

MAESTEG TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **MAESTEG CAT GRANT SCHEME PANEL** held remotely via Microsoft Teams, on **Thursday, 17th September 2020**.

PRESENT:

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

155. CAT GRANT SCHEME

The application date for the scheme ended 31st August 2020.

13 local sports clubs were contacted to advise that the scheme was open and from this 11 clubs applied to the scheme.

Panel members were provided with the application forms from all who applied and GS provided a breakdown of the application forms:

Applicant	Value Requested	Purpose
01	£10,000.00	Security Fencing
02	£4,804.00	Green Maintenance Equipment
03	£5,000.00	General Running costs including pitch maintenance
04	£5000.00	Green Maintenance Equipment
05	£5000.00	Green Maintenance Equipment
06	£5,000.00	Not clearly specified. Possible pitch development for Mini and Junior teams
07	£7,100.00	Hard surfaced path and Mobile Dug-outs
08	£5,000.00	Pitch Improvements
09	£7,075.00	Pitch Maintenance Equipment
10	£8,925.00	Pitch Improvements & Building Repairs
11	£5000.00	Pitch Maintenance Equipment & Improvement
Total	£67,904.00	

Each application form was looked at and discussed to see if they met the criteria (see Appendix A). It was noted initially that most met the criteria however 3 of the applications would require further clarity as to what the grant would be funding as the applications wording was unclear - GS will liaise with ST for writing the letters for further clarification and once received the panel will meet to discuss further.

4 requests were for more than the limited maximum of £5,000 per site. Also noted were the requests for maintenance equipment and GS clarified that these equipment requests were for additional equipment to enhance the equipment funding requests already submitted to BCBC.

The Panel discussed each application in detail and agreed to the following:

Applicant	Panel Agreed to fund	Comments	Recommendation
01	£5,000.00	Exceeds maximum. Wider community benefit not clearly demonstrated.	Approve – Reduce amount to £5,000
02	£4,804.00	Links with BCBC Green Equipment Grant	Approve
03	£5,000.00 Pending	Running costs may not be capital	Further Clarification Required
04	£5,000.00	Links with BCBC Green Equipment Grant	Approve
05	£5,000.00	Will need to ensure that funding is not duplicated with BCBC	Approve
06	£5,000.00 Pending	Further information required	Further Clarification Required
07	£5,000.00	Exceeds maximum. Wider community benefit not clearly demonstrated.	Approve – Reduce amount to £5,000
08	£5,000.00	Links with BCBC Pitch Improvement Grant	Approve
09	£5,000.00	Will need to ensure that funding is not duplicated with BCBC	Approve
10	£5,000.00	Exceeds maximum. Wider community benefit not clearly demonstrated.	Approve – Reduce amount to £5,000
11	£5,000.00 Pending	Needs to link with BCBC Pitch Equipment & Improvement Grants	Further Clarification Required
Total	£54,804.00		

It was noted that not all of the money allocated would be spent during this financial year due to the CAT process not being completed, however it is anticipated that the requests from the bowling clubs and one or two others may be given during this financial year as they will be taking over the maintenance of the bowling greens from the end of September 2020. The money can still be earmarked for future years as it has been allocated for this purpose.

GS also advised that Maesteg Celtic Bowls Club funding application may not relate to a community asset transfer in the true sense as Bridgend County Borough Council do not own the bowls green but manage the facility under a Deed of Dedication from the overarching Maesteg Celtic Association which BCBC intend to surrender. As such GS suggests that if funding is to be awarded to Maesteg Celtic Bowls Club that Maesteg Town Council may wish to consider re-configuring the Fund under resolution of full Council so that it is “open to clubs undertaking self-management arrangements of sports facilities currently provided by Bridgend County Borough Council”.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Request that MTC fund an additional £4,804.00 to enable all clubs that applied to receive funding.
- GS to liaise with ST to write to the Clubs advising that they have been approved for grant funding and how these grants will be issued.
- Re-configuring the Fund to allow clubs undertaking self-management arrangements of sports facilities currently provided by Bridgend County Borough Council

**Read and accepted at a remote meeting of the Council
held on 6th October 2020
Pending no objections from the monitoring officer**

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Mayor

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Cllr P White

Maesteg Town Council CAT Support Fund

Terms & Conditions of Funding

The Maesteg Town Council CAT Support Fund has been established by Maesteg Town Council in partnership with Bridgend County Borough Council to assist sports clubs complete community asset transfers of sports facilities so that the provision of sport are safeguarded and become sustainable with the following simple eligibility criteria and basis for operation being applied:

- (1) Total Funding of up to £50,000 will be made to support community focused, voluntary sports clubs based within the Maesteg and Caerau areas that are currently progressing a community asset transfer with Bridgend County Borough Council.
- (2) Financial assistance is usually limited to a maximum of £5,000 per site subject to community asset transfer for capital costs only and can potentially can be used as match funding, e.g. Sports Wales Community Chest and the national governing bodies of a particular sport, etc. In exceptional circumstances and where wider community benefit can be clearly demonstrated funding applications up to £10,000 may be considered by the Town Council on a case for case basis.
- (3) Revenue expenditure, e.g. day to day operating costs are not allowable under the scheme.
- (4) Applications must be endorsed by a senior member of the Club such the Chairperson, Treasurer or Secretary and the Council reserves the right to request additional information such as a copy of the constitution, public liability insurance.
- (5) Funding will only usually be released when the transfer has been finalised and will only be provided based upon the submission of original invoices with expenditure being substantiated, e.g. copy of corresponding bank statement to verify proof of payment.
- (6) The Council reserves the right to hold additional funding rounds should the current funding round be under subscribed and further funding is available for distribution.
- (7) The Fund is administered by the Clerk on behalf of the Town Council. Funding applications can be requested from and returned to Sian@maestegcouncil.org
- (8) All funding applications / awards are reviewed by the CAT Support Fund Panel with recommendations for allocation being submitted to the Town Council for approval.