

Report to Full Council

Agenda Item

20th June 2023

Section 106 - Update

1. Introduction

1.1 At its March meeting the Council received a report that set out the monies available from 106 levies to the area, the sums contained in that report are summarised below.

1.2 The meeting resolved to follow up on the area under the bypass and the cost of proposed schemes and to review the monies available and discuss again at a subsequent Council meeting.

1.3 This report gives members the opportunity to consider options for spending the monies.

2. Summary of monies available

2.1 Table 1 below summaries the 106 monies received on 31st March 2022, the sum unutilised at 341 Match 2022, and the purpose the money is held for.

Purpose	Amount Received £	Balance £	Comments
Sustainable Transport	474,441	470,552	Includes £184.780 received May 22.
Affordable Housing	553,863	553,863	Housing department reviewing options
Community Facilities	116,800	99,850	£61,400 received May 2022. £16,9950 allocated to scouts, 1£5,000 to tennis club, £6,077 to TC for lift
Public Open Space	21,569	21,569	
Education	3,371,603	3,371,603	£3,371,603 paid Feb 23. New school funded from these funds
Total	4,538,276	54,517,437	

Realistically the Town Council can expect to have real influence over the community facilities, public open spaces, and sustainable transport funds.

2.2 At the time of writing there has been no update on the proposals for the area under the flyover

2.3 Since the last meeting a possible use of the community facilities fund has been identified. The roof of the theatre in the Cattle Market is in urgent need of replacements at an estimated cost of £40,000. See Appendix 1, a statement by the Chair of Cowbridge Armature Dramatics Society (CADS). The Vale have been approached informally and indicated that this could be a scheme they would support for using the community facilities funds.

2.4 In keeping with the Town Councils increased interest in the use of the funds build on the back of the survey we undertook in 2020 the Council is asked if it will in principle support a bid by CADS to seek up to £20,000 allocation from the community development fund, to match the £16,000 already raised, including £10,000 from the lottery.

3. Recommendations

3.1 The Council are asked to note the potential 106 funds available and asked to identify priorities that can be put to the Vale.

3.2 To support in principle the application by CADS for up to £20,000 from the community facilities fund. Subject to seeing details of the proposed works and the matched funding.

Appendix 1

CADS Summary of activities

Although, formed in 1947, CADS (Cowbridge Amateur Dramatic Society) moved permanently into the Market Theatre at The Butts in 1986, leaving the town hall for a structure largely built by the CADS actors themselves. It offers a full-size stage, professional quality lighting, sound system, high quality electronic piano, a dressing room, a workshop and a well-stocked licensed bar and kitchen facilities.

The Market Theatre is run by the resident group CADS who stage three main productions a year, along with play readings/auditions and quizzes. It is the aim of the CADS committee to present a varied programme of comedy, modern and historical drama and to see that the theatre becomes a prominent part of the local community. It is also available for hire by visiting groups. We work in conjunction with local groups such as the Rotary, providing a yearly show for the residents of Longmeadow Court, and the Scouts hosting their prize giving nights, and take one off bookings from groups such as Cowbridge Amateur Operatic Society (CAOS).

Over the last two years, we have also shared our theatre with Stage Door 1 (SD1), a local youth theatre group who have sessions every Saturday for their 90+ membership and conduct four to five productions at the theatre each year, during which we run the bar and keep its takings, but the ticket income is SD1s.

We charge each member £20 a year fee which includes insurance (£30 a couple) and offer £15 patronage which produces an income of £150-£250 a year. SD1 gives us £240 a month, but apart from ticket sales (£10 a ticket) and hirings (approximately £60 each time), we have no other income stream.

Over the last few years, we have witnessed a deterioration in the integrity of our roof, with water egress causing problems with the electrics and leaving puddles as slip hazards. We are aware this is something that will only get worse so have launched several bids for grants raising £16,000 so far, but have reached a dead end, leaving us well short of the quotes of £20,000 plus.

Jeff Grist (CADS Chairman)