

**EXECUTIVE BOARD  
30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2018**

**CWMAMMAN AFC**

**Purpose: Financial Assistance to Cwmamman AFC**

**Recommendations / key decisions required:**

To approve the financial assistance to Cwmamman AFC to the value of up to £45k

**Reasons:**

Provide financial assistance to Cwmamman AFC to enable them to improve existing facilities. This forms part of the criteria set by FAW which would enable them to compete in the Division 1 of the Welsh Football League.

Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted NA

Exec Board Decision Required YES

Council Decision Required NO

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Councillor David Jenkins  
(Resources)

Directorate

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
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**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CWMAMMAN AFC**

**BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT**

Cwmamman United was founded in 1976 having formally been known as Glanamman. They started off in the Neath and District League Division 3 and over the last 40 years the club has achieved various success as the playing capabilities and overall participation grew. This resulted in the remarkable achievement at the end of last season where Cwmamman United was promoted to the Welsh Football League Division 1, the second tier in Welsh Football Leagues.

Cwmamman United currently have around 140 players signed with the club, involving 3 adult teams and over 100 youth and junior players. This playing success is driving huge interest and participation is expected to continue to grow.

The club play out of Grenig Park in Glanamman and the challenge now is to meet the Tier 2 ground requirements set by the Welsh Football Association, which requires a 100 seater arena and extending the field by a further 6 metres. Also installing a further 150 seats and establish a floodlight system for evening matches. The Club have therefore approached the County Council requesting support for this project

The total cost of the project is estimated at £136,228. The club has already identified funding as detailed below and have a shortfall in the region of £43k. The County Council has therefore been requested to support the project with a contribution to match the shortfall.

Funding already secured:

£41,250 – Football Assoc. of Wales

£27,000 – Welsh FA Improvement Scheme

Funding applied for, pending a decision:

£15,000 – MYB

£10,000 – Playing Fields Legacy fund

The local community is supportive of the improvements to the ground and facilities. It also has full support of local council members, assembly members and a member of parliament.

The project is fully supported by the Football Association of Wales, as they have awarded the Club a financial contribution of £41,250.

**OTHER OPTIONS AVAILABLE AND THEIR PROS AND CONS**

Failure to meet these requirements will result in an automatic relegation for the team, while also clearly missing the community and people involvement opportunities that these developments will bring.

**DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?**

NO

## IMPLICATIONS

**I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :**

**Signed: Chris Moore**

**Director of Corporate Services**

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	None	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	YES

### 3. Finance

Funding provision has been included within Capital Programme for 2018/19.

### 7. Physical Assets

The club is currently progressing Asset transfer discussions, ensuring a long term lease and have just agreed a 15 year lease for Grenig Park ground and changing facilities with a longer lease to be discussed.

## CONSULTATIONS

**I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below**

**Signed: Chris Moore**

**Director of Corporate Services**

**1. Scrutiny Committee** n/a

**2. Local Member(s)** Cllr David Jenkins, fully supportive of the project

**3. Community / Town Council** Cwmamman Community Council, fully supportive of the project

**4. Relevant Partners** Football Association of Wales

**5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations** n/a

### Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

**List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

**THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW**

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Correspondence from Cwmamman AFC		CFP/Economic Development