

MAESTEG TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of the **MAESTEG CAT GRANT SCHEME PANEL** held remotely via Microsoft Teams, on **Wednesday, 22nd July 2020**.

PRESENT:

PANEL MEMBERS: **P White, G Smith, R Evans**

66. CAT GRANT SCHEME

Cllr P White introduced the other panel members to the meeting and requested that G Smith provide an overview of the BCBC CAT process for R Evans.

CAT process is the transfer of assets owned by BCBC to community groups to self-manage under a lease agreement. BCBC current key priority is to CAT of playing fields, parks and pavilions.

Currently BCBC have established a £1M CAT fund to support these CAT process it includes the following:

Refurbishment of buildings	Unlimited £
Pitch / Green / Wicket Improvements	£5,000 - £25,000
Pitch Maintenance Equipment Grants	£5,000 - £10,000

Bowls grants – one off £5,000 grant to undertake the maintenance on a day to day basis.

BCBC will not fund the fencing, footpaths, barriers or replacement of goal posts under CAT.

BCBC also have facilities to offer support to sports clubs in becoming charities / Ltd companies etc.

In early 2020 Maesteg Town Council (MTC) submitted a funding application to the Town & Community Council Fund whereby MTC requested £20,000 and precepted £30,000 to facilitate the enablement of sports clubs to progress with their CAT process. MTC was granted the £20,000 from BCBC CAT fund and MTC match funded the £30,000 making the total available £50,000.

GS advised that whilst these grants are available to the clubs, BCBC will not release the money until the CAT process has been completed in order to safeguard public money, however there is nothing stopping licences being issued to the clubs whilst the leases are being transferred. It was suggested that MTC follow the same principle and await confirmation of licence/lease from BCBC before releasing the funds.

A discussion ensued as to the criteria and it was agreed that the MTC CAT Grant Scheme be as flexible as possible to enable the CAT process to proceed and should be used to facilitate capital expenditure.

Panel members were advised of 5 clubs that has expressed an interest in applying for the grant scheme, some of which had outlined proposals and some had provided quotes. It was also noted that an additional club outside of MTC boundary had expressed an interest in applying to the grant scheme, however due to them being outside the boundary of MTC this would need to be discussed at a Full Council Meeting whether or not to accept them as part of the scheme. It was also suggested that the name of the scheme be changed to Llynfi Valley CAT Grant Scheme instead of Maesteg Town Council CAT Grant Scheme – this would also need to be agreed at full council.

RESOLVED:

- GS to create basic criteria for the MTC CAT Grant Scheme
- Clerk to write to all clubs advising that the MTC CAT Grant Scheme is now open
- Change of name to be agreed at Full Council
- Decision on whether sports clubs outside of MTC boundary but within Llynfi Valley are eligible
- PW / GS / Clerk to liaise with BCBC Communications team to publicise the scheme
- Clerk to publicise on MTC Website and noticeboard

**Read and accepted at a remote meeting of the Council
held on 4th August 2020**

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Mayor

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Cllr P White