

Appendix B.

Background or 'Project Specifics' – Application MF050/T2

To establish open access play sessions at 'Resolven Building Blocks' Education Centre.

This bid has been developed to 'Assist Voluntary Sector providers' and to build upon an earlier pilot study.

The funding will be used to run a wide variety of free play options (lasting two hours) over a 7 month period, twice a month in Clyne/Melincourt and once a month in Resolven. The sessions to be serviced by play workers giving a practitioner: child ratio of 1:13 allowing 26 children per session.

The need for this initiative has come to the attention of the local Ward Member. It builds upon an earlier pilot scheme which attracted 79 attendees from Clyne and 262 attendees from Resolven. The proposal will offer vital play experiences encouraging 4 – 12 year olds to be active, away from gaming and mobile phones, helping them to regulate their emotions, promote their well-being, learn new skills and develop independence.

The long term community benefits associated with this open play provision will include 100 children having access to free play during term time. This will enhance existing provision at 'Resolven Building Blocks' by adding to the on-site childcare, speech and language therapy, the Youth Forum, the Counselling service, volunteering opportunities and the Food Bank.

The scheme has no further financial implications for NPTCBC. Long term the scheme is dependent upon further fund raising.

Recommendations

The project is valued at £5,560.82, which is the full cost of the two practitioners, a Senior Play Worker, room hire, resources and overheads. The Applicant, Councillor Dean Lewis would wish to contribute £2,000 from his Members Fund to the project. The funding

shortfall is available from a successful bid made to the local Ffynnon Oer Wind Farm Fund (£2,000) and RBB Reserves (£1,560.82).

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