

# BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## REPORT TO CABINET

16 JUNE 2015

### CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

#### TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUND 2015-16

#### 1. Purpose of Report.

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Cabinet approval to allocate the funding identified in the capital programme for Community Projects to Town and Community Councils.

#### 2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives/Other Corporate Priorities.

- 2.1 In order for Town and Community Councils to benefit from the funding allocated, any projects approved must meet at least one of the Council's Improvement Priorities.

#### 3. Background

- 3.1 The following criteria for allocation of this fund have been approved by Cabinet and reported to the Town and Community Council Forum:

- That an application form must be completed by each Town & Community Council that wishes to apply for this funding.
- That any projects must be linked to BCBC Improvement Priorities.
- That only one bid per Town or Community Council will be considered in each financial year.
- Projects should have a total value in excess of £5,000.
- That the County Borough Council's maximum contribution will be limited to £20,000 for each bid.
- That Town and Community Councils will need to provide details when money will be spent.
- Failure to spend the money in the allocated timescale, without a justifiable reason will result in the funding being rescinded.
- All projects to be of a capital nature – i.e. they must either create or enhance the value of an asset.
- Town and Community Councils to meet at least 50% of the project costs.
- That payment of any grant from the fund will be dependant upon receipt of evidence of costs having been incurred by the Town or Community Council.
- That any on-going revenue costs associated with the project will be met by the Town or Community Council.

Future reviews of the criteria for allocation of this fund will be reported to Cabinet and the Town and Community Council Forum.

3.2 The following table provides an update on all projects approved in 2014/15.

**Table 1 – Projects Approved in 2014/15**

<b>Council</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>Grant Awarded</b>	<b>Status</b>
Cefn Cribwr CC	Gateway to Mynydd Bach Common & War Memorial	£39,400	£17,926	Approved – works ongoing
Garw Valley CC	Darren Fawr Mountain Bike Trails Signage	£12,000	£5,544	Completed – payment made
Maesteg TC	Highway Safety – paved area adjacent to Llynfi surgery	£6,730	£3,109	Completed – awaiting evidence to make payment
Porthcawl TC	Station Hill refurbishment	£39,990	£18,472	Approved – works ongoing
Pyle CC	Refurbishment of Rosemount Garden	£28,000	£12,937	Completed – payment made
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£126,120</b>	<b>£57,988</b>	

#### **4. Current situation / proposal.**

4.1 Bids for allocation of the 2015/16 budget - £50,000 - were invited from all Town & Community Councils and the following projects have been submitted and are detailed in the following table.

**Table 2 – Bids Received 2015/16**

<b>Council</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>Funding Requested &amp; Proposed Allocation</b>	<b>BCBC Improvement Priorities</b>
Brackla CC	Brackla Football Pitch	£26,734	£13,367	Educational Achievement, Supporting Young People & Families, Help Vulnerable & Older People, Encouraging Health Lifestyle
Bridgend TC	Carnegie House Entrance Archway	£6,000	£3,000	Developing Local Economy, Educational Achievement, Supporting Young People & Families, Help Vulnerable & Older People, Encouraging Health Lifestyle
Coity Higher CC	Pedestrian Refuge at Litchard Hill	£19,250	£9,625	Developing Local Economy, Encouraging Health Lifestyle
Laleston CC	Multi-use games area	£65,000 – £80,000	£20,000	Educational Achievement
Maesteg TC	Vehicle activated signs	£10,950	£5,000	Supporting Young People & Families, Help Vulnerable & Older People
Pyle CC	Landscape Improvements	£28,000	£14,000	Developing Local Economy, Help Vulnerable & Older People, Encouraging Health Lifestyle
St Brides Minor CC	Car Park extension	£46,530	£20,000	Supporting Young People & Families, Help Vulnerable & Older People, Encouraging Health Lifestyle
<b>Total Bids</b>		<b>£202,464 to £217,464</b>	<b>£84,992</b>	

**4.2 Description of Bids from Town and Community Councils:**

- Brackla CC – Brackla Football pitch and grassed area adjacent to pathways – fencing off Brackla Football Pitch and the installation of outside exercise stations alongside the black path.
- Bridgend TC – The commissioning of a new metal archway to the steps of Carnegie House to provide a reasonably prominent name of the building incorporating glazed metal notice board/s and logos.
- Coity Higher CC – A Pedestrian refuge in the centre of the road at Litchard Hill.
- Laleston CC – Construction of a multi-use games area for school and community use in the grounds of Llangwydd Junior School.
- Maesteg TC – Installation of vehicle activated signs at each highway entrance to the Llynfi Valley to reduce speeding of vehicles and thereby increase road safety.

- Pyle CC – Landscape improvements – gateway entrances into the housing estate and avenue tree planting – Marlas Road, Pyle.
- St Brides Minor CC – Sustainable car park extension at the Bryncethin Memorial Hall.

4.3 A detailed review of spend against allocation on projects between 2008/09 and 2011/12 identified an underspend of £35,356. It is proposed to utilise this underspend to meet the shortfall against projects submitted in 2015/16 (£34,992).

## **5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules.**

5.1 There will be no direct effect on the Policy Framework & Procedure Rules.

## **6. Equality Impact Assessment.**

6.1 Equality Impact Assessments have been undertaken for each proposed project none of which have a negative impact.

## **7. Financial Implications.**

7.1 Allocation of funds will be met from within funding allocated within the capital programme for Town and Community Council projects. The proposed allocation will also utilise funds slipped from 2008/09 to 2011/12 to meet the identified shortfall in 2015/16.

## **8. Recommendation.**

8.1 Cabinet approves the proposed allocations set out in Table 2 above.

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## **Background documents**

Capital Programme 2015/16 – 2014/25 – Cabinet 10 February 2015  
Town & Community Council Bids