

Appendix G.

Background or 'Project Specifics' – Application MF036/T2

To supply and install new playground apparatus to the Parc Siencyn Powell play area in Cwmavon.

This bid has been developed to 'Enhance Existing Council Services.'

The funding will be used to procure and install new dynamic and challenging play equipment to replace items that have been deemed by a recent RoSPA inspection to be time expired and deteriorating. New apparatus will include a Toddler Zone twin slide Multi play Unit, a Springer horse, a cobra rope swing, a low rotator, see-saw and a Mission Glide zip wire. Apparatus that is corroding or has been vandalised will be removed and the footprint left will be populated by the new equipment. The project also involves the repair of all existing trip hazards that have been created by the shrinkage of rubber crumb safety surfacing (beneath the existing swing bays and roundabout). New equipment to be protected by Impact Absorbing Safety Surfacing or wet pour to meet modern day BS EN1177 compliances. The area will be weed killed and brought back into a more usable condition as a result of refurbishment, renewal and repair.

New seats and litter bins will be provided for the comfort of parents and grandparents allowing them to keep close supervision of toddlers and juniors in their care.

The need for this initiative has come to the attention of the local Ward Member. Representation has been made by residents, parents and grandparents as the play area has not received investment for many years and is considered now to be 'tired'. The site boasts good provision for teens and young people with a Play End Wall, kick about area and Youth Shelter but the younger age groups are poorly served. Parc Siencyn Powell is the receiving centre for 400+ three to eleven years olds that attend Cwmavon Primary School, which 100 metres from the Park.

The Parc Siencyn Powell play area could, with this investment, again become a meeting point for young families in the village, a place to play but also to socialise. The play provision at Parc Siencyn Powell has been historically poor and it has now become a priority for

attention featuring strongly within the 'Street Scene & Environment' Capital Programme for Playground Finances 2021/22. This investment will help towards re-establishing the facility as a Locally Equipped Area for Play (LEAP) as recognised by the Welsh Government's Play Sufficiency Assessment.

The scheme has no further financial implications for NPTCBC as it comes within the existing maintenance and inspection regime of 'Street Care' operations. 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 £64,975, which is the full cost of procuring and installing all of the equipment, carrying out the repairs, the removal of defunct equipment and its safe disposal. The Applicants, Councillors David Whitelock, Rhidian Mizen and Charlotte Galsworthy, would wish to fund this project from their Members Fund allocation for the Ward of Bryn & Cwmavon. Councillor Whitelock to contribute £10,000, Councillor Mizen £8,975 and Councillor Galsworthy £5,000. £36,000 has been allocated to this project from the Street Scene & Environment Playground Allocation Capital Programme. The funding shortfall of £5,000 has been secured from the the fund raising Committee of the 'Richard Burton 10k' Community Group.

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