



SUBJECT:	CAERWENT SECTION 106 FUNDING
MEETING:	CABINET
DATE:	7th OCTOBER 2015
DIVISIONS/WARDS AFFECTED:	CAERWENT

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To recommend to Council the setting up of a Capital Budget in 2015/16 for the Caerwent (Merton Green) Off Site Recreation Funding; and
- 1.2 To decide on the allocation of grants to specific projects from the funding available.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended to Council that:

- 2.1 a capital budget of £316,988 be created in 2015/16 to carry out the projects set out in 2.2 below and that this is funded from a corresponding contribution from the Section 106 balances held by the County Council in respect of the Merton Green development site in Caerwent (Finance Code N539); and
- 2.2 that the projects set out below be approved:

Project	Project Cost £	Recommended Grant £
• Crick Wildlife and Environmental Group	17,420	13,260
• Old Gym Community Centre Committee	146,600	121,864
• Caerwent Playing fields Association	<u>215,897</u>	<u>181,864</u>
Totals	379,917	316,988

3.0 KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 The housing development at Merton Green yielded an off site recreation contribution of £334,488 to be spent in the local area. Cabinet agreed previously that this site, together with a number of other Section 106 Agreements in the south of the county should make a contribution of £17,500 towards the cost of the new Severnside 3G pitch in Caldicot, because of the regional significance of that project. This leaves a sum of £316,988 to be used on projects of a local nature.
- 3.2 When the availability of funding was advertised, three application for funding were received from the following three groups
- Crick Wildlife & Environmental Group - to develop a wildflower meadow on a piece of land leased from the County Council by the Community Council;
 - Old Gym Community Centre – to carry out building improvements to benefit existing and future users of the centre. These include a very active youth group that meets at the centre on a regular basis and a number of recreational groups, many of which use the gymnasium that forms part of the Community Centre building;
 - Caerwent Playing Fields Association – to carry out extensions and improvements (including improved sports changing rooms) at the village hall, which is located at Caerwent Playing Field, which is registered as a QE11 protected field with Fields in Trust (formerly the National Playing Fields Association).
- 3.3 The Wildlife & Environmental Group and the Playing Fields Association both have an element of match funding to contribute towards the project costs. The scheme submitted by the Old Gym Community Centre was originally priced at just over £205,000 but this cost has been reduced significantly because the Community Centre Committee has accessed grants from other agencies to pay for different elements of the original proposal – a reduction of some £78,000.
- 3.4 Below is a summary of how the S106 funding will be utilised if the recommendations contained in this report are agreed:

Applicant	Scheme Cost	Match Funding	S106 Grant £	Grant Percentage of Scheme Cost	Shortfall £
3G Contribution	-	-	17,500	-	-
Crick Environmental Group	17,420	4,160	13,260	76%	-
Old Gym Community Centre	146,600	-	121,864	83%	24,736
Caerwent Playing Fields Association	215,897	10,000	181,864	84%	24,033
Totals	379,917	14,160	334,488	-	48,769

4.0 REASONS

- 4.1 The Council's Capital Budget for 2014/15 has already been approved and any proposal to add to or vary the Capital Budget requires a decision to be made by full Council.
- 4.2 There was no detailed assessment process carried out in relation to this scheme, as there were only three applications received. Officers have been working with the applicants concerned and with Caerwent Community Council in an attempt to ensure that all three projects can proceed.

5.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The expenditure recommended in the report will be met in full from the S106 off site contributions paid to the authority by the developers of the Merton Green site – the final instalment of this amount was received in January this year.
- 5.2 The Crick Wildlife and Conservation Group already has its match funding in place and both the Old Gym Community Centre and the Playing Fields Association have been successful in obtaining external funding in recent years, so there is every expectation that if the grants recommended in this report are approved then the respective applicants will be able to source the additional funds required to bridge the funding shortfall for their projects.

6.0 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The completed Equality Impact Assessment Form and Sustainable Development Checklist are attached at **APPENDICES A – C (inclusive)**.

The significant equality impacts identified in the assessment are summarised below:

Improvements/improved access to public open space
Advanced equality of opportunity for people with a protected characteristic
Improved access to leisure and recreation facilities

- 6.2 The actual impacts from this report's recommendations will be reviewed every three years.

7.0 SAFEGUARDING AND CORPORATE PARENTING CONSIDERATIONS

7.1 There are no negative implications for safeguarding or corporate parenting arising from this report.

The Youth Group at the Community Centre operates under an appropriately trained Leader employed by Monmouthshire Youth Service and the group operates in compliance with the Council's Safeguarding Policy.

The Caerwent Football Club that uses the village hall has adopted the FAW Welfare Policy and its constitution states that "the club recognises its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all children, young people and vulnerable adults who are in membership of the club. The club will aim to provide good quality football in a safe environment by adopting the procedures and working practices of the Football Association of Wales' Welfare Policy."

8.0 CONSULTEES

Cabinet Members

Local County Council Member for Caerwent – supports the recommendations

Strategic Leadership Team – Report amended to incorporate comments received

Caerwent Community Council – support the recommendations

Head of Legal Services/Acting Monitoring Officer – no comments

Lower Wye Area Committee – no objections to the recommendations

Assistant Head of Finance/Deputy S151 Officer – no comments

9.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

10.0 AUTHOR

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EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT FORM

What impact are you assessing	Service area
The allocation of grants from the Caerwent Section 106 Off Site Recreation Fund	Tourism, Leisure and Culture
Policy author / service lead	Name of assessor and date
Ian Saunders	Mike Moran 31/07//2015

1. What are you proposing to do?

The proposal is to allocate grants from the Caerwent Section 106 Off site Recreation Fund. This fund is made up of developer contributions from the Merton Green development site in Caerwent.

The Council has received 3 applications and is proposing to offer grants to all 3 projects.

2. Are your proposals going to affect any people or groups of people with protected characteristics in a **negative** way? If **YES** please tick appropriate boxes below. **NO**

Age	N/A	Race	N/A
Disability	N/A	Religion or Belief	N/A
Gender reassignment	N/A	Sex	N/A
Marriage or civil partnership	N/A	Sexual Orientation	N/A
Pregnancy and maternity	N/A	Welsh Language	N/A

3. Please give details of the negative impact

N/A

4. Did you take any actions to mitigate your proposal? Please give details below including any consultation or engagement.

N/A

5. Please list the data that has been used to develop this proposal? e.g. Household survey data, Welsh Govt data, ONS data, MCC service user data, staff personnel data etc.

2011 Census data relating to population statistics for Caerwent plus participation data provided by various applicants

Signed: *Mike Moran*

Designation: Community Infrastructure Coordinator

Dated: 31/07/2015

APPENDIX B

The “Equality Initial Challenge”

Name: Mike Moran Service area: Tourism, Leisure and Culture Date completed: 31/07/2015		Please give a brief description of what you are aiming to do. Allocate grants to local open space and recreation projects in the Caerwent area from Section 106 funding provided by the developers of the Merton Green residential development in the village	
Protected characteristic	Potential Negative impact Please give details	Potential Neutral impact Please give details	Potential Positive Impact Please give details
Age			✓
Disability			✓
Marriage + Civil Partnership		✓	
Pregnancy and maternity		✓	
Race		✓	
Religion or Belief		✓	
Sex (was Gender)			✓
Sexual Orientation		✓	
Transgender		✓	
Welsh Language	✓		

For details regarding positive and negative impacts please see over

Please give details about any potential positive Impacts .	How will these positive impacts be achieved
➤ <i>All three projects will benefit children and young people. The wildflower meadow and the Old Gym projects will have positive benefits for older people in the 50+ age range</i>	➤ Continue to work with the successful applicants to ensure that the needs of older people are taken into account when activities or further improvements are planned
➤ <i>All three projects recommended for approval have been designed to be easily accessible by disabled people and people with support needs</i>	➤ Continue to work with and encourage successful applicants to pay particular attention to the needs of disabled people and people with support needs
➤ <i>All of the projects recommended for approval will be accessible to both male and female gender.</i>	➤ Encourage all applicants to encourage female participation and ask for female participation in activities to be encouraged and recorded in the end of scheme reports and in periodic monitoring reports for the next three years until the EQIA is reviewed in 2017 (para 6.2 refers)

Please give details about any potential negative Impacts .	How do you propose to MITIGATE these negative impacts
➤ <i>There was no section on the grant application form to record how applicants intended to promote the Welsh Language in their projects if approved</i>	➤ Ask applicants to record in their periodic monitoring & end of scheme reports their efforts to encourage use of the Welsh Language ➤ Include a question on the Welsh Language in future grant application forms

Signed: *Mike Moran*

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Dated: 31/07/2015

APPENDIX C

The “Sustainability Challenge”

Name of the Officer completing “the Sustainability Challenge” Mike Moran		Please give a brief description of the aims proposed policy or service reconfiguration To provide new or improved open space & recreation facilities and to encourage improved access/use of those assets	
Name of the Division or service area Tourism, Leisure and Culture		Date “Challenge” form completed 31/07/2015	
Aspect of sustainability affected	Negative impact Please give details	Neutral impact Please give details	Positive Impact Please give details
PEOPLE			
Ensure that more people have access to healthy food		✓	
Improve housing quality & provision		✓	
Reduce ill health and improve healthcare provision			✓ Participation in sport and healthy exercise improves health and reduces dependence on healthcare provision
Promote independence		✓	
Encourage community participation/action & voluntary work			✓ Each of the projects recommended for approval involve high levels of community participation and are run by volunteers
Targets socially excluded		✓	
Help reduce crime and fear of crime		✓	
Improve access to education and training			✓ All of the projects recommended for approval involve some training and the attainment of some additional skills
Have a positive impact on people and places in other countries		✓	

PLANET			
Reduce, reuse and recycle waste and water		✓	
Reduce carbon dioxide emissions			✓ Access to local facilities reduces reliance on car journeys, thus reducing carbon emissions
Prevent or reduce pollution of the air, land and water		✓	
Protect or enhance wildlife habitats (e.g. trees, hedgerows, open spaces)			✓ One of the projects recommended for approval will protect wildlife habitats
Protect or enhance visual appearance of environment			✓ All of the projects recommended for approval will enhance the visual appearance of the environment
PROFIT			
Protect local shops and services		✓	
Link local production with local consumption		✓	
Improve environmental awareness of local businesses		✓	
Increase employment for local people		✓	
Preserve and enhance local identity and culture			✓ All of the projects are promoted by local people and “fit” with the local identity and culture of the area
Consider ethical purchasing issues, such as Fairtrade, sustainable timber (FSC logo) etc		✓	
Increase and improve access to leisure, recreation or cultural facilities			✓ All of the projects recommended for approval will increase and/or improve access to leisure and recreation facilities

What are the potential negative Impacts	Ideas as to how we can look to MITIGATE the negative impacts (include any reasonable adjustments)
➤ N/A	➤ N/A

The next steps

- If you have assessed the proposal/s as having a **positive impact please give full details** below

The projects recommended in this report for a grant award will, if approved:

- provide better access to a range of improved open space and recreation facilities in Caerwent, primarily for the benefit of local people;
- provide investment in facilities that are sustainable in the longer term & that reduce reliance on car journeys to access good quality facilities;
- provide improved access to and participation by people living in Caerwent that have one or more protected characteristic(s);
- help to promote local identity and culture through the involvement of a large number of local people acting in a voluntary capacity.

- If you have assessed the proposal/s as having a **Negative Impact** could you please provide us with details of what you propose to do to mitigate the negative impact:

N/A

Signed: *Mike Moran*

Designation: Community Infrastructure Coordinator

Dated: 31/07/2015