

# **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **Cabinet**

21<sup>st</sup> March 2022

### **Report of the Head of Support Services and Transformation**

#### **Matter for Decision**

**Wards Affected:** Cimla, Alltwen, Port Talbot, Gwaun Cae Gurwen, Coedffranc Central & North, Bryncoch North & South, Neath North, Rhos, Briton Ferry East, Cymmer, Tonna, Resolven, Sandfields East & West, Crynant, Taibach, Onllwyn, Aberafan ,Cwmllynfell, Glyncorwg, Pontardawe, Cadoxton, Bryn & Cwmavon and Coedffranc West.

#### **Project Proposals made to the Members Community Fund**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek approval to fund forty five 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 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and 30<sup>th</sup> 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 Adam McGrath to equip Cimla RFC with an externally mounted defibrillator .Total request of the Members Community Fund is £1,500.00.
  - (b) Appendix B – An Application by Councillor John Warman to equip the 'Utility Stores' in Castle Drive, Cimla with an externally mounted defibrillator. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £1,500.

(c) Appendix C – An Application by Councillors John Warman and Councillor Adam McGrath to develop a community artwork event at the 14<sup>th</sup> Neath (Cimla) Scout Group HQ. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £1,000.

(d) Appendix D – An Application by Councillor Christopher Jones to install an inclusive ‘Ability Swing’ within Lon Tanyrallt play area, Alltwen. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £10,000.

(e) Appendix E – An Application by Councillors Rahaman, Freeguard and Keogh to install an electricity supply and essential groundworks for LED floodlights to Ynys Park for Trefelin Boys & Girls Club. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £18,343.27.

(f) Appendix F – An Application by Councillor Sonia Reynolds to procure and install a defibrillator at Canolfan Maerdy in the Aman valley. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £1,679.00.

(g) Appendix G – An Application by Councillor Sonia Reynolds to procure and install a defibrillator at Hwb y Gors in Cwmgors in the Aman valley. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £1,679.00.

(h) Appendix H – An Application by Councillors A.P.H. Davies and M. Harvey to refurbish one tennis court in Skewen Park, Coedffranc. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £18,176.00.

(i) Appendix I – An Application by Councillors Wyndham Griffiths, Jo Hale and Christopher Williams to equip the Bryncoch Environmental Group with essential resources to expand their greening initiatives within Bryncoch North and South. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £1,071.62.

(j) Appendix J – An Application by Councillor Alan Lockyer to procure and install a defibrillator into the Neath YMCA. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £1,240.00.

(k) Appendix K – An Application by Councillors Wyndham Griffiths, Jo Hale and Christopher Williams to provide resources for the Neath Rural Guiding (Bryncoch) Units. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £1,000.00.

(l) Appendix L – An Application by Councillor Marcia Spooner to provide resources for the Neath Rural Guiding (Rhos) Units. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £1,500.00.

(m) Appendix M – An Application by Councillor Angharad Aubrey to provide a defibrillator to Ty Santes Fair (St. Marys Community Centre) in Coedffranc Central. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £1,500.00.

(n) Appendix N – An Application by Councillor Christopher James to financially assist The Friends of Jersey Park in re- establishing the pavilion shelter in Briton Ferry East. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £10,000.

(o) Appendix O – An Application by Councillors W.F. Griffiths, Jo Hale and Christopher Williams to provide a defibrillator to the Caewern Post Office/Stores in Bryncoch North/South. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £1,500.00.

(p) Appendix P – An Application by Councillor Angharad Aubrey to provide a defibrillator to the Salvation Army Headquarters in Skewen. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £1,600.00.

(q) Appendix Q – An Application by Councillor Scott Jones to renovate the Croeserw Bowling Green in Cymmer. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £4,600.00.

(r) Appendix R – An Application by Councillor Leanne Jones to provide litter picking equipment to the wider community of Tonna. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £2,703.85.

(s) Appendix S – An Application by Councillor Scott Jones to revitalise the playing surface on the Cymmer Artificial Turf Pitch. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £5,400.00.

(t) Appendix T – An Application by Councillors Sharon Freeguard, Saifur Rahaman and Dennis Keogh to establish a café type support group at St. Theodore's Church Hall in Port Talbot. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £1,600.00.

(u) Appendix U – An Application by Councillor Marcia Spooner to modernise the Rhos F.C. pavilion at Rhos Park. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £8,500.00.

(v) Appendix V – An Application by Councillors W.F. Griffiths, Jo Hale and Christopher Williams to provide a defibrillator to the bus shelter at the junction of Pen y Wern Road and Alexander Road, Bryncoch. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £1,500.00.

(w) Appendix W – An Application by Councillor Dean Lewis to support the Resolven ‘Big Bocs Bywd’ Food Bank initiative. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £1,000.00.

(x) Appendix X – An Application by Councillors Robert Wood, Suzanne Paddison and Oliver Davies to provide the seafront and Vivian Park Nature Garden with litter picking and storage facilities. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £11,640.00.

(y) Appendix Y – An Application by Councillor Dean Lewis to supply and install an outdoor Fitness Rig at Resolven RFC. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £3,000.00.

(z) Appendix Z – An Application by Councillor Sian Harris to establish an intergenerational garden in Crynant Primary School. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £4,500.00.

(aa) Appendix AA – *(An Application by Councillors Anthony and Rachel Taylor to provide a defibrillator to the Taibach Library. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £2,132.43) - Withdrawn through extenuating circumstances/duplication of provision.*

(bb) Appendix BB – An Application by Councillor Dean Cawsey to extend the ‘Community Ranger’ post that was established with funding from Tranche 1 of the Members Fund in Onllwyn. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £10,000.00

(cc) Appendix CC – An Application by Councillors Nigel Hunt and Scott Bamsey to establish 12 major street art murals on the underpasses on Afan Way and Aberafan. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £19,990.00.

(dd) Appendix DD – An Application by Councillor Hugh Jones to extend and equip the play area in Llynfell Park, Cwmllynfell. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £10,000.00.

(ee) Appendix EE – An Application by Councillors Anthony and Rachel Taylor to provide a defibrillator to the Taibach Community Education Centre. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £2,088.00

(ff) Appendix FF – An Application by Councillor Nicola Elsie Davies to provide an Induction Loop System to Noddfa Community Centre, Glyncorwg. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £8,613.00.

(gg) Appendix GG – An Application by Councillor Dean Lewis to provide two defibrillators, one to Clyne Community Centre and another to the Marion Hall in Melincourt, Resolven. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £1,000.00.

(hh) Appendix HH – An Application by Councillor Mark Protheroe and Alan Lockyer to provide new training and fitness equipment for the Neath Schools Intermediate RFU at Neath RFC. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £8,804.57.

(ii) Appendix II – An Application by Councillor Mark Protheroe to provide grounds maintenance equipment to the Dyfed Road Bowls Association, Neath North. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £1,147.43.

(jj) Appendix JJ – An Application by Councillor Sonia Reynolds to establish youth employment opportunities in the Amman Valley. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £3,666.00.

(kk) Appendix KK – An Application by Councillor Sonia Reynolds to modernise the catering equipment at Cwmgors RFC. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £2,976.00.

(ll) Appendix LL – An Application by Councillor Mark Protheroe to provide a defibrillator to Riverside Drive, Neath North. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £1,500.00.

(mm) Appendix MM – An Application by Councillor Alan Lockyer to provide a defibrillator to the Gnoll Country Park Visitor Centre. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £1,500.00.

(nn) Appendix NN – An Application by Councillor Anthony Richards to equip the 'My Green Valley' Environmental Group. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £2,761.70.

(oo) Appendix OO – An Application by Councillor Annette Wingrave to help develop a County Highway verge in Cadoxton into a venue for community events. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £4,900.00.

(pp) Appendix PP – An Application by Councillor Charlotte Galsworthy to provide storage facilities to two Community Event organisations in Bryn and Cwmafan. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £4,968.00.

(qq) Appendix QQ -An Application by Councillor Helen Ceri Clarke to equip Coedffranc FC minis, juniors and Ladies with essential training apparatus. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £1,160.00.

(rr) Appendix RR – An Application by Councillor Helen Ceri Clarke to provide new benches to Llandarcy village, Coedffranc West. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £1,279.59.

(ss) Appendix SS – An Application by Councillor Helen Ceri Clarke to equip Llandarcy AFC with coach education and essential training apparatus. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £1,137.32.

(tt) Appendix TT – An Application by Councillor Annette Wingrave to improve road safety at Cwmbach Road, Cadoxton. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £5,100.00.

## **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 McGrath to equip Cimla RFC with an externally mounted defibrillator, as set out in Appendix A.
- (b) An Application by Councillor Warman to equip the 'Utility Stores' in Castle Drive, Cimla with an externally mounted defibrillator, as set out in Appendix B.
- (c) An Application by Councillors Warman and McGrath to develop a community artwork event with the 14<sup>th</sup> Neath (Cimla) Scout Group, as set out in Appendix C.
- (d) An Application by Councillor Jones to install an inclusive 'Ability Swing' in Lon Tanyrallt play area, Alltwen, as set out in Appendix D.
- (e) An Application by Councillors Rahaman, Freeguard and Keogh to assist Phase 1 of LED Floodlighting installation at Ynys Park for Trefelin Boys & Girls Club, as set out in Appendix E.
- (f) An Application by Councillor Reynolds to provide a defibrillator at Canolfan Maerdy, as set out in Appendix F.
- (g) An Application by Councillor Reynolds to provide a defibrillator at Hwb y Gors, Cwmgors, as set out in Appendix G.
- (h) An Application by Councillors A.P.H. Davies and M. Harvey to refurbish a tennis court in Skewen Park, Coedffranc, as set out in Appendix H.
- (i) An Application by Councillors W.F. Griffiths, J. Hale and C. Williams to equip the Bryncoch Environmental Group, as set out in Appendix I.

(j) An Application by Councillor Lockyer to provide a defibrillator to the Neath YMCA, as set out in Appendix J.

(k) An Application by Councillors W.F. Griffiths, J. Hale and C. Williams to provide resources for the Neath Rural Guiding (Bryncoch) Units, as set out in Appendix K.

(l) An Application by Councillor Spooner to provide resources for the Neath Rural Guiding (Rhos) Units, as set out in Appendix L.

(m) An Application by Councillor Aubrey to provide a defibrillator to the St. Marys Community Centre in Coedffranc Central, as set out in Appendix M.

(n) An Application by Councillor C. James to financially assist The Friends of Jersey Park in realising a new pavilion shelter in Briton Ferry East, as set out in Appendix N.

(o) An Application by Councillors Griffiths, Hale and Williams to provide a defibrillator to Caewern Post Office/ Stores, as set out in Appendix O.

(p) An Application by Councillor Aubrey to provide a defibrillator to the Salvation Army building in Skewen, as set out in Appendix P.

(q) An Application by Councillor S. Jones to renovate the Croeserw Bowling Green in Cymmer, as set out in Appendix Q.

(r) An Application by Councillor L. Jones to provide litter – picking equipment to the community of Tonna, as set out in Appendix R.

(s) An Application by Councillor S. Jones to revitalise the playing surface on the Cymmer Artificial Turf Pitch, as set out in Appendix S.

(t) An Application by Councillors S. Freeguard, S.Rahaman and D. Keogh to establish a support group at St. Theodore's Church Hall, as set out in Appendix T.

(u) An Application by Councillor M. Spooner to modernise and re-roof the Rhos F.C pavilion at Rhos Park, as set out in Appendix U.

(v) An Application by Councillors W.F. Griffiths, J. Hale and C. Williams to provide a defibrillator at Pen yr Wern Road, Bryncoch, as set out in Appendix V.

(w) An Application by Councillor D. Lewis to support the 'Big Bocs Bwyd' Food Bank initiative in Resolven, as set out in Appendix W.

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(z) An Application by Councillor S. Harris to establish an intergenerational garden in Crynant Primary School, as set out in Appendix Z.

*(aa) An Application by Councillor Anthony and Rachel Taylor to provide a defibrillator to Taibach Library, as set out in Appendix AA (Withdrawn).*

(bb) An Application by Councillor Dean Cawsey to extend the post of 'Community Ranger' in Onllwyn, as set out in Appendix BB.

(cc) An Application by Councillors N.T Hunt and S. Bamsey to provide street art murals at 11 locations within Aberafan and Baglan Moors, as set out in Appendix CC.

(dd) An Application by Councillor H. Jones to extend and equip the Llynfell Park, Cwmllynfell, as set out in Appendix DD.

(ee) An Application by Councillor Anthony Taylor and Rachel Taylor to provide a defibrillator to Taibach Community Education Centre, as set out in Appendix EE.

(ff) An Application by Councillor N.J.E. Davies to provide an Induction Loop System to the Noddfa Community Centre, Glyncorrwg, as set out in Appendix FF.

(gg) An Application by Councillor D. Lewis to provide two defibrillators at Clyne and Melincourt, as set out in Appendix GG.

(hh) An Application by Councillors M. Protheroe and A. Lockyer to equip the Neath Schools Intermediate RFU, as set out in Appendix HH.

(ii) An Application by Councillor M. Protheroe to provide grounds maintenance equipment to Dyfed Road Bowls Association, as set out in Appendix II.

(jj) An Application by Councillor S. Reynolds to establish youth employment opportunities within the Amman Valley, as set out in Appendix JJ.

(kk) An Application by Councillor S. Reynolds to modernise the kitchen appliances at Cwmgors RFC, as set out in Appendix KK.

(ll) An Application by Councillor M. Protheroe to provide a defibrillator to Riverside Drive, Neath North, as set out in Appendix LL.

(mm) An Application by Councillor A. Lockyer to provide a defibrillator to the Gnoll Visitor Centre, as set out in Appendix MM.

(nn) An Application by Councillor A. Richards to equip the 'My Green Valley' environmental group, as set out in Appendix NN.

(oo) An Application by Councillor A. Wingrave to provide an electrical hook up to a grass verge in Cadoxton, as set out in Appendix OO.

(pp) An Application by Councillor C. Galsworthy to provide storage facilities for community events in Bryn & Cwmafan, as set out in Appendix PP.

(qq) An Application by Councillor H.C. Clarke to equip Coedffranc FC with training apparatus, as set out in Appendix QQ.

(rr) An Application by Councillor H.C. Clarke to provide benches to Llandarcy village, Coedffranc West, as set out in Appendix RR.

(ss) An Application by Councillor H.C. Clarke to equip Llandarcy AFC with coach education and training apparatus, as set out in Appendix SS.

(tt) An Application by Councillor A. Wingrave to improve road safety at Cwmbach Road, Cadoxton, as set out in Appendix TT.

### **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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