



BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE NHB COMMUNITY GRANTS PANEL

WEDNESDAY 17TH 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

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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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Scoring Matrix

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

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

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Timetable for Presentations – 17th August 2016

	Time	Project	Presenter
	4.00 pm	Meeting is opened with introductions and housekeeping together with format for the meeting.	Chairman of Panel
Bids between £3,500 and £28,000			
1	4.15 pm	Resurface & Re-mark playground	Fairfield First School
2	4.20 pm	Hagley Community Pavilion	Hagley Football Club
3	4.25 pm	Purchase of new minibus	Hagley Ramblers Scouts Group
4	4.30 pm	Refurbishment of Kitchen	Cofton Hackett Village Hall
5	4.35 pm	Hut Refurbishment	Bromsgrove 6 th Scout Group
6	4.40 pm	Practice Net Area Refurbishment	Barnt Green Cricket Club
7	4.45 pm	School Ground Redevelopment	Belbroughton Primary School
8	4.50 pm	Stoke Wharf Picnic Site	Stoke PC
9	4.55 pm	Refurbishment of Toilet Block	Catshill Village Hall
	5.00 pm	Members sum up	
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APPLICATION SUMMARY – Grant £3,500 to £28,000

PROJECT NAME:	Resurface and re-mark the playground
Organisation:	Fairfield First School
Amount of Funding Requested: Total Cost of Project:	£13,252 £20,252
Location of Project:	School playground, Stourbridge Road, Fairfield
Aim of Project:	The grant would be spent resurfacing the playground, and marking out a fitness trail and courts.

Category	Comments
1. Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide Good things for me to see, do and visit. • Keep my place safe and looking good.
2. Aims and objectives of the project?	Research has been carried out to show the benefits of outdoor play, also the sharp increase in levels of obesity and the fact that children are less active, the school are eager that the children spend more time outdoors. The aim is to make the playground a safer and more interesting place with sport pitch markings and a fitness trail, which will be available for children to use for many years to come.
3. Evidence Project meets local need and has local support?	Over the past few years the numbers attending the school have increased due to local house building in the ward (Belbroughton and Romsley) but also in the Catshill Ward. Children attend from the local village, and also from Woodland Grange and the new estate off Church Road.
4. Evidence that the Project is sustainable and has other funding streams?	The balance of the cost will be met from the School's budget. If the full amount is not received, the school will carry out further fund raising activities and possibly delay the start of the project.

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5. Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.	Note on form confirming Cllr Allen-Jones' approval – email confirmation awaited (school has now broken up for the summer).
6. Details of any Additional Information Provided	Letter of support received from the owner of the Preschool Group who use the school. The school would like to arrange matches with other schools, not only promoting well-being, but also team spirit and community cohesion. The school also periodically invite local sport professionals in to enhance the school's sports provision.

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APPLICATION SUMMARY – Grant £3,500 to £28,000

PROJECT NAME:	West Hagley Football Club – The Pavilion
Organisation:	West Hagley Football Club in conjunction with Hagley Parish Council
Amount of Funding Requested: Total Cost of Project:	£20,000 £206,000
Location of Project:	Hagley
Aim of Project:	The project is to re-build the current outdated Parish Council owned, football changing room facility.

Category	Comments
1. Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help me to live life independently • Provide good things for me to see, do and visit. <p>Reference was also made to the Council’s Sports Development Plan (Playing Pitch strategy).</p>
2. Aims and objectives of the project?	<p>The aim is to rebuild the current outdated changing room facility, which is not fit for purpose being a 1960’s concrete block with no insulation, only cold showers, poor light, unsustainable and sole use is for football and used for limited hours during October to May. The new Pavilion will not only be for the Football Club but the wider community, creating opportunities for wider sports clubs and wellbeing activities through the year and offer the opportunity for day time use, particularly benefitting older, retired people. It will enhance a central village amenity, improving the park environment and removing an eyesore and management for anti-social activity.</p> <p>Girls playing football has seen the biggest grown. A new facility will encourage more girls to play and to get involved.</p>

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3. Evidence Project meets local need and has local support?	Support has been received from residents, Hagley PC, Worcestershire FA and the Football Foundation. Details were also provided of a number of consultations which had been carried out.
4. Evidence that the Project is sustainable and has other funding streams?	A letter of confirmation of the commitment of £10,000 towards the cost from the Hagley Football Club was included. Together with a letter from the FA advising that the project had been identified as a priority project for capital support. Support has also been given from Hagley PC, Severn Waste and local business supporter/ The project is based on a phased build approach. Funds received from BDC will enable confidence that once started the project can be completed and the football club resumes its use by the middle of the coming season.
5. Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.	Supporting copy email provided from Cllr Steve Colella.
6. Details of any Additional Information Provided	A full breakdown of the project was provided including, photos of current building, future building plans and specification, planning decision notice, Club's statement of accounts.

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APPLICATION SUMMARY – Grant £3,500 to £28,000

PROJECT NAME:	Purchase of new minibus
Organisation:	Hagley Ramblers Scout Group
Amount of Funding Requested: Total Cost of Project:	£10,000 £12,000
Location of Project:	Hagley
Aim of Project:	To purchase a further minibus in order to transport the children to different locations for activities, rather than asking parents to drive.

Category	Comments
1. Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeping my place safe • Providing good things for me to do • Help me live my life independently <p>Supporting evidence was provided in respect of each strategic purpose.</p>
2. Aims and objectives of the project?	A Cub Pack and Scout Troop holds around 36 children. Currently the Group have one minibus which seats 17. The purchase of a further minibus we enable them to transport the children to different locations rather than asking parents to drive. The Group currently lend its minibus to other scout groups and would want to do the same with the second. It would also consider lending it to other community groups dependent upon insurance implications.
3. Evidence Project meets local need and has local support?	Hagley has a thriving Scout Group with four full sections totalling 162 children and 55 adult volunteers. Evidence that the size of the Group will increase is in the number on the waiting list, currently standing at 52 children aged from 6 through to 14. There will be further demand from the housing developments currently ongoing.

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4. Evidence that the Project is sustainable and has other funding streams?	If the full grant was not given the Group would consider looking at a cheaper minibus, but that usually comes at a cost in terms of running and so there will be a point where it would become unviable. The group will contribute the remaining £2,000 from balances and fund raising events.
5. Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.	The application was supported by Cllr Rachel Jenkins.
6. Details of any Additional Information Provided	A further letter of support was provided from the Parish Council. Significant balances are shown in the accounts, but it is understood these are earmarked for a new Scout Head Quarters.

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APPLICATION SUMMARY – Grant £3,500 to £28,000

PROJECT NAME:	Refurbishment of Kitchen
Organisation:	Cofton Hackett Village Hall
Amount of Funding Requested: Total Cost of Project:	£15,292 £17,500
Location of Project:	Cofton Hackett Village Hall
Aim of Project:	Full modernisation of the kitchen in order to provide an affordable meeting venue for all the local and surrounding community. With modern kitchen facilities and equipment it will attract more local gatherings or groups to use the hall.

Category	Comments
1. Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide good things for me to see, do and visit • Keep my place safe and looking good.
2. Aims and objectives of the project?	<p>The hall is entirely funded from the hire charges with no paid employees, save for a cleaner for 2 hrs per fortnight.</p> <p>The modernisation of the kitchen would allow for a wider variety of groups to use the facility including those which are OFSTED approved. It would also give them a wider scope for advertising the Hall to a wider audience.</p>
3. Evidence Project meets local need and has local support?	Cofton Hackett is set to double in size in the very near future and the Hall is already attracting more bookings for children’s parties, family gatherings and celebrations.
4. Evidence that the Project is sustainable and has other funding streams?	<p>If we Council does not give the full amount of grant requested the group will ask the parish council for a loan or scarp the idea of refurbishment.</p> <p>The old kitchen cannot be modernised as the units are timber constructed and falling apart as</p>

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	<p>they are the originals. The walls are in a very poor state with files falling off. The only income coming from the Hall being the hire of it, it would be many years before they could save enough money for the refurbishment.</p>
5. Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.	Signed by Cllr Richard Deeming who confirms the kitchen is in great need of updating.
6. Details of any Additional Information Provided	<p>The land on which the Village Hall stands is leased from the parish council and has 13 years left. A full quotation for the works was also included together with a copy of the accounts for 2015/16.</p>

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APPLICATION SUMMARY – Grant £3,500 to £28,000

PROJECT NAME:	Hut Refurbishment
Organisation:	6 th Bromsgrove Scout Group (Catshill)
Amount of Funding Requested: Total Cost of Project:	£4,500 £4,500
Location of Project:	Lingfield Walk, Catshill
Aim of Project:	To provide a safe and secure place for the young people to meet and bring the state of the hut up to a standard where the Group could rent out the space to other community groups.

Category	Comments
1. Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide good things for me to see, do and visit • Keep my place safe and looking good <p>Information supporting these strategic purposes was also provided.</p>
2. Aims and objectives of the project?	<p>Scouting offers young people the opportunity to acquire and develop skills which will be useful throughout life, as well as providing them opportunities to take part in activities that otherwise may not be available to them.</p> <p>By having a safe and modernised meeting place this would help ensure the activities are run in a safer and more secure environment, as well as providing the possibility of other community groups using the facilities.</p>
3. Evidence Project meets local need and has local support?	<p>There have been significant housing developments in the area in recent years and the catchment area for the Group has included developments in Rubery and the recent Perryfields development.</p> <p>The numbers have increased from 29 in January</p>

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	2013 to 55 in January 2016, with a new Beaver Colony set up for 6-8 year olds.
4. Evidence that the Project is sustainable and has other funding streams?	If the whole grant was not forthcoming the Group would prioritise what was essential depending on any shortfall and may if appropriate organise a fund raising event. It would take longer to get the building up to a suitable standard to be able to offer it to rent to other community groups..
5. Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.	Cllr Helen Jones is a member of the Group's Executive and is supportive of the project.
6. Details of any Additional Information Provided	Full details of the project were provided together with the Group's accounts for 2014/15. Information on the impact of Scouting was also included.

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APPLICATION SUMMARY – Grant £3,500 to £28,000

PROJECT NAME:	Practice Net Area Refurbishment
Organisation:	Barnt Green Cricket Club
Amount of Funding Requested: Total Cost of Project:	£5,100 - £7,100 £9,720 The funds are requested from the monies carried over from 2015/16.
Location of Project:	Cherry Hill Road, Barnt Green
Aim of Project:	Refurbishment of the 4 lane practice net area including resurfacing and re-netting.

Category	Comments
1. Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide good things for me to see, do and visit • Keep my place safe and looking good.
2. Aims and objectives of the project?	Barnt Green CC's objective is to provide facilities for, and promote participation of the whole community in, the sports of cricket.
3. Evidence Project meets local need and has local support?	<p>Junior membership has increased from 70 to 160 over the last four years. Coaching is provided for u6s through to u17s. Building on a long established provision of junior cricket, the club feels it has significantly improve the structure of the junior section in recent years, with the introduction of external professional cricket coaches and the purchase of a bowling machine. The junior membership now includes enough girls to field an u15s team and the club has also provided a dedicated girls' coach and hosted a number of county fixtures.</p> <p>The club has a very important role in the Barnt Green area and wider community and the growth of the junior section reflects the importance that the club is placing on planning for a healthy future to building on a past dating back to 1888.</p>

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<p>4. Evidence that the Project is sustainable and has other funding streams?</p>	<p>If the full grant was not available, the Club are able to contribute between £1,000 and £3,000 towards the costs.</p> <p>It would be unlikely and impractical for the project to be partially completed. However, consideration would be given to half the area being refurbished if necessary.</p>
<p>5. Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.</p>	<p>A letter of support was provided from Cllr Charlie Hotham. He highlighted that the project would benefit the wider community and that the Club spans two wards</p>
<p>6. Details of any Additional Information Provided</p>	<p>Photographic evidence was provided together with a detailed estimate of the costs.</p> <p>The Club's accounts for 2015/16 were also provided. Whilst there was funds available in balances it was highlighted that these had since been used for urgent repairs and replacement of the main mower, tree surgery work and exterior security.</p> <p>The Club also operates a hardship fund that currently supports 8 junior players.</p> <p>Funding is through membership subscriptions and normal fund raising activities including bar takings and the annual club ball.</p>

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APPLICATION SUMMARY – Grant £3,500 to £28,000

PROJECT NAME:	School Ground Redevelopment
Organisation:	Belbroughton Church of England Primary School Diocese of Worcester
Amount of Funding Requested: Total Cost of Project:	£5,000 £15,000
Location of Project:	Bradford Lane, Belbroughton
Aim of Project:	Refurbishment of the grounds to provide the children with a much safer all-weather playtime environment and a greater space for use in community events and to meet the needs of increasing pupil numbers.

Category	Comments
1. Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide good things for me to see, do and visit.
2. Aims and objectives of the project?	<p>Belbroughton CE Primary School is an integral part of the village and the community that it serves. Its aim is to give every child that attends the best possible start in life and the confidence and skills to go into the world ready to be a responsible citizen.</p> <p>The school encourages the children to make a positive contribution to the school and to the local community in order to encourage good citizenship and caring for the environment.</p>
3. Evidence Project meets local need and has local support?	<p>The number of children attending the school is increasing steadily, in part due to the new housing schemes in the area.</p> <p>As a small rural school, it does not have the funding available that larger schools have, it relies on the PTA to fund many projects. Due to the cost of this project the school would hope to offer the grounds to the local community. The school grounds have been used for a range of village activities previously, including the Scarecrow</p>

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	Weekend and Family Fun Day.
4. Evidence that the Project is sustainable and has other funding streams?	If only part of the funding was available the project would be reduced. £6,000 has been committed by the PTA and the School have requested £4,000 from the Parish Council.
5. Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.	No information in respect of this section was provided on the form.
6. Details of any Additional Information Provided	Photographic evidence in respect of the current condition of the grounds was provided together with a copy of a quotation for the resurfacing works.

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APPLICATION SUMMARY – Grant £3,500 to £28,000

PROJECT NAME:	Stoke Wharf Picnic Site
Organisation:	Stoke Parish Council
Amount of Funding Requested: Total Cost of Project:	£5,000 £5,800
Location of Project:	Stoke Wharf Picnic site
Aim of Project:	The Parish Council are keen to maintain the picnic site as a local asset for both tourists and local residents. The Parish Council is committed to improving this facility and to ensuring it is properly maintained.

Category	Comments
1. Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide good things for me to see, do and visit.
2. Aims and objectives of the project?	The aim of the Parish Council is to provide services and support to the local community under the local government umbrella. The Parish Council set up a joint project between themselves and Harris Brush Works and Worcestershire County Council. The partners no longer have an interest in the site but the Parish Council is keen to maintain it as a local asset.
3. Evidence Project meets local need and has local support?	The level of barge traffic along the Canel has increased and Stoke Wharf is a natural stopping point. It is also located alongside the B4091 with access via steps allowing it to both be used by walkers, dog walkers etc, as well as users of the canal. Opposite a busy canal bare hire company and close to a local pub and other businesses.
4. Evidence that the Project is sustainable and has other funding streams?	If total funding is not forthcoming the Parish Council will look to complete the project from its own funds.

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5. Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.	Cllr Malcolm Glass has signed the application form in support of the project.
6. Details of any Additional Information Provided	Accounts for 2014/15 & 2015/16 year were provided. There is a substantial amount in balances, which has been reserved for general responsibilities of the Parish Council. A detailed schedule of the work to be carried out was also attached.

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APPLICATION SUMMARY – Grant £3,500 to £28,000

PROJECT NAME:	Refurbishment of Female Toilet Block
Organisation:	Catshill Village Hall Trustees
Amount of Funding Requested: Total Cost of Project:	£6,500 £6,500
Location of Project:	Catshill Village Hall
Aim of Project:	Refurbish the female toilet block which has not been done for over 20 years.

Category	Comments
1. Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?	None state, however the application stated that the purpose was to encourage local groups to make use of the village hall.
2. Aims and objectives of the project?	The Hall is used by many group activities, which are in the main female orientated, but not exclusively hence the emphasis on refurbishing the female toilets as a first priority.
3. Evidence Project meets local need and has local support?	The vast majority of users and attendees of the Village Hall are female. The Group include Slimming World who has 3 sessions a week with average number of 50 plus per session. Others include fitness classes and mothers engaging with play sessions for their children.
4. Evidence that the Project is sustainable and has other funding streams?	If the funds were not forthcoming the project would be put on hold until alternative sources had been found.
5. Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.	Cllr Helen Jones is in support of this project.
6. Details of any Additional Information Provided	Quotations for the work to be carried out were included with the application together with the end of year accounts and information in respect of how balances would be used for other purposes and the terms of hire for the Hall.

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