

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE NHB COMMUNITY GRANTS PANEL

19TH JULY 2018, AT 4.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillors B. T. Cooper (Chairman), S. R. Colella (Substitute), K.J. May and S. P. Shannon (Substitute)

Officers: Ms. J. Pickering and Ms. A. Scarce and Farzana Mughal

1 **WELCOME**

Councillor Cooper chaired the Panel and welcomed all those present. Introductions were made and general housekeeping explained.

2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor S. Colella declared an interest in respect of application in relation to Haybridge Sports Pavilion as he supported the application. During the application being heard he took no part and left the room.

Councillor B.T. Cooper declared an interest in respect of application in relation to Christ Catshill and St Lukes Marlbrook Church as he supported the application. During the application being heard he took no part and left the room.

Councillor S. Shannon declared an interest in respect of application in relation to St John Baptist Church with St Andrews as he supported the application. During the application being heard he took no part and left the room.

3 **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

It was explained that this was the first meeting which would consider the bids for lower applications of £1,580 and under and higher applications of £1,581 to £15,800. It was further informed that a second meeting would be held, in private, when the Panel would consider all bids that had been presented to them and put forward its recommendations for consideration at the Cabinet meeting to be held on 5th September, 2018. Applicants would not receive formal confirmation in respect of their applications until after that meeting.

The aim of this meeting was to give the Panel Members the opportunity to discuss the applications with the applicants and for applicants to respond to any questions which may arise from those discussions.

4 **PRESENTATION TIMETABLE**

Each application had been allocated a five minute slot and those in attendance were advised that they were welcome to go when they had responded to any questions in respect of their application.

5 **SUMMARY OF APPLICATIONS £1,580 AND UNDER**

Challenge Stroke Group – Members Day Out

The Democratic Services Officer gave a brief summary of the application, which covered the amount of funding requested, the total cost of the project and evidence of the impact growth.

Mr Maslen attended the meeting. Arising from Members questions the following responses were made:

- Members of the Group were from the Rubery, Marlbrook and Bromsgrove area. However, it also accepts Members from outside the area;
- Members day out would be either Safari Park or Dudley Zoo and the fund would cover for up to 20 Members and their carers entry fee and transport;
- The Group organised around two to three trips a year.

Rubery Festival – Fun Day

The Democratic Services Officer gave a brief summary of the application, which covered the amount of funding requested, the total cost of the project and evidence of the impact growth.

Mr Maslen attended the meeting. Arising from Members questions the following responses were made:

- The balance would be funded from other revenues, such as raffles and food vans;
- The fun day would take place on 2nd September, 2018 and would bring people into the village;
- Approximately £150 would pay towards per entertainment;
- Usually the fun day attracts approximately four thousand people. Due to the weather last year approximately 600 people attended;
- Rubery fun day would not usually make any profit;
- The fun day would take place on 2nd September, 2018
- Clarity was sought that Rubery was not a charity organisation, however, had a constitution;
- The fun day would continue to take place if the funded was not approved, however, with fewer entertainments and attractions.

Rubery Festival – Event for Volunteers

The Democratic Services Officer gave a brief summary of the application, which covered the amount of funding requested, the total cost of the project and evidence of the impact growth.

Mr Maslen attended the meeting. Arising from Members questions the following responses were made:

- It was noted that the grant for this project was approved last year and this was the second year holding this event;
- There were 300 volunteers

Rubery Festival – Rubery Got Talent

The Democratic Services Officer gave a brief summary of the application, which covered the amount of funding requested, the total cost of the project and evidence of the impact growth.

Mr Maslen attended the meeting. Arising from Members questions the following responses were made:

- It was noted that this was the only youth club in Rubery;
- There will be three categories and ten people in each categories taking part;
- The event is well advertised through Halesowen News and Facebook.

Hunnington PC – Heritage Sign

The Democratic Services Officer gave a brief summary of the application, which covered the amount of funding requested, the total cost of the project and evidence of the impact growth.

The Panel considered the application. There was no representative present to respond to questions from Members.

Romsley PC – Heritage Sign

The Democratic Services Officer gave a brief summary of the application, which covered the amount of funding requested, the total cost of the project and evidence of the impact growth.

The Panel considered the application. There was no representative present to respond to questions from Members.

Second Hagley Guides – In Tents Hagley

The Democratic Services Officer gave a brief summary of the application, which covered the amount of funding requested, the total cost of the project and evidence of the impact growth.

The Panel considered the application. There was no representative present to respond to questions from Members of the Panel.

Clent Cricket Club – Install kitchenette/Seating

The Democratic Services Officer gave a brief summary of the application, which covered the amount of funding requested, the total cost of the project and evidence of the impact growth.

Mr David Lally was present at the meeting. Arising from Members questions the following responses were made:

- A fund of £1,800 was requested. This would cover the cost of materials and the labour work would be provided for no cost;
- The club currently had 40 members and is used by people all over the district. In order to have the capacity it would attract more people to use the facility;
- If the funding was not successful the work would not go ahead;
- It is anticipated that the work to be completed by October, 2018;
- Only tea/coffee and refreshments would be provided from the club. No bar would be provided as per terms and conditions;
- There is plans to have ladies cricket team in the future;
- Members would pay an annual subscription

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SUMMARY OF APPLICATIONS BETWEEN £1,581 AND £15,800

Avoncroft Arts Society – New fitted kitchen unit for hall

The Democratic Services Officer gave a brief summary of the application, which covered the amount of funding requested, the total cost of the project and evidence of the impact growth.

Ms A Jewson attended the meeting. Arising from Members questions the following responses were made:

- A new fitted kitchen was quoted at £4,200;
- If the grant was not successful the kitchen would be put on hold until a grant was received;
- The Arts Society is used for various activities, classes and hire out for parties;
- The facilities are used by residents from Bromsgrove, Rubery, Redditch and other outside areas;
- The current money that was available was used for new hall room and fire doors.

Wythall Community Associates – Upgrade men’s changing toilets

The Democratic Services Officer gave a brief summary of the application, which covered the amount of funding requested, the total cost of the project and evidence of the impact growth.

Representatives were present at the meeting. Arising from Members questions the following responses were made:

- The amount of fund requested was £15,800. The total cost of the project was £20,000. The balance would be used from donations received;
- The numbers of people using the facility was increasing and this is used by local residents;
- If the funded was not successful the work would not go ahead;
- The facility was also used by people with disability and ladies;
- The changing facilities was used by many of the users;
- This was the only park in the village;
- The Parish Council provides a grant of £12,000 towards maintenance of the park;
- £20,000 was the best quote provided and this was a fix price contract, including VAT.

St John’s Church – Deterrence of lead left on the roof of the church by forensic marking and installation of a roof alarm

The Democratic Services Officer gave a brief summary of the application, which covered the amount of funding requested, the total cost of the project and evidence of the impact growth.

The Panel considered the application. There was no representative present to respond to questions from Members.

Crofton Village Hall – New village hall for Crofton Hackett

The Democratic Services Officer gave a brief summary of the application, which covered the amount of funding requested, the total cost of the project and evidence of the impact growth.

Representatives were present at the meeting. Arising from Members questions the following responses were made:

- The current village hall was fully utilised;
- There was a 10 years lease on the hall. This was owned and run by the Parish Council;
- The hall would be used by various events for the community to use;
- Following the development of the Longbridge site, the community of Cofton Hackett would double in size from 750 households to 1350 households by 2020;
- Residents had stressed there was a need for a new community hall;
- The balance would be made up from other funds, including lottery bid. The Parish Council was also supporting the application;
- The building would be leased for £1 per year;
- It was anticipated that the new hall to be opened by spring next year.

Bromsgrove Rugby Club – Increase size of Kitchen

The Democratic Services Officer gave a brief summary of the application, which covered the amount of funding requested, the total cost of the project and evidence of the impact growth.

A representative was present at the meeting. Arising from Members questions the following responses were made:

- The total cost of the project was £44,200 and the amount of funding requested was £15,800;
- Balance would be made up by other sponsorships and fund raising events;
- There was currently £12,000 in the fund available;
- Would consider having a women's team in the future;
- The club had seen an increase in membership for both adults and juniors;

- Rugby Football Union Association supported the project two years ago for the room;
- The development would generate a revenue hosting more events and festivals.

Primrose Hospice – Wellbeing at Primrose

The Democratic Services Officer gave a brief summary of the application, which covered the amount of funding requested, the total cost of the project and evidence of the impact growth.

The Panel considered the application. There was no representative present to respond to questions from Members.

Belbroughton Recreation Centre – Playground Redevelopment

The Democratic Services Officer gave a brief summary of the application, which covered the amount of funding requested, the total cost of the project and evidence of the impact growth.

Representatives were present at the meeting. Arising from Members questions the following responses were made:

- The cost of the project is £100,000 and the amount of funding requested is £18,800;
- The Parish Council was funding £20,000 and the balance would be made up from other grants and private donations;
- Applied for grant from bifa, outcome of this would be informed in November, 2018;
- The amount of £21,000 was currently in the fund so far.

Haybridge Sports Pavilion Re-Instatement

The Democratic Services Officer gave a brief summary of the application, which covered the amount of funding requested, the total cost of the project and evidence of the impact growth.

A representative was present at the meeting. Arising from Members questions the following responses were made:

- The total cost of project was £43,500. The amount of funding requested was £10,000;
- The balance was available and was made up by other contributions and an increase in membership last year;
- The fund was also raised by PTA school;

- The sport centre is busy and popular and there is a significant increase in local residents using the facilities.

Hopwood Mums Playground Appeal (Alvechurch PC)

The Democratic Services Officer gave a brief summary of the application, which covered the amount of funding requested, the total cost of the project and evidence of the impact growth.

Representatives were present at the meeting. Arising from Members questions the following responses were made:

- The total cost of the project was £30,000. The amount of funding requested was £15,800;
- The balance was supported by the Parish Council of £5,000, County Council of £3,000. Other donations were received through businesses do and funds raised by local initiatives;
- The Parish Council was willing to contribute further £10,000;
- The development would keep Hopwood appealing and improve better play facilities for the residents;
- There were approximately 192 children and young people in Hopwood. The facilities was also used by six football teams;
- There had been no vandalism or any issues previously;
- The development was located in a safe place for children to use.

Christchurch Catshill and St Lukes Marlbrook Church – Renewal and upgrade of St Lukes vestibule and toilet roof

The Democratic Services Officer gave a brief summary of the application, which covered the amount of funding requested, the total cost of the project and evidence of the impact growth.

A representatives was present at the meeting. Arising from Members questions the following responses were made:

- The church was a one storage building and was used by the residents of Marlbrook. It only had one Parish Group;
- The facility was used by community group for various activities and parties for under 10's;
- The amount of funding requested was £3,000;
- The building is also used as a polling station.

St John Baptist Church with St Andrews – Upgrade toilet facilities

The Democratic Services Officer gave a brief summary of the application, which covered the amount of funding requested, the total cost of the project and evidence of the impact growth.

A representative attended the meeting. Arising from Members questions the following responses were made:

- The amount of funding requested is £9,150;
- The new kitchen was installed last year and this is an issue with the drainage. New drainage pipe is required;
- There is no current funding available;
- The new toilet facility with improve access for all rage of people, including people with disabilities. It will provide three separate areas. It will also require new tiling. Flooring and lighting;
- There is a growing demand for the community facility and is used for many recreational and educational activities;
- The facility is used every day, including evenings.

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SCORING MATRIX

Members would be considering the criteria within the Scoring Matrix when reaching their decision in respect of each application.

The meeting closed at 6.05 p.m.

Chairman