish an Under 6's side, and additional training apparatus for the Under 11's side at Tonna RFC.

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

Items to be purchased include cones, slalom poles, bibs, rung ladders, training balls and agility rings. The Club would also wish to procure a gazebo, which would be used as a registration point during tournaments, and also during the winter period as a place to keep coats and bags rather than leaving them exposed to the elements.

The need for these initiatives has come to the attention of the local Ward Member. Tonna RFC currently has a thriving mini and junior section with multiple age groups from under 7's and upwards. The necessity to establish an Under 6's side has been gleaned through consultation with the local Primary School and a poster campaign. With regards to the Under 11's, concerns have been raised by coaching staff, parents and players, both in person and via social media, that there is not enough appropriately sized training apparatus to keep pace with demand. The Club intends to establish a Youth Team, and a commitment from the Members Community Fund would provide enhanced training opportunities, giving the Under 11's the strength in depth to compete with other teams at a local level.

An investment in age appropriate training equipment will positively impact individuals who progress through the groups and move on to play rugby at senior level. In order to retain players it is important that the modern game of rugby is well equipped to ensure the Under 6's, Under 11's, and all age groups continue to affiliate with Tonna RFC.

The scheme has no further financial implications for NPTCBC. The new equipment will be used by the children under the watchful eye of qualified WRU coaches, and stored securely at Tonna RFC.

## **Recommendations**

The project is valued at £1,765.83 which is the full cost of procuring the equipment. The Applicant, Councillor Leanne Jones would wish to fund 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.