

Appendix E.

Background or 'Project Specifics' – Application MF060/T2

To financially assist the preparatory work associated with the installation of LED floodlights to Ynys Park for Trefelin Boys and Girls Club in Port Talbot.

This bid has been developed to 'Assist Voluntary Sector providers' and is part of a more complex proposal that has required the input of the Project Development and Funding Unit.

The funding sought from the Members Fund will contribute towards the cost of excavation, foundation, base works, the ducting, the cabling and the connection back to the Mains electricity with a control panel and isolator. This is part of a phased development programme which will prepare the site in readiness for locating 8 floodlighting columns with LED lumens.

The new acquisition will help the Club train a growing number of Senior, Youth, Junior and Mini footballers, both girls and boys, at a time of year when they would otherwise be reliant on hiring local 3G pitches which is proving to be a financial drain on resources. The financial forecasting and cash flow situation suggests that by installing their own LED floodlighting there will be a saving of £47 on each floodlit training session. Money saved on hire will be reinvested in grounds maintenance to ensure the main pitch can accommodate both the training and fixtures on a Match day.

The need for this initiative has come to the attention of the three local Ward Members who are very supportive of the Club. The Trefelin Boys and Girls Club have invested heavily in their Clubhouse making it fully accessible, modern and now a venue for many non – sporting activities which include the elderly. There is good proximity to the centre of Port Talbot, good infrastructure and car parking and the Club wish to use their amenities to diversify and become more community focused. There are plans to grow participation by 25% as a result of this investment and to engage with a wider audience, offering the most generous arrangements for public enjoyment.

The second phase of the project which will include the supply and installation of 8 x 15m hinged columns with LED Floods will be funded by the Football Association of Wales (FAW) Welsh Ground Improvements Fund upon Application in May 2022.

The scheme has no further financial implications for NPTCBC as the Club are already operating under a private Leasehold which has 74 years unexpired. All maintenance, both on and off the field of play falls to the Management Committee at the Club.

Recommendations

The project is valued at £38,626.24, which has been arrived at through competitive tender with reputable lighting Contractors, Civil Engineers and 'Western Power Distribution'. The Mynydd Brombil Wind Farm Community Fund has contributed £14,591.77. The Applicants, Councillors Saif Rahaman, Sharon Freeguard and Dennis Keogh would wish to contribute £18,343.27, which is a proportion of their remaining Members Fund allocation (£6,799.38 from Councillor Rahaman, £6,900 from Councillor Freeguard and £4,643.89 from Councillor Keogh).The funding shortfall on the project, valued at £5,691.20 ,will be met by the Trefelin Boys & Girls Club.

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