

SUBJECT:	CROESONEN SECTION 106 FUNDING
MEETING:	CABINET
DATE:	3rd FEBRUARY 2016
DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED:	CROESONEN AND MARDY

1. PURPOSE:

1.1 To decide on the allocation of grants to specific projects from the Section 106 funding available from the Croesonen Section 106 Agreements.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS that

2.1 the projects set out below and as detailed in **APPENDIX A** to this report be approved:

Project	Amount £
01 Development of new allotments at Nantgavenny Lane	18,900.00
02 Installation of play equipment at Community Centre	14,527.00
03 Provision of audio visual equipment at Llanddewi Skirrid Hall	444.00
Unallocated Balance	<u>6,129.00</u>
Total	40,000.00

2.2 grant offers be made to each of the successful applicants subject to the standard terms and conditions of grant set out in **APPENDIX B** to this report.

3. KEY ISSUES:

- 3.1 In February 2011 Cabinet considered a report on the allocation of £78,300 worth of off site recreation funding from the Croesonen Farm and Croesonen Infants School Section 106 Agreements. At that meeting it was decided to allocate grants to ten local projects.
- 3.2 Of the ten projects awarded funding nine have been completed – one of the projects awarded funding was unable to proceed due to the applicant being unable to obtain the match funding required, so there is an outstanding balance of £40,000 that is still available to spend. There is no deadline by which the funding has to be spent.
- 3.3 At its meeting on 3rd June 2015 Cabinet decided that a new application process should be undertaken in respect of the £40,000 available to be spent on off site recreation projects in the Llantilio Pertholey Community Council area and that a new assessment panel should be set up to consider the applications received and to formulate recommendations for future consideration by Cabinet.
- 3.4 The assessment panel was convened in December 2015 to consider the four applications received and it took into account the following criteria when carrying out the assessments:
- open space considerations;
 - relationship to the application sites;

CROESONEN SECTION 106 APPLICATIONS – ASSESSMENT NOTES

No	Applicant/Project	Grant Recommended £	Consideration
01	New allotment site – Mardy Allotments Society	18,900.00	Provision of 26 new allotments at Nantgavenny Lane, Llantilio Pertholey. Shortage of allotment provision in Abergavenny area identified in LDP Open Spaces Survey
02	Installation of play equipment at Llantilio Pertholey Community Centre	14,527.00	The main play area at Mardy Recreation Ground is located at the far end of the site, away from the community centre, adjacent to Gwent Road. This proposal is to provide a safe, fenced play area for smaller children at the rear of the Llantilio Pertholey Community Centre.
03	Llanddewi Skirrid Village Hall, audio visual equipment	444.00	Small scale project easy to achieve – applicant is providing 50% match funding. Asset value of new equipment estimated at least ten years+
04	Fencing of grass playing area at Mardy Recreation Ground – Mardy Juniors FC	0.00	<p>When the Croesonen S106 funding was allocated originally, Mardy Juniors FC was allocated a £40,000 grant towards an estimated cost of £100,000+ to provide a small 3G training area at Mardy Recreation Ground. The club was unable to secure any other external funding towards this project, so it was unable to proceed. The club then drew up proposals to establish a fenced & floodlit grass training area at the same site but the landowner (Llantilio Pertholey Community Council) did not support that development. A further proposal was then put forward to develop a new junior grass pitch at another site in the Llantilio Pertholey area on land leased from a local farmer. Unfortunately that proposal was also unable to proceed as the club could only secure a maximum four year lease from the landowner concerned.</p> <p>This latest application from Mardy Juniors is to create an enclosed grass training area – the lowest cost option would be £11,000 to erect a chainlink fence around the area and the higher cost option would be to provide floodlights and pitch markings in addition to the fence enclosure, at a total cost of approximately £24,000.</p> <p>The higher cost option is not affordable, given the priority of the other applications under consideration and the lower cost option is for fencing an existing grassed area that can still be used for training purposes.</p>

**STANDARD CONDITIONS OF
SECTION 106 GRANT AID IN MONMOUTHSHIRE**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF GRANT

1. The grant will be used towards the purchase/improvement of a new or existing asset in the area of benefit defined in the Section 106 Agreement.
2. The grant will be used solely the provision of new or improved open spaces and/or recreational facilities.
3. The grant will be used for capital expenditure and will not be used towards the day-day running costs of my organisation.
4. The grant will only be used as bona fide expenditure towards the project described in the application form that I have signed and submitted.
5. I will submit, in support of my request for grant payments, invoices or receipts relating to expenditure legitimately incurred on items that form part of the approved project.
6. If it is established that part of the grant has been used for any purpose other than that described in the application form then that part of the grant will, within one month of notification being received from the County Council, be repaid to the Council for reallocation to another project.
7. If any part of the grant remains unclaimed within three years of the date of the grant approval letter, the County Council reserves the right to review the allocation of funding and, if considered reasonable, to reallocate that grant to another project.
8. Colour photographs taken before work starts, and when the work is completed, are to be supplied digitally (j.peg files) to Monmouthshire County Council.
9. An end of scheme report will be completed and submitted to the Council upon completion of the works and periodic reports will also be submitted annually for three years following completion of the project. This is to enable the Council to monitor the impact of the grant awards in line with the Future Generations Evaluation completed as part of the grant approval process.

NOTE:

- This grant award is proportionate to the overall project cost as set out in the application form submitted.
- The proportion of grant awarded, as a percentage of the total project cost will be set out clearly in the grant award letter, which you will be asked to sign before proceeding with your project.
- If the total project cost reduces after the award of the grant then the grant will reduce in similar proportions – in other words, if the grant offer letter states that the grant award is 50% of the total project cost and the total project cost reduces, then you can expect to receive a proportionate reduction in the grant payment(s) made to you.