

Appendix FF.

Background or 'Project Specifics' – Application MF087/T2

To provide funding for the purchase and installation of an Induction Loop System at Noddfa Community Centre, Glyncorrwg.

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

The funding will be used to install speakers, amplifier, cabling, switch gear, sockets, microphones and a transmitter to the Main Hall and the Church Room, and to provide experienced labour for installation.

The need for this initiative has come to the attention of the local Ward Member. It is both a legislative requirement (under the Equality Act 201) and a prudent measure to provide for the hard of hearing. The Centre has been managed by a Community Interest Company since its transfer from the Council in 2014. This investment continues the essential improvements to the building, which to date have included a new roof, cladding, new electrics, storage, carpeting and kitchen facilities.

The Noddfa Community Centre hosts many educational and cultural activities that include Welsh Conversation, Job Club, Mother and Toddler, WI, Bingo, Yoga and Craft Work. Patrons who have hearing issues cannot interact and join in with some activities as acoustics are not good in the Main hall. The Induction Loop will allow them to participate on an equal footing and add to the enjoyment of meeting up with friends and enhance their experience. This investment will grow the use of the Hall and extend the scope and its reach into the wider community.

The scheme has no further financial implications for NPTCBC as the ongoing upkeep of the Hall remains the responsibility of the Trustees.

Recommendations

The project is valued at £8,613.00, which is the full cost of purchase and installation. The Applicant, Councillor Nicola Davies would wish to fund this project from her Members Fund allocation.

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