

FULL COUNCIL REPORT

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To: Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen

Ffos-Y-Fran Community Fund – Allocation of Funding (9)

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT:

To recommend allocation of funding from the Ffos-Y-Fran Community Fund.

1.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1.1 Council of 28th April 2010 approved the Constitution and Terms of Reference for the allocation of the Ffos-Y-Fran Community Fund (the Fund). It was approved that the Ffos-Y-Fran Panel (the Panel), to determine application of the Fund, should consist of representatives from Miller Argent Limited, the Council and the Community.

1.2 Current membership of the Panel is as follows:

Council Representatives

- Councillor Brendan Toomey (Leader)
- Councillor Phil Williams (Deputy Leader and Portfolio Member for the Chief Executive's Directorate)
- Councillor Richard Thomas (Leader of the Opposition)
- Gareth Chapman (Chief Executive)
- Steve Jones (Chief Finance Officer)
- Alwyn Owen (Head of Economic Development)

- Fran Donnelly (Solicitor)
- Sarah Mee – (External Funding Manager)
- Maria Price (Administrative Support)

Miller Argent Limited Representatives

- James Poyner (Director)
- Neil Brown (Director)
- Jim Prower (Director)

Community Representatives

- Sir Mansel Aylward
- Mostyn James

2.0 EVALUATION PROCEDURES

- 2.1 Five evaluation criteria for the allocation of funding from the Fund were recommended by the Panel of 7th April 2011 and approved by Council on 25th May 2011 with an additional criteria recommended by the Panel of 5th April 2012 and approved by Council on 23rd May 2012.
- 2.2 The approved evaluation criteria are as follows:
1. Applications must be strategic in nature complying with both Council and Welsh Assembly Government ambitions
 2. Applications must be able to demonstrate that funding can be used as leverage to attract match funding sources to at least a 50:50 proportion
 3. Applications must support local community projects with an educational, environmental or leisure emphasis
 4. Applications must be for strategic projects within the County Borough of Merthyr Tydfil
 5. Applications must demonstrate the achievement of a lasting legacy for the Community
 6. No organisation is to be granted additional monies from the Fund within a 12 month period of a previous funding allocation
- 2.3 All potential applicants are advised of the evaluation criteria and all applications received are considered by the Panel with projects considered satisfying the evaluation criteria and deemed beneficial for support, recommended to Council for approval.

3.0 EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS

3.1 Three applications received were considered by the Panel on 4th December 2014. The following was recommended for support as satisfying all evaluation criteria:-

3.1.1 Rock UK

Project – Rock UK Summit Centre Redevelopment

Description – To develop the centre and convert it from a local climbing centre into a residential adventure centre and to develop a regional facility across the county borough of Merthyr Tydfil and South Wales.

Project Cost – £3.666m

Required from the fund - £500k

Recommendation - The Panel agreed to support the application subject to various conditions.

3.2 The following will be deferred to the next Council Meeting to substantiate if the match funding has been secured:-

3.2.1 Central Beacons Mountain Rescue Team

Project – Replacement Vehicle and Protective Clothing

Description – To replace an emergency response Land Rover and to purchase protective clothing for the operational team members.

Project Cost – £60,825.68

Required from the fund - £30,412.84

Recommendation - The Panel agreed to support the application in principle subject to match funding being secured.

3.3 The one application not recommended for support is as follows:

3.3.1 Dowlais Male Voice Choir

Project – Dowlais Male Choir 50th Anniversary

Description – To help with the costs of holding events to celebrate the above and to produce a celebratory CD and a book.

Project Cost – £50,363.00

Required from the fund - £21,174.00

Recommendations – Not to support the application due to the application being purely for revenue funding.

3.4 Unsuccessful applications will be advised of the Panel's reasons for not recommending for financial support and where appropriate will be directed towards potential alternative sources of funding.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

4.1 A commitment of £500k is required from the Fund to support:-

- Rock Uk - £500k

5.0 SINGLE INTEGRATED PLAN AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT SUMMARY

5.1 The Single Integrated Plan & Sustainability Impact Assessment has been completed and the proposals positively impact on a number of aspects of the Corporate Plan and Single Integrated Plan, including people, who live and work in Merthyr Tydfil are supported to enjoy a healthier and better quality of life and people enjoy a vibrant, attractive, safe and sustainable place in which to live, work, play and visit. No negative impacts have been identified.

6.0 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

6.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) screening form has been prepared for the purpose of this report. It has been found that a full report is not required at this time. The screening form can be accessed on the Council's website/intranet via the 'Equality Impact Assessment' link.

7.0 RECOMMENDATION(S) that

7.1 Allocations totalling £500k to the following organisation be approved:-

- Rock Uk - £500k

GARETH CHAPMAN
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

BACKGROUND PAPERS		
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Consultation has been undertaken with the Corporate Management Team in respect of each proposal(s) and recommendation(s) set out in this report.