



NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET (FINANCE) SUB COMMITTEE

15 DECEMBER 2021

REPORT OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER – HUW JONES

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected – Resolven

Report Title – Community Councils Minor Projects Scheme – Application from Resolven Community Council

Purpose of Report

1. To seek Members' approval to provide a grant to Resolven Community Council under the Council's Community Councils Minor Projects Scheme.

Background

2. Neath Port Talbot Council has approved a Community Council Minor Projects Grants Scheme in order to assist Community Councils in undertaking minor capital projects. Approved grants are required to be claimed within two years of approval.
3. The Council has received an application for grant aid under the above mentioned scheme from Resolven Community Council. This application is for grant assistance towards the cost of the provision and fitting of outside gym equipment of varying ability at Resolven Park for use by the Community.
4. This will contribute towards community plan outcomes as it will improve both the physical and mental health of the community also it will help financially to people who can't afford to pay gym

membership as it will be free to use. Also being outdoors it is more Covid safe. It will also help the future generations wellbeing act.

5. The estimated cost of the works overall is £20,658.00 plus recoverable VAT.
6. The balance of the project costs will be financed as follows:-
£12,000.00 Minor Project Grant (if approved by Cabinet Finance Sub Committee), £5,000.00 Fynon Oer Fund (received), awaiting £2,000.00 from Cllr Dean Lewis Members Fund. The balance will be funded by Resolven Community Council.

Proposal and Financial Impact

7. The application from Resolven Community Council complies with the conditions of grant and is entitled to grant support at 60% up to a maximum of £12,000 in accordance with the Minor Projects Grants Scheme and payment be made on receipt of paid invoices together with a copy bank statement.

Integrated Impact Assessment

8. There are no impacts in respect of the obligations to the Council under the Equality Act 2010, the Welsh Language Standards (No 1) Regulations 2015, the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 and support via this grant is a positive impact in respect of the Wellbeing and Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

Valleys Communities Impacts

9. Applications for grant are available to Community Councils across the county borough.

Workforce Impacts

10. There are no workforce impacts.

Legal Impacts

11. Grants are provided in line with the approved scheme criteria.

Risk Management Impacts

12. All grant applications are considered on their own merit and in line with the approved scheme criteria.

Consultation

13. There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

Recommendation

14. It is recommended that Members approve a grant of 60% of actual costs up to a maximum of £12,000 to Resolven Community Council.

Reason for Proposed Decision

15. The decision is in compliance with the approved policy and to enable community improvements.

Implementation of Decision

16. The decision is proposed for implementation after the 3 day call-in period.

List of Background Papers

17. Application from Resolven Community Council.

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