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Report Title:	ALLOCATIONS UNDER TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL CAPITAL GRANT SCHEME 2023-24																																	
Report Owner / Corporate Director:	CORPORATE DIRECTOR COMMUNITIES																																	
Responsible Officer:	IEUAN SHERWOOD GROUP MANAGER ECONOMY, NATURAL RESOURCES AND SUSTAINABILITY																																	
Policy Framework and Procedure Rules:	There is no effect upon the Council's policy framework or procedure rules as a result of this report.																																	
Executive Summary:	<p>The purpose of this report is to seek Cabinet approval to allocate capital funding to Town and Community Councils to develop projects in line with the recommendations contained within this report from the Town and Community Council (T&CC) Capital Grant scheme for 2023-24.</p> <p>The following projects are proposed for approval:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Applicant</th> <th style="text-align: right;">Project Cost</th> <th style="text-align: right;">TCC Fund Contribution</th> <th style="text-align: center;">CAT alignment</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Net-Zero alignment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Coychurch Lower</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£5,634.50</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£2,814.00</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Yes</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Limited</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Porthcawl</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£150,000.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£20,000.00</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Yes</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Yes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pyle 1</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£63,013.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£20,000.00</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Yes</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Yes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pyle 2</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£183,350.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£20,000.00</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Yes</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Yes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£401,997.50</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£62,814.00</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Applicant	Project Cost	TCC Fund Contribution	CAT alignment	Net-Zero alignment	Coychurch Lower	£5,634.50	£2,814.00	Yes	Limited	Porthcawl	£150,000.00	£20,000.00	Yes	Yes	Pyle 1	£63,013.00	£20,000.00	Yes	Yes	Pyle 2	£183,350.00	£20,000.00	Yes	Yes	Total	£401,997.50	£62,814.00		
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Cabinet approval to allocate capital funding to Town and Community Councils to develop projects in line with the recommendations contained within this report from the Town and Community Council (T&CC) Capital Grant scheme for 2023-24.

2. Background

2.1 Since 2017-18 funding under the T&CC Capital Grant scheme has prioritised applications supporting projects directly linked to the Council's Community Asset Transfer (CAT) programme in recognition of reducing Bridgend County Borough Council's (BCBC's) resources and the options available to T&CCs to deliver alternative services, and increasingly the scheme will seek to support proposals that align with the BCBC's Decarbonisation, Net-Zero 2030 agenda.

2.2 With the stated desire to more closely align the T&CC Capital grant scheme with the CAT process the approvals in 2022-23 were as follows:

Applicant	Project Cost	TCC Fund Contribution	Project Summary
Cornelly Community Council	£19,166	£9,583	Replacement of aluminium windows for UPVC at Community Centre
Coychurch Higher Community Council	£8,600 - £10,000	£5,000	Creation of wetland area in Heol y Cyw

3. Current situation / proposal

3.1 BCBC has £50,000 allocated for 2023-24 and subsequent years in the Council approved Capital Programme to support applications from T&CCs for capital projects. With the carry forward funds from 2022-23 the budget available for 2023-24 is £116,419.57.

3.2 Town and Community Councils were made aware of the T&CC Capital Grant, 2023-24 on 9 November 2022. The grant closed for applications on 28 February 2023.

3.3 The proposals received from T&CCs for the 2023-24 T&CC Capital Grant allocation are outlined at Table 1 below, along with comments from BCBC officers.

Table 1: 2023-24 T&CC Capital Grant applications

Applicant	Project Cost	TCC Fund Contribution	CAT alignment	Net-Zero alignment	Summary of proposal
Cefn Cribwr	£29,419.50	£14,709.75	None	Limited	Reinstating/extending footpath at Mountain Lane
Coity Higher 1	£17,380.75	£8,690.37	None	Limited	New footpath/rights

					of way between Coity Castle & St Mary's Church
Coity Higher 2	£10,648.00	£5,324.00	None	Limited	New footpath at play area on Heol Spencer
Coity Higher 3	£10,126.72	£5,063.36	None	Limited	Purchase Street Furniture for Black Path, Litchard
Coychurch Lower	£5,634.50	£2,814.00	Yes	Limited	Upgrade Coychurch Play Park inc. new play equipment, bench & bike stands
Garw Valley	£25,571.00	£12,785.50	None	Limited	Replace four footpaths at Parc Calon Lan to make DDA compliant
Llangynwyd Lower	£118,950.00	£20,000.00	Yes	No	Convert Community Centre Sports Changing rooms into training/activity area
Llangynwyd Middle	£4,075.00	£2,037.50	None	No	Laying pipework to lockable cabinet for independent water source
Porthcawl	£150,000.00	£20,000.00	Yes	Yes	Additional DDA compliant play/exercise equipment in Griffin Park
Pyle 1	£63,013.00	£20,000.00	Yes	Yes	Creation of Edible Forest Garden to rear of Pyle Swimming Pool
Pyle 2	£183,350.00	£20,000.00	Yes	Yes	New play park to rear of Ty Talwyn Avenue, Kenfig Hill
St Brides Minor	£44,556.00	£22,278.00	None	Limited	MUGA near Sarn Centre (Merfield Close)
Total	£662,724.47	£153,702.48			

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3.4 Funding of up to £116,419.57 is available for allocation under the T&CC Capital scheme in 2023-24.

3.5 It is proposed that the applications in table 2 below are approved.

Table 2: 2023-24 T&CC Capital Grant proposed approvals

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3.6 It is proposed that the Council's Community Asset Transfer Officer engage with those Town and Community Councils in table 1 not recommended for approval to offer support in relation to the proposals achieving better alignment with the Council's Community Asset Transfer and Net-Zero aspirations for possible funding bids in future years.

3.7 The application from Llangynwyd Middle Community Council is considered as ineligible as it does not meet the stated minimum project value of the fund of £5,000.

4. Equality implications (including Socio-economic Duty and Welsh Language)

4.1 An initial Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) screening has identified that there would be no negative impact on those with one or more of the protected characteristics, on socio-economic disadvantage or the use of the Welsh Language. It is therefore not necessary to carry out a full EIA on this policy or proposal.

5. Well-being of Future Generations implications and connection to Corporate Well-being Objectives

5.1 BCBC is committed to promoting sustainable development and to discharge its duties under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. A summary of relating to the five ways of working and how they connection to the Corporate Well-being Objectives is below:

- Long-term: The projects proposed for support are those that have been identified by T&CCs themselves in response to current need and therefore propose to implement action that meets the requirements of current generations. A process of local needs identification followed by local led delivery in response to it will enhance the capacity of local organisations to take forward further schemes in the future.
- Prevention: The projects that are proposed for support if left undelivered may create a worsening of conditions currently being experienced by local residents. In addition, if the schemes were to be delivered in future years any further deterioration may result in increased costs.
- Integration: The T&CC Capital grant scheme will achieve this way of working by recognising the projects that are proposed for support are those that have been identified by the T&CCs themselves as best placed to utilise available funding to meet local needs in a holistic way.
- Collaboration: The proposals have been developed and will be delivered through a strong partnership between BCBC and those T&CCs that have applied for funding.
- Involvement: The T&CC Capital grant scheme is delivered in close partnership with a range of local stakeholders. Discussions and development with the T&CCs have taken place through BCBC's CAT Officer and information about the funding opportunity was provided to all T&CCs in the County Borough.

6. Climate Change Implications

6.1 The T&CC Capital grant scheme has criteria specifically designed to support BCBC Climate Change and Decarbonisation ambitions. Assessment of applications considered the relevance of proposals to the criteria and decisions have been agreed by the Cabinet member for Climate Change and the Environment.

7. Safeguarding and Corporate Parent Implications

7.1 There are no safeguarding or corporate parent implications arising from this report.

8. Financial Implications

8.1 Funding of up to £116,419.57 is available for allocation under the T&CC Capital scheme in 2023-24.

8.2 Taking into account the information provided in the applications the proposed approvals under the T&CC Capital scheme 2023-24 are detailed at Table 2 above, totalling £62,814.00. The remaining allocation of £53,605.57 will be rolled forward in to future rounds of funding through the T&CC Capital scheme.

8.3 Funding offers will be conditional on compliance with the stated terms and conditions of the T&CC Capital Grant scheme and feedback will be available to the applicants.

9. Recommendations

9.1 It is recommended that Cabinet:

9.1.1 Approve allocation of capital funding within the existing Capital Programme of £62,814.00 to Town and Community Councils (T&CC) to develop projects in line with the specific applications detailed at Table 2 from the Town and Community Council Capital Grant Scheme

9.1.2 Note that funding of £53,605.57 will be rolled forward to support projects in 2024-25 onwards.

Background documents: None