

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING OF THE NHB COMMUNITY GRANTS PANEL

TUESDAY 16TH AUGUST 2016 AT 4.00 P.M.

PARKSIDE COMMITTEE - PARKSIDE

MEMBERS: Councillors S. J. Baxter, G. N. Denaro, L. C. R. Mallett and

K.J. May

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome
- 2. Declarations of Interest
- 3. Background Information (Pages 1 2)
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- 6. Summaries of Applications (Pages 9 34)

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8th August 2016



NEW HOME BONUS COMMUNITY GRANTS PANEL

Background Information

The New Homes Bonus Community Grants Scheme was set up in 2015/16 following receipt of a petition at Council in April 2014.

The Scheme was reviewed and revised at the Cabinet meeting in February and again in June, when it was passed to Council for consideration. This was agreed and the necessary process put in place to promote the Scheme and invite relevant applications.

Details in respect of the scheme and relevant application forms were uploaded to the Council's website together with a timeline of the process and deadlines for completed applications.

The funding was split into 2 elements - £23,840 carried forward from 2015/16 and £101,000 from 2016/17. The only significant change to the scheme was the way in which the funds were allocated. This has been allocated by Ward with the request that applicants also seek support from their relevant Ward Councillor.

The purpose of this meeting is to give each applicant an opportunity to present their application and respond to questions from Members, in order for Members to consider whether each application is a) appropriate and b) meets the criteria set down in the New Homes Bonus Community Grants Scheme and detailed in the relevant application forms.

Details of the scoring matrix that will be used are attached at agenda item 4.



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SCORING MATRIX

Each Member has been provided with a copy of the attached scoring matrix for each application that will be considered at the meeting.

Members have also had sight of the completed applications and a summary of these has been provided within this agenda pack.

Each application has been allocated a 5 minute time slot where they have the opportunity to present their application and to respond to any questions from Members.

From the information received prior and at the meeting on 16th and 17th August, Members will then complete the matrix and the information will be collated for each application following the meeting.

NOTE:

It should be noted that a decision as to whether the Panel will recommend any application for consideration by Cabinet at its meeting on 7th September 2016 will **not** be announced at the meetings on 16th and 17th August 2016.

Applicants will be advised of the outcome within 10 working days of the meeting, with the notes and recommendations from the 16th and 17th August meetings also being published on the Council's website within 10 working days.



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NHB Community Grants Scheme 2016/17

Scoring Matrix

PROJECT NAME:	
Organisation:	
Amount of Funding Requested:	
Aim of Project:	
Location of Project:	

Category	Comments	Points /10
Evidence that growth has occurred in the area?		
Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?		
Aims and objectives of the project?		
Evidence Project meets loca need and has local support?		
5. Evidence that the Project is sustainable and has other funding streams?		



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<u>Timetable for Presentations – 16th August 2016</u>

	Time	Project	Presenter
	4.00 pm	Meeting is opened with introductions and housekeeping together with format for the meeting.	Chairman of Panel
Bids u	ınder £3,500		
1	4.15 pm	New Benches for Catshill Meadow	North West Ward Association
2	4.20 pm	Garden Renovation	Belbroughton First Steps Nursery
3	4.25 pm	Maintenance to outside of the building	Fairfield Village Hall
4	4.30 pm	Defibrillator for Hopwood Community Centre Alvechurch PC	
5	4.35 pm	2 x Event shelters for Picnic in the Park event Alvechurch PC	
6	4.40 pm	Rubery Gets Growing Rubery Village Business Association	
7	4.45 pm	Made of Money Project ACT/The Lounge	
8	4.50 pm	Cycle Stands in Village Centre Barnt Green PC	
9	4.55 pm	Community Gardening Crossley Walk & Community Garden Scheme	
10	5.00 pm	Community Football Scheme Catshill Football Clu	
11	5.05 pm	Roof Insulation	Avoncroft Arts Society
12	5.10 pm	Outdoor basketball net and shooting pad.	Belbroughton Recreation Centre
13	5.15 pm	New bench and litter bin.	Lickey & Blackwell PC
	5.20 pm	Members sum up	
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PROJECT NAME:	5 Benches for the Meadow
Organisation:	North West Ward Association
Amount of Funding Requested:	£500
Total Cost of Project:	£600
Location of Project:	Catshill
Aim of Project:	The path around the grounds has 5 benches that need replacing. The project will provide replacement seating in the Catshill Meadow to be used by a wide range of residents.

Ca	tegory	Comments
1.	Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?	Keep my place safe and looking good.
2.	Aims and objectives of the project?	The project is to replace the wooden seats with five new seats allowing residents to sit and relax on a safe and secure bench. The objective of the association is to promote and encourage the spiritual, recreational and educational welfare of the people of the North West Ward.
3.	Evidence Project meets local need and has local support?	The Catshill Meadow is used by a wide range of residents within the village, including dog walkers, families and running clubs.
4.	Evidence that the Project is sustainable and has other funding streams?	The remainder of the cost of the benches will be met from the Association's balances.
5.	Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.	Cllr Shirley Webb has signed the application form in support of the project.
6.	Details of any Additional Information Provided	The Association is a registered charity and whilst it had significant monies in balances, these are used to maintain the Meadow, with items such as insurance, utility bills etc.



PROJECT NAME:	Garden Renovation
Organisation:	Belbroughton First Steps Nursery
Amount of Funding Requested:	£2,000
Total Cost of Project:	£7,500
Location of Project:	Belbroughton
Aim of Project:	Renovation of the outdoor space to make it a fun environment for children to play all year round. The gardens and entrance area need to be made safe for children to play without constant supervision and assistance.

Category	Comments
Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?	 Provide good things for me to see, do and visit Help me to live my life independently
Aims and objectives of the project?	The Nursery is an OFSTED registered, independent charity, committed to providing the very best pre-school care and education to nursery-aged children from Belbroughton and the surrounding villages. The redevelopment of the outdoor space will make a safe and fun environment for the children to play in all ear round and one that entices young children and their parents to join the community facility.
3. Evidence Project meets local need and has local support?	As the number of children in the local villages increase, so do the number of sessions booked into at the nursery. September 2015 intake started at 33 sessions booked 910 children) and the intake for September 2016 is already at 120 sessions (20 children).
4. Evidence that the Project is sustainable and has other funding streams?	The remained of the cost of the project will be met from a contribution from the school PTA, money which the Nursery raised through their held at the

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		Village Scarecrow weekend during 2015, monies from the Nursery's savings and a contribution from the Parish Council.
5.	Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.	Cllr Margaret Sherrey has signed and commented on the application in support of the project.
6.	Details of any Additional Information Provided	Photographic evidence was provided together with quotations for the work to be undertaken and a copy of the accounts for the Nursery for 2015/16.

PROJECT NAME:	Maintenance Work to the guttering and cladding.
Organisation:	Fairfield Village Hall
Amount of Funding Requested:	£1,500
Total Cost of Project:	£2,120
Location of Project:	Fairfield
Aim of Project:	To provide a safe and welcoming exterior to a very popular community venue.

Ca	tegory	Comments
1.	Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?	 Keep my place safe and looking good Provide good things for me to see, do and visit Help me to live my life independently
2.	Aims and objectives of the project?	Fairfield Village Hall is used by a number of organisations that deliver a wide range of services to the community. Each month it is in regular use 81% of the time by regular hirers that enhance young people's social education and improve the well-being of adults. Together with a number of ad-hoc users/events.
3.	Evidence Project meets local need and has local support?	50% of people attending the Hall are residents of Belbroughton Parish. With growth of residences in Bromsgrove Tow and the surrounding area, the Village Hall has seen an increase in the number of people attending activities and the number of people wanting to hire an affordable venue.
4.	Evidence that the Project is sustainable and has other funding streams?	The balance of funds needed will be met from the Village Hall's reserves.
5.	Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.	Cllr Chris Allen-Jones has signed the application form, giving his support.

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6. Details of any Additional Information Provided	A number of quotations for the work had been obtained and details were provided with the application, together with the lease for the building.
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PROJECT NAME:	Provide Defibrillator and lockable outdoor cabinet for Hopwood Community Centre.
Organisation:	Alvechurch Parish Council
Amount of Funding Requested:	£886
Total Cost of Project:	£2,029
Location of Project:	Hopwood Community Centre
Aim of Project:	Hopwood Community Centre is a widely used community resource hosting a diverse range of community groups.

Ca	tegory	Comments
1.	Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?	Help me to live my life independently.
2.	Aims and objectives of the project?	The Parish Council exists to improve the lives and environment for the residents of the wider Alvechurch area.
3.	Evidence Project meets local need and has local support?	The provision of a community defibrillator has the potential to save the life of both users of the centre and the residents of Hopwood.
4.	Evidence that the Project is sustainable and has other funding streams?	The balance of cost will be met by the Parish Council reserves.
5.	Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.	Cllr Charles Hotham has signed the application form and provided a cover letter in support of the project.
6.	Details of any Additional Information Provided	Supporting documentation was included with the application including estimates for the purchase of a defibrillator and the Parish Council's current financial position.



PROJECT NAME:	2 x Event Shelters for Picnic in the Park
Organisation:	Alvechurch Parish Council
Amount of Funding Requested:	£656
Total Cost of Project:	£656
Location of Project:	Alvechurch
Aim of Project:	Provide an events shelter to cover hired entertainment equipment at the annual Picnic in the Park. The event itself raises over £1,000 annually which goes directly to a local charity, The Lounge.

Category	Comments
Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?	 Provide good things for me to see, do and visit Keep my place looking safe and good Help me run a successful business Explanatory notes were also included within the application.
Aims and objectives of the project?	To provide a fun local event which brings the parish together and to raise as much money as possible both for its own nominated charities and for other local groups and good causes.
Evidence Project meets local need and has local support?	Background information was provided in respect of the Lounge (and the work it carries out in the area), which is the project the funding raising event held for.
Evidence that the Project is sustainable and has other funding streams?	If the funding is not received, then the project will either continue to borrow equipment or try to find alternative funding streams with the potential to use money from the Parish Council's balances.
Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.	Cllr June Griffiths has commented on the application in support of the project.

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6. Details of any Additional Information Provided	Details were provided in respect of the organisational arrangements for the event and quotes for the purchase of event shelters. The Parish Council accounts balance sheet was also included with the application.
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PROJECT NAME:	Rubery Gets Growing!
Organisation:	Rubery Village Business Association
Amount of Funding Requested: Total Cost of Project:	£1,465.59 £1,465.59
Location of Project:	Rubery
Aim of Project:	Supply of equipment and materials to create starter kits to get local people "growing". In partnership with Rubery in Bloom the Association would like to launch this new project to improve the image and appearance of the Village, promote civic pride, invest in their locality and positively promote Rubery.

Category	Comments
Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?	 Keep my place looking safe and good Live my life independently
Aims and objectives of the project?	The aims of the Association were included within the applications, these include - facilitating clear communication between the local and regional authorities, to promote and support the wider community of Rubery, raising standards of good business and practice.
Evidence Project meets local need and has local support?	The project offers local people the opportunity to get out in the fresh air and work alongside others and extend their existing social networks and make new friendships. Being outside in the fresh air, undertaking physical exercise that gardening demands, working with nature and nurturing plants all help to improve health and well-being.
4. Evidence that the Project is sustainable and has other funding streams?	If the total amount was not available, the Association would re-assess the project to deliver the priorities with the budget available. The project will also work with the Woodland

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		Trust and Heart of England in Bloom to access free seeds, saplings etc.
5.	Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.	At time of application the Ward Councillor was on annual leave.
6.	Details of any Additional Information Provided	Full details were provided in respect of the equipment that the grant would purchase.

PROJECT NAME:	Made of Money Project
Organisation:	The Lounge (Alvechurch Communities Together Ltd)
Amount of Funding Requested: Total Cost of Project:	£1,250 £2,000
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Location of Project:	Alvechurch
Aim of Project:	This project aims to improve financial capability in Alvechurch. That means improving people's ability to manage money well, both day to day and through significant life events, and their ability to handle period of financial difficulty. This will focus on developing people's financial skills, knowledge, and improving their attitudes and motivation. To help local people achieve the best possible financial wellbeing.

Category		Comments
1.	Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?	Help me to be financially independent
2.	Aims and objectives of the project?	The Lounge is a well-loved café, a centre for youth work and a vibrant community space and based in the shopping centre at the heart of the community. It supports the local people and provides a usable space which is also available for hire for a variety of things in order to meet the community's needs.
3.	Evidence Project meets local need and has local support?	There has been a considerable gap in provision of this nature left by the citizens Advice bureau who no longer visit the local library. Local population increasing particularly families as a result of the new housing estates. National strategy for UK on financial capability calling for new initiatives to improve the financial skills and in particular segments; young people,

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		families and old people need to change their attitudes and behaviour towards money.
4.	Evidence that the Project is sustainable and has other funding streams?	If the full funding is not received, then the project may be treated as a pilot by running perhaps a workshop or deliver a workshop using external providers. As they would not be able to fund volunteers to become trained in delivering the financial capability skills long term.
5.	Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.	Comments from the Ward councillor, Cllr Griffiths are currently awaited.
6.	Details of any Additional Information Provided	Full details of the proposed project were included within the application. Whilst the Lounge shows a significant amount in its accounts balances, this is used for delivering the existing youth work programme and to support the running costs of the café.

PROJECT NAME:	Bicycle Stands in Village Centre
Organisation:	Barnt Green Parish Council
Amount of Funding Requested:	£455
Total Cost of Project:	£455
Location of Project:	Barnt Green Village Centre
Aim of Project:	To provide bicycle stands in order to encourage residents and visitors to cycle into the village, reducing the impact of cars on the road that add to air pollution and to minimise the parking congestion in the village.

Category		Comments
1.	Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?	 Keep my place safe and looking good Provide good things for me to see, do and visit.
2.	Aims and objectives of the project?	The Parish Council aims to represent the area of the parish, improve the quality of life for residents, provide and deliver appropriate services.
3.	Evidence Project meets local need and has local support?	The lack of adequate car parking space is a constant fctor in consultations, hence the need to find alternative solutions. An extract from the Parish Council's draft Neighbourhood Plan, which was the conclusion of community surveys, was attached as supporting evidence.
4.	Evidence that the Project is sustainable and has other funding streams?	If less funding is provided the Parish Council will install using its own funds, though this may not be the full amount of stands.
5.	Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.	Cllr Charles Hotham given his support ot this project commenting that it adds to the sustainability of Barnt Green and at the same time encourages exercise, combating the rising tide of obesity.

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6. Details of any Additional Information Provided	Quotations for the bicycle stands were provided together with plans highlighting where in the village they would be placed.
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PROJECT NAME:	Community Gardening		
Organisation:	Crossley Walk & Villiers Road Community Garden Scheme		
Amount of Funding Requested:	£2,100		
Total Cost of Project:	£2,100		
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Location of Project:	Crossley Walk & Villiers Road		
Aim of Project:	Enhance the neighbourhood. A residents group to share knowledge and experience to energise other tenants and householders to do likewise.		

Category		Comments
	nich Council Strategic rpose does it meet?	 Good things for me to see, do and visit Keep my place safe and looking good Fits with the Green Infrastructure Strategy 2013-2018.
	ns and objectives of the iject?	By providing for and supporting other resident in the community will result in — • A better environment in which to live • Developing interpersonal and gardening skills • Providing each of us with neighbourly support • A reduction in vandalism and dog soiling • Enhancing our sense of well-being.
	dence Project meets local ed and has local support?	The lead organiser has spoken to a number of neighbours and gained there support in forming a working group to give leadership to the scheme.
sus	ridence that the Project is stainable and has other ding streams?	Should the full grant not be available then wooden benches rather than hardwearing ones would be purchased and less tools of a lower quality. (full details were provided within the application)

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5.	Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.	Cllr Michael Thompson has support this application.
6.	Details of any Additional Information Provided	Full details of the scheme's proposals were attached together with photographic evidence.

PROJECT NAME:	Community Football - Sustainability
Organisation:	Catshill Football Club
Amount of Funding Requested:	£2,500
Total Cost of Project:	£2,718.50
Location of Project:	Catshill
Aim of Project:	The bid is for equipment which will allow coaches to stimulate, improve and encourage youngsters to adopt a lifelong love of sport; to adopt a healthier lifestyle and a community-based spirit.

Category	Comments
Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?	Although reference is not made to the Council's Strategy Purposes, reference was made to encouraging youngsters to adopt a healthier lifestyle and improve individual skills and develop friendships.
Aims and objectives of the project?	The club wishes to establish deeper roots in the community by providing football training for youngsters and adults based in Catshill to improve health, wellbeing, sense for belonging, individual and team progression in the local community.
3. Evidence Project meets local need and has local support?	 Obesity levels in Worcestershire are amongst the highest in the country. Reduced levels of physical activity as part of the national curriculum in schools. Lack of facilities for youngsters across Bromsgrove district. Reducing participation in sport across England.
4. Evidence that the Project is sustainable and has other funding streams?	If there is a reduced funding given, the Club will grow the player base more slowly. Fund raising events will be held to supplement the income.

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5.	Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.	Councillor Shirley Webb has given her support to the application.
6.	Details of any Additional Information Provided	Details of the club's finances and balances were provided and it was highlighted that these were committed for a number of things including, pitch hire and course fees.

PROJECT NAME:	Roof Insulation
Organisation:	Avoncroft Arts Society
Amount of Funding Requested: Total Cost of Project:	£3,500 £8,150
Location of Project:	Redditch Road, Stoke Heath
Aim of Project:	Insulation of 2 single skin wooden buildings. These rooms would benefit greatly by insulating the ceiling against heat loss which is costly.

Ca	tegory	Comments
1.	Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?	Provide good things for me to see, do and visit.
2.	Aims and objectives of the project?	The Society's principle objective is education, to practise hobbies and leisure pursuits of the arts.
3.	Evidence Project meets local need and has local support?	 The rooms referred to are used for - art and textile classes during the week and b a local radio club. They are also booked for private functions at weekends and the other is used for the Avoncroft School Nursery.
4.	Evidence that the Project is sustainable and has other funding streams?	The balance of cost of the work will be paid from account savings. Should the full funds requested not be available, then the room used by the Nursery will be insulated first.
5.	Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.	Cllr Malcolm Glass has given his support to this application.
6.	Details of any Additional Information Provided	A copy of the Society's constitution was provided together with it accounts for 2015/16 and an

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	estimate for the cost of the works to be carried out. It was highlighted that some of the balances was reserved for maintenance of the buildings, including a fund for a new roof which was estimated to be needed in 5 years' time.
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PROJECT NAME:	Supply and install outdoor basketball net and
	shooting pad.
Organisation:	Belbroughton Recreation Centre
Amount of Funding Requested:	£3,499
Total Cost of Project:	£25,800
Location of Project:	Belbroughton
Aim of Project:	Supply and install outdoor basketball net and shooting pad – as requested by a local resident as there are a lot of local residents and young people who play basketball in the area.

Cat	tegory	Comments
	Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?	Encourage local action to improve quality of life.
	Aims and objectives of the project?	The Recreation Centre is a charity; its purpose is the use of the Recreation Centre in the provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation in the interests of the social welfare of the inhabitants of the parish of Belbroughton and with the object of improving their conditions of life.
	Evidence Project meets local need and has local support?	The project would get a lot of support from the local residents because young people do not have the space at home for a full size hoop at the correct height. This would benefit children to get outside in the fresh air and play sports instead of playing computer games and not getting any exercise. This will also enable the school to use the facility.
	Evidence that the Project is sustainable and has other funding streams?	The balance would be funded from existing cash funds, other grants and loans. The Centre may also consider possibly just upgrading the Chidren's playground if full funding was not available.

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5.	Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.	Cllr Sherrey has shown her support of the application, commenting that the project would be an asset to the whole community.
6.	Details of any Additional Information Provided	The Centre provided a copy of its constitution together with its accounts for the year ended 31 st March 2016 (which showed significant unrestricted balances) and a copy of a quotation for the project.

PROJECT NAME:	Replacement bench and fire proof litter bin.
Organisation:	Lickey & Blackwell Parish Council
Amount of Funding Requested:	£815.43
Total Cost of Project:	£815.43
Location of Project:	Monument field
Aim of Project:	Replace the only bench on Monument Fields together with a fire proof bin as the areas is very well used.

Cate	gory	Comments
	/hich Council Strategic urpose does it meet?	Provide good things for me to see do and visit.
	ims and objectives of the roject?	The aims and objectives of the Parish Council are to provide Community engagement including residents' meetings, newsletters, parish walks and development of the neighbourhood plan. Administration of Lengthsman Scheme and maintenance of speed warning signs and littler picking.
	vidence Project meets local eed and has local support?	With the grown in Cofton ward and further planned expansion the Country Park is often visited by residents, and visitors throughout Bromsgrove and beyond. Families who walk across the field to access Lickey Hills Primary School have also requested the bench be replaced.
SL	Evidence that the Project is ustainable and has other unding streams?	If the full amount of funding not provided the Parish Council will consider contributing towards it from its reserves.
	igned by Ward Councillor nd supporting comments.	Cllr Richard Deeming has shown his support for this project.

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6. Details of any Additional	Whilst the application shows a significant amount
Information Provided	in balances, this is in line with the Parish Council's budget for planned expenditure.
	Quotations were provided with the application.