

Appendix F.

Background or 'Project Specifics' – Application MF054/T2

To assist Pontrhydyfen RFC realise the complete refurbishment of the 2nd (top) floor and 1st (middle) floor of their Clubhouse at Lewis Street, Pontrhydyfen.

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

Funding (£26,000) has already been secured from the WRU and the Pen Y Cymoedd Wind Farm Fund to modernise lighting, the sound system, heating, render, upholstery, carpets and fittings in the function room on the first floor. This work cannot progress until new shower and changing facilities are installed on the second floor. This bid is to financially assist the Club to improve the player experience by providing fit for purpose, efficient, energy saving facilities.

The investment will help the Club attract more senior players and retain the junior Under 7s, 8s, 9s, 10s and 13s. The Club has now become the focus of the village providing over 40s touch rugby, over 50s walking rugby, whilst hosting a crèche and walking and cycling Groups. There are plans, upon refurbishment, to host weddings and further business opportunities in order to safeguard the Club and build sustainability.

The need for this initiative has come to the attention of the local Ward Member as it is important to build upon the success of the secured WRU and Wind Farm Grants. This investment will grow participation in rugby and cement the Club's role as a community hub. This investment will allow the Club to market itself as it will be a more attractive welcoming community venue for a range of activities.

There are no financial implications for NPTCBC as there is a small army of volunteers and tradesmen that are on hand to assist the project long term.

Recommendations

The project for the refit of the second floor of the Clubhouse is valued at £6,500, which is the full cost of drainage works, pipework,

showerheads, vinyl and decoration. The Applicant, Councillor Jeremy Hurley would wish to fund this project to the tune of £6,500, with a contribution from his Members Fund allocation. Councillor Hurley's Members Fund allocation of £10,000 will then be completed exhausted.

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