

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cabinet

9th February 2022

Report of the Head of Support Services and Transformation

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: Sandfields West, Resolven, Glynneath, Coedffranc West, Port Talbot and Pelenna.

Project Proposals made to the Members Community Fund

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek approval to fund seven 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 Councillors Wood, Paddison and Davies in Sandfields West to establish an Early Years play facility at Tir Morfa Children's Community setting .Total request of the Members Community Fund is £13,127.09.
 - (b) Appendix B – An Application by Councillor Dean Lewis to establish an open access Play scheme in 'Building Blocks' community setting in Resolven. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £2,000.
 - (c) Appendix C – An Application by Councillors Morgan, Knoyle and Lewis to extend the Upper Neath Valley Cluster Worker post. The Members investment will be used to prolong the post until such

time as a bid can be made for essential continuation funding. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £6,657.06.

(d) Appendix D – An Application by Councillor Helen Ceri Clarke to add two street lighting columns to Elba Crescent/Fabian Way in Coedffranc West. Total request of the Members Fund is £5,421.92.

(e) Appendix E – An Application by Councillors Rahaman, Freeguard and Keogh to equip the Port Talbot Mosque and Islamic Centre with an Extract Air Handling System. Total request of the Members Fund is £4,700.62.

(f) Appendix F – An Application by Councillor Jeremy Hurley to assist Ponrhydyfen RFC to provide modern day changing and showering facilities to their Clubhouse. Total request of the Members Fund is £6,500.

(g) Appendix G – An Application by Councillors Rahaman, Freeguard and Keogh to develop a major public street art mural in Port Talbot Town Centre. Total request of the Members Fund is £3,000.

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 Councillors Wood, Paddison and Davies to establish an Early Years play facility at Tir Morfa, Sandfields West, as set out in Appendix A.

(b) An Application by Councillor Dean Lewis to establish an open access play scheme at 'Building Blocks' community setting in Resolven, as set out in Appendix B.

- (c) An Application by Councillors Morgan, Knoyle and Lewis to extend the Upper Neath Valley Cluster Worker project, as set out in Appendix C.
- (d) An Application by Councillor Helen Ceri Clarke to add to Public Lighting in Elba Crescent/Fabian Way in Coedffranc West, as set out in Appendix D.
- (e) An Application by Councillors Rahaman, Freeguard and Keogh to provide an Extract Air Handling System to Port Talbot Mosque and Islamic Centre, as set out in Appendix E.
- (f) An Application by Councillor Jeremy Hurley to assist Pontrhydyfen RFC in modernising their changing and showering facilities in Pelenna, as set out in Appendix F.
- (g) An Application by Councillors Rahaman, Freeguard and Keogh to develop a major public art mural within the Port Talbot Town Centre, as set out in Appendix G.

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

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