

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

MINUTES OF THE EXTERNAL FUNDING PANEL

HELD AT COMMITTEE ROOM 5, GUILDHALL, SWANSEA ON
WEDNESDAY, 5 JULY 2017 AT 2.00 PM

PRESENT:

Councillor(s)

J E Burtonshaw
R Francis-Davies

Councillor(s)

M C Child
D H Hopkins

Councillor(s)

W Evans
C E Lloyd

Officer(s)

Alan Ferris	Senior Engineer
Spencer Martin	Voluntary Sector Relationship Coordinator
Elliott Williams	External Funding Manager
Sandie Richards	Solicitor
Gaynor Winsor	Accountant
Jeremy Parkhouse	Democratic Services Officer

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): A S Lewis, J A Raynor, R C Stewart and M Thomas

1 ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2017 - 2018.

RESOLVED that Councillor R C Stewart be elected as Chair for the 2017-2018 Municipal Year.

2 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2017 - 2018.

RESOLVED that Councillor C E Lloyd be elected Vice Chair for the 2016-2017 Municipal Year.

(COUNCILLOR C E LLOYD , VICE CHAIR PRESIDED)

3 DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the City and County of Swansea, the following interests were declared: -

Councillor C E Lloyd – Minutes No.7 – Safer Routes in Communities – My Ward, St. Thomas is a beneficiary from the recommendation – personal.

4 MINUTES.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the External Funding Panel held on 5 April 2017 be approved as a correct record.

5 **WELSH GOVERNMENT ROAD SAFETY GRANT APPLICATION 2017/18.**

The Senior Engineer presented a report that provided information on Welsh Government Road Safety Grant Application 2017/18.

The funding bid was aimed at supporting key initiatives in maintaining and improving road safety in the County area to help meet the targets identified in The Road Safety Framework for Wales 2013. In particular, it was aimed to meet the following targets:

- 40% fewer people killed and seriously injured on Welsh roads;
- 25% fewer motorcyclists killed and seriously injured on Welsh roads;
- 40% fewer young people (aged 16-24) killed and seriously injured on Welsh roads.

The submission for funding was based upon an application to Welsh Government that occurred during the first quarter of the New Year for funding to be received during the following financial year and beyond. The developed bid also supported the Council's own priorities of safeguarding vulnerable people (Prevention of accidents to children and young people) and tackling Poverty by building sustainable communities (Encouraging walking and cycling).

RESOLVED that Officers be allowed to accept funding from Welsh Government to support the following road safety initiatives: -

- 1) Upgrade of Road Safety Cameras;
- 2) Birchgrove to Glais SID signs;
- 3) Cwm Level Roundabout to Normandy Road Roundabout pedestrian initiative.

6 **WELSH GOVERNMENT SAFER ROUTES IN COMMUNITIES GRANT APPLICATION 2017/18.**

The Senior Engineer presented a report that provided information on Welsh Government Safer Routes in Communities Grant Application 2017/18.

It was explained that the Safer Routes in Communities Initiative enhanced the provision of walking and cycling routes in communities, particularly outside and in the vicinity of schools. This was targeted at encouraging a more sustainable lifestyle in the communities and addressing social exclusion issues. The submission for funding was based upon an application to Welsh Government that occurred during the first quarter of the New Year for funding to be received during the following financial year and beyond.

The Initiative linked to National policies such as the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013, Road Safety Framework for Wales 2013, Learner Travel Statutory Provision and Learner Guidance 2014. The overall aim was to create safer walking and cycling routes for communities and promote these as a more sustainable method of travelling around communities. It would also help to ease vehicular congestion outside schools as more sustainable methods of transport were used.

The Initiative also supported the Council's own priorities of safeguarding vulnerable people (Prevention of accidents to children and young people), improving pupil attainment (involving pupils in the process), tackling Poverty and building sustainable communities (Encouraging walking and cycling).

RESOLVED that: -

- 1) Officers be allowed to accept Safer Routes in Communities (SRIC) grant funding;
- 2) Projects be developed and implemented to create safer walking, particularly around schools in St. Thomas.

7 **COMMUNITY ACTION TRANSFORMATION FUND.**

The Voluntary Sector Relationship Co-ordinator presented a report that requested the Panel decide upon applications for the sixth round of funding of the Community Action Transformation Fund (CATF).

It was explained that the following had applied for support from the fund. The total amount recommended for support was £59,300: -

1. City and County of Swansea Bowls Association – Funding for three sites in Swansea;
2. Brynawel Amateur Football Club – Site at Halfway Park Playing Fields Trallwn;
3. Talcopa AFC – Site at Trallwn Playing Fields;
4. Hafod Bowls Club – The Bowling Green at Hafod Park.

It was highlighted that the Sixth round was scheduled to be the final round of CATF and there was no provision for the fund in the 2017/18 budget.

RESOLVED that: -

- 1) As the budget for the fund was spent out and no finance was identified in the 2017/18 budget for the Fund, none of the applications submitted to the fund be supported;
- 2) The Community Action Transformation Fund ceases;
- 3) Officers continue to support community groups / organisations with Asset Transfer applications.

8 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC.**

The Panel was requested to exclude the public from the meeting during the consideration of the item of business identified in the recommendations to the report on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as set out in the exclusion paragraph of 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007, relevant to the item of business as set out in the report.

The Panel considered the Public Interest Test in deciding to exclude the public from the meeting for the item of business where the Public Interest Test was relevant, as set out in the report.

It was **RESOLVED** that the public be excluded for the following item of business.

(CLOSED SESSION)

9 **OVERVIEW OF CURRENT AND FORTHCOMING EUROPEAN AND EXTERNAL FUNDING APPLICATIONS.**

The External Funding Manager provided an update on current and planned European and other External funding applications.

RESOLVED that: -

- 1) The updates on projects in sections 2 to 9 be noted
- 2) The submission of an OLT to WEFO in order to propose the development and delivery of the Dyfatty and the Tawe Bridges Urban Congestion Alleviation scheme be supported;
- 3) The submission of an OLT and Business Plan to WEFO in order to deliver the ESF employability project for the vulnerable short term unemployed in Swansea be supported;
- 4) The application to Welsh Government's Museums, Archives and Libraries Division for the refurbishment of Townhill Library and support the subsequent grant award be agreed.

The meeting ended at 2.35 pm

CHAIR