

Appendix I.

Background or 'Project Specifics' – Application MF064/T2

To assist the Bryncoch Environmental Group in its endeavours to make the County greener and cleaner by acquiring essential items of equipment that will promote environmental stewardship in Bryncoch North and South.

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

The funding will be used to assist the Group in its many ventures which include litter picking, Bat Surveys, Toad Patrols, tree planting and greening initiatives. The Group promote environmental practices and educate schoolchildren, Scout Groups, those participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Awards, University students and others in maintaining the quality of natural, urban and rural habitats and biodiversity. They work in partnership with Keep Wales Tidy, 'Frog life' and the Woodland Trust.

The need for this initiative has come to the attention of the local Ward Members. The Group are working towards the aspirations of the NPTCBC Strategic Change Programme – 'Recover, Reset and Renew' by creating greener, safer and attractive areas to work and live by instilling a sense of pride and community involvement.

The benefits of this proposal will be wide ranging. It will be used as a means of attracting new members to the Group, to impart new skills and make people feel as if they are part of their community.

The scheme has no further financial implications for NPTCBC as the equipment will be maintained by the Bryncoch Environmental Group.

Recommendations

The project is valued at £1,071.62, which is the cost of a litter cart, litter pickers, Bat detectors, rechargeable torches (for nocturnal activities) and educational resources. The Applicants, Councillors Wyndham Griffiths, Jo Hale and Chris Williams would wish to fund this project equally from their Members Fund allocation.

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