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Caerphilly County Borough Council Canal Corridor Study 2005 Output - 3 stage restoration strategy

- Stage 1. Safety enhancements to the Crumlin Arm within CCBC's area but no restoration to navigation. (Estimate cost £2m)
- Stage 2. Complete restoration to navigation of the Crumlin Arm from Cefn Top Lock at the top of the Fourteen Locks in Newport to Cwmcarn. (Estimate additional cost £12.8m)
- Stage 3. Full restoration of the Crumlin Arm and the Main Line of Canal which provides further development opportunities for canal related facilities along the CCBC section of Canal. (Estimate additional cost £48m)

CCBC is committed to achieving Stage 1 restoration in the short term by:-

- (i) Use of Council's capital budget for the Canal historically £0.25million per annum or
- Match funding the Council's budget with sources of external grant aid e.g.
 BIG Lottery Living Landmarks Programme

The Memorandum of Understanding between the Partners of the MBCRP aspires to full restoration of the regional canal system (Corridor Study Stage 3) by 2020 - estimated cost of £63m plus Crindau Marina

BIG Lottery Living Landmarks Programme Programme Fund Approx. £90million "MBCRP Living Links Project"

Opportunity for £25m (75%) grant for a £33m regional project.

Opportunity to achieve approx. 50% of full restoration.

Stage 1 Bid submission January 2006 23 projects to progress August 2006

Stage 2 Bid submission May 2007

Possibly up to 5 "Winners" September 2007

Commence Regional Works Spring/Summer 2008

"Community support required to be a Winner"

BIG Lottery Funded Projects

Key themes for funding preference & success:-

- •Generating community involvement.
- •Improving community well-being & health.
- •Improve social cohesion.
- Conserving the environment.
- Developing economic potential.
- Providing training & employment opportunities.
 Extending physical & intellectual access.

Major infrastructure works & enhancements are by-products of satisfying Big Lottery key themes.

BIG Lottery Project Funding

- •Lottery will supply 75% of eligible funds.
- •Applicants must supply 25% match funding.
- Match funding confirmation required May 2007.

"Living Links Project" – Cwmcarn to Pontymister
Estimate overall cost approx. £2million
Big Lottery Grant approx. £1.5million

CCBC funding req'd by May 2007 = £0.5million

CCBC Project Match Funding

"Living Links Project" – Cwmcarn to Pontymister CCBC funding req'd by May 2007 = £0.5million

CCBC Engineering Division Capital Works Budget Historically £0.25m allocated to Canal Works.

2006/07 £0.25m to "Match Funding Pot"

2007/08 £0.25m to "Match Funding Pot"

At 31st May 2007 (Stage 2 submission date)

CCBC can confirm availability of "Match Funding"

Argus - Grassroots Monday 6th November 2006

"Crosskeys and Pontywaun Canal Action Group are concerned about rumours of closure of the Crosskeys and Pontywaun stretch of Monmouthshire, Brecon and Abergavenny canal and your community needs you"