

Appendix C.

Background or 'Project Specifics' – Application MF045/T2

To establish a Community Garden at Gellionnen and Graig Chapel, Trebanos by clearing and levelling land and equipping volunteers with essential tools and implements.

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

The funding will be used to clear and level derelict land, making the area more accessible and usable and converting to a Community Garden for all ages and abilities. The Chapel as land owners are to make the area available to the 'My Green Valley' volunteers, Ysgol Trebannws children and a range of residents who have shown interest in this initiative. The project will entail creating open space by demolishing and re-purposing walls and concrete slabs, prudent tree surgery, the purchase of storage facilities, notice boards and tools and creating a recycling point.

The need for this initiative has come to the attention of the local Ward Member. Two Open Days have been staged - the first generated the Facebook Group called 'Graig Trebanos Community Hub', the second attracted over 140 residents.

The benefits of the Community Garden will be wide ranging. It will be used as a teaching resource for Primary school aged children, will enhance the lives of residents and support community Groups like 'My Green Valley' helping them to expand. Produce grown will be consumed locally and also donated to the Food Bank.

The scheme has no further financial implications for NPTCBC as the Garden will be resourced through charitable donation and fund raising.

Recommendations

The project is valued at £9,981.94, which is the full cost of building works, skilled trades, purchases and sundries. The Applicant, Councillor Rebeca Phillips would wish to fund this project in its entirety from her Members Fund allocation.

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