



## **FULL COUNCIL - INFORMATION REPORT**

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To: Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen

### **Ffos-y-fran Intermediate Grant Scheme**

#### **1.0 SUMMARY OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To update Council on the allocation of the Ffos-y-Fran Intermediate Grant Scheme funds following the Grants Panel held in September 2017

#### **2.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 In April 2012 Council approved the proposal that an Intermediate Fund be created. An annual sum of £50,000 is allocated to the fund with decisions on the allocation delegated to the Leader of the Council, the Leader of the Opposition and the Chief Finance Officer.
- 2.2 The Ffos y Fran Panel agreed that a 6 monthly report be provided to Miller Argent Limited to advise on the spend outlining all of the organisations supported during the period and Miller Argent Limited, if considered appropriate, can recommend to the Ffos y Fran Panel the discontinuation of future support to certain organisations.

#### **3.0 EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 Eighteen applications received were considered by the Panel on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017 with the following thirteen recommended for support as satisfying all the evaluation criteria:-

3.1.1 Merthyr Tydfil Ladies Netball

**Project** – Merthyr Minis Netball

**Description** – To purchase equipment and coaching courses to provide the opportunity for young girls and boys to play netball

**Project cost** - £3,000

**Required from Ffos-y-fran** - £1,500

3.1.2 Merthyr Rising Festival CIC

**Project** – Merthyr Rising Festival 2018

**Description** – To support with costs for an inflatable tent, stage, PA and lighting

**Project cost** - £100,000.00

**Required from Ffos-y-fran** - £5,000

3.1.3 Dowlais Dragonettes Ladies Rugby Team

**Project** – Dowlais Dragonettes Ladies Rugby Team

**Description** – To provide equipment, coaching courses and venue hire for the only women's rugby team in Merthyr

**Project cost** - £1,500

**Required from Ffos-y-fran** - £1,000

3.1.4 Karate Union of Great Britain Wales

**Project** – European Karate Championships

**Description** – To support with costs for the Club to take part in the European Karate Championships

**Project cost** - £12,000

**Required from Ffos-y-fran** - £1,200

3.1.5 Urdd Gobaith Cymru

**Project** – New Welsh language sports provision

**Description** – To develop new Welsh and bilingual sport and physical activities for children

**Project cost** - £14,617

**Required from Ffos-y-fran** - £4,617

3.1.6 Friends of Merthyr Tydfil Youth Music

**Project** – Merthyr Tydfil Youth Orchestra 2017-18 Plan

**Description** – Sheet music and venue hire for the Easter Concert and a theatre visit

**Project cost** - £5,000

**Required from Ffos-y-fran** - £5,000 – the panel agreed to support with £2,300 towards the costs of the sheet music and venue hire

3.1.7 Cefn Coed Community Centre

**Project** – Running costs and bouncy castle

**Description** – To maintain the operation of Cefn Coed Community Centre

**Project cost** - £29,200.00

**Required from Ffos-y-fran** - £5,000 – the panel agreed to support with the costs of the new bouncy castle

3.1.8 Trinity Childcare and Family Centre

**Project** – Security and Access Upgrade

**Description** – To replace the entrance path to the centre and upgrade the CCTV and intercom system and new shirts for staff.

**Project cost** - £3,080.79

**Required from Ffos-y-fran** - £3080.79 – the panel agreed to support with £2560.79 for the CCTV and Intercom system and the new path.

3.1.9 Keep Wales Tidy

**Project** – Countryside Guardians Project

**Description** – Vehicle hire, PPE, Equipment and publicity for the Countryside Guardians project

**Project cost** - £22,135

**Required from Ffos-y-fran** - £4,427

3.1.10 Pontsticill Memorial Hall

**Project** – Memorial Hall Pontsticill Building Repairs

**Description** – To support towards the repair costs of the structural timber to stage area, rain water drainage system and the construction of a wheelchair ramp

**Project cost** - £9,309

**Required from Ffos-y-fran** - £5,000

3.1.11 Penydre High School

**Project** – Penydre Super Schools

**Description** – Schools from across Europe compete in a multi-sport event

**Project cost** - £10,000

**Required from Ffos-y-fran** - £3,000

3.1.12 Friends of Nant Llwynog Park

**Project** – People’s Gateway to Nature

**Description** – To provide interpretation boards, signage, new play equipment, picnic benches, promotional work and additional equipment

**Project cost** - £12,000

**Required from Ffos-y-fran** - £5,000 – the panel agreed to support the group with £500 for volunteer costs and vegetation works as the group have not secured planning permission or a lease.

3.1.13 High Street Baptist Church

**Project** – High Street Baptist Church

**Description** – Church Hall CCTV and security

**Project cost** - £2,700

**Required from Ffos-y-fran** - £2,700 – the panel agreed to support with £700 and to signpost the group to the Welsh Church Act Small Fund for the £2000

3.1.14 Pant and Dowlais Boys and Girls Club

**Project** – The Engine House

**Description** – To provide support for the youth club sessions including sport, arts and crafts and music.

**Project cost** - £10,000

**Required from Ffos-y-fran** - £5,000

3.2 The four applications not recommended for support are as follows:

3.2.1 Merthyr West End Bowls Club

**Project** – Merthyr West End Bowls Club

**Description** – Funding towards the purchase of a new lawnmower

**Project Cost** - £5,000

**Required from Ffos-y-fran** - £5000

Project was declined as the application did not demonstrate the wider community benefit.

### 3.2.2 Abercanaid Schoolmates PTA

**Project** – Abercanaid Schoolmates PTA

**Description** – School playground improvements

**Project Cost** - £6,135

**Required from Ffos-y-fran** - £5,000

The project was declined as the application did not demonstrate the wider community benefit.

### 3.2.3 Cefn Coed RFC

**Project** – Cefn Coed RFC – pitch maintenance

**Description** – To install a main drainage system to the black patch ground

**Project Cost** - £20,555

**Required from Ffos-y-fran** - £5,000

The project was signposted to the Ffos-y-fran Large Fund for support

### 3.2.4 Stephens and George Charitable Trust

**Project** – Baby Book Worm Project

**Description** – Materials, books, marketing and computer to deliver the Baby Bookworm project which encourages parents and guardians to read to children

**Project Cost** - £13,656

**Required from Ffos y Fran** - £5,000

The project was declined as the applicant has received funding from the Intermediate Fund on 3 separate occasions and the panel felt that funding should be sought from an alternative source

## 4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

4.1 There are no financial implications for the Authority with these schemes.

## 5.0 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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

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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.***