

Appendix N.

Background or 'Project Specifics' – Application MF069/T2

To financially assist The Friends of Jersey Park to re-establish the pavilion shelter lost previously to deterioration and vandalism in Briton Ferry East.

This bid has been developed to 'Assist Voluntary Sector providers' in realising a locally significant capital project.

The funding will be used to supply and install an oak framed shelter complete with benches, located on exactly the same footing as the previous shelter. Materials chosen are environmentally sustainable and both CADW and the Heritage Lottery Fund have been heavily involved in arriving at this project with 'The Friends'. The Park was gifted by the Earl of Jersey for public enjoyment and recreation and is now a Grade II Listed landscape.

The need for this initiative has come to the attention of the local Ward Member. The Friends of Jersey Park were set up in 2016 and have many ambitious plans for the park in the run up to it celebrating its centenary in 2025. Currently the wildlife pond is under restoration with the help of pupils from Ysgol Tyle'r Ynn and Ysgol Carreg Hir. Interpretation panels have been located to recognise the rich industrial heritage in the Park connecting to Isambard Kingdom Brunel and the South Wales Mineral Railway. The Friends work in partnership with Natural Resources Wales and the NPT Local Nature Group.

The intention is again to make the pavilion shelter a focal point in Jersey Park, one that the whole community can enjoy, increasing the usage of the Park, helping visitors to further their education, celebrate and appreciate local social history.

The scheme has no further financial implications for NPTCBC as the ongoing upkeep of the restored elements of Jersey Park remain the responsibility of 'The Friends of' under a fully insuring and maintaining Leasehold Agreement.

Recommendations

The project is valued at £21,461.60, which is the full cost of the shelter, the benches and groundworks/installation. The Applicant, Councillor Christopher James would wish to fund this project to the tune of £10,000 from his Members Fund allocation. The shortfall on the funding package is made up of a secured Heritage Lottery Fund Grant of £10,000 and Reserves from The Friends of Jersey Park.

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