

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cabinet

12th January 2022

Report of the Head of Support Services and Transformation

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: Crynant, Briton Ferry West, Trebanos, Coedffranc Central, Resolven and Glynneath.

Project Proposals made to the Members Community Fund

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek approval to fund six project proposals that request financial support under the Members Community Fund.

Executive Summary

2. The Members Community Fund is to be used to address local needs and to support projects and initiatives that will contribute towards creating vibrant and sustainable communities.

3. The Project Development & Funding Unit (PDFU) within ELLL is charged with the governance of the Fund and will act as the Grant Management Organisation.

4. Bids can be made for projects that enhance existing Council services, assist voluntary sector provision or form part of a larger initiative that is in need of additional financial support.
5. Eligible projects will include those that enrich the environment, promote non - statutory education and learning, assist health & well-being, and promote culture and / or recreation in all its forms.
6. Project proposals seeking funding are to be formally submitted to the PDFU. Bids are checked for completeness, accuracy and deliverability and will be deemed 'fit for purpose' and ready for determination by Cabinet. Officers have considered the project proposals submitted by Members and these are deemed to comply with the Policy as endorsed by Cabinet on the 25th June 2020 and 30th June 2021.

Background

7. The 'Background' or 'Project Specifics' pertinent to each project are set out in the appendices to this report. The detail on the 'Project Specifics' will expand upon the Project Description, the Applicant, the need, the community benefit and how the project costs have been arrived at.
8. The Appendices included with this report, and subsequently the projects to be evaluated, are as follows:-
 - (a) Appendix A - An Application by Councillor Sian Harris to provide three Gateway Welcome signs on the principle approach roads to Crynant .Total request of the Members Community Fund is £5,500.
 - (b) Appendix B – An Application by Councillor Hugh James to supply and install play apparatus (a 20 metre zip wire /Cable way) to James Field in Briton Ferry West. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £10,000.
 - (c) Appendix C – An Application by Councillor Rebeca Phillips to establish a Community Garden with Gellionnen Graig Chapel in Trebanos. The funding will be used to fund building works, storage,

tool and sundries. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £9,981.94.

(d) Appendix D – An Application by Councillor Angharad Aubrey to improve safe access by providing handrails to properties in Parc Glas, Skewen. Total request of the Members Fund is £4,500.

(e) Appendix E – An Application by Councillor Dean Lewis to supply and install outdoor gym equipment to the Community Council Park in Vaughan Avenue, Resolven. Total request of the Members Fund is £2,000.

(f) Appendix F – An Application by Councillors Morgan and Knoyle to supply and install a 3 bay 2 flat, 2 cradle, 1 basket swing to the Vale of Neath Leisure Centre play area in Glynneath West. Total request of the Members Fund is £14,342.94.

Financial Impact

9. All projects must be sustainable. Projects must have a robust exit strategy that places no additional revenue or financial burden on the Council. Maintenance responsibilities and the ongoing revenue commitment to keep a project functioning beyond the life of the Grant will have been rigorously investigated to determine as to whether there are any financial burdens on the Council.

Integrated Impact Assessment

10. A first stage impact assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its legislative duties (under the Equality Act 2010), the Welsh Language Standards (No.1) Regulations 2015, the Well - being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016. The first stage assessment has indicated that a more in - depth assessment is not required as the summary concludes there are positive outcomes for the sustainable development principle, collaboration and involvement, with no impact on equalities or the Welsh language.

Valleys Communities Impacts

11. No implications

Workforce Impacts

12. No implications

Legal Impacts

13. The delivery of the Members Community Fund will come within the purview of the Local Government Act 2000 which contains well-being powers which enable every Local Authority to have the ability to do anything which it considers likely to promote an improvement to economic, social or environmental well-being in the area. Eligible projects will include those that enrich the environment, promote non - statutory education and learning, assist health & well-being, and promote culture and / or recreation in all its forms

Risk Management

14. There are no risk management issues associated with the reporting.

Consultation

15. There is no requirement for external consultation on this item.

Recommendations

16. It is recommended that, having due regard to the Integrated Impact Screening Assessment that members approve the following applications:

- (a) An Application by Councillor Sian Harris to provide three Gateway Welcome signs on the principle approach roads to Crynant, as set out in Appendix A.
- (b) An Application by Councillor Hugh James to supply and install a 20 metre zip wire/Cableway to James Field, as set out in Appendix B.
- (c) An Application by Councillor Rebeca Phillips to establish a Community Garden with Gellionnen Graig Chapel in Trebanos, as set out in Appendix C.

(d) An Application by Councillor Angharad Aubrey to improve safe access by providing handrails to properties in Parc Glas, Skewen, as set out in Appendix D.

(e) An Application by Councillor Dean Lewis to supply and install outdoor gym equipment to the Community Council Park in Resolven, as set out in Appendix E.

(f) An Application by Councillor Del Morgan and Councillor Simon Knoyle to supply and install a 3 bay, 2 flat, 2 cradle, 1 basket swing to the VNLC play area in Glynneath West as set out in Appendix F.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

17. To approve the Applications for funding that have been received under the Members Community Fund.

Implementation of Decision

18. The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

List of Background Papers

19. None

Appendices

20. Appendix 1 – IIA First Assessment

Appendices A – F - Applications

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