

Community Grant to Compton Dundon Village Hall (Executive Decision)

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Purpose of the Report

Councillors are asked to consider the awarding of a grant of £1,825 towards a digital projector and screen for the Meadway Hall in Compton Dundon.

Public Interest

Awarding grants is a key way that SSDC supports and helps to deliver community projects sponsored by Parishes and voluntary community organisations in the towns and villages across the district.

The Meadway Hall (Registered Charity Compton Dundon and Littleton Village Hall) has applied to the Area North Community Grants Programme for financial assistance with the costs of installing a digital projector and screen. The application has been assessed by the Locality Officer who is submitting this report to enable the Area North Committee to make an informed decision about the application.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Councillors award a grant of £1,825 to the Meadway Hall, the grant to be allocated from the Area North Community Grants Programme and subject to SSDC standard conditions for community grants (appendix A)

Application Details

Name of applicant:	Meadway Hall
Project:	Projector and Screen
Total project cost:	£3,651
Amount requested from SSDC:	£1,825
Application assessed by:	Adrian Moore

Community Grants Assessment Score

The table below shows the grant scoring for this application. Applications must meet the minimum score of 22 to be considered for SSDC funding under Community Grants policies.

Category	Actual score	Maximum score possible
A Eligibility	YES	Y/N
B Equalities Impact	6	7
C Need for project	4	5
D Capacity of organisation	11	15
E Financial need	5	7
F Innovation	3	3
Grand total	29	37

Background

The village has an actively involved and inclusive community with a village hall that includes a post office as a focus and a meeting point. The village hall is well used and has a large amount of local clubs that meet weekly, these include; Craft Club, Garden Club, Short Mat Bowls Club, Toddler Group, University of the Third Age (U3A), Woman's Institute (WI) and a Yoga Group. There is an outdoor play area for children and a recently installed petanque court (a form of Boules) for all ages. The village recently purchased a table tennis table and basketball hoop with funds from the village. The hall attracts visitors who want to run courses and retreats which contribute to the running costs of the hall.

The object of the village hall charity is in the interests of social welfare, to improve conditions of life of the inhabitants of the area by the provision and maintenance of a village hall for meetings, lectures, classes and other forms of recreation and leisure and the provision of a recreation ground.

The village hall recently installed 'smoke detector-door closers' and has achieved hallmark 1 & 2. The hall has increased bookings for local groups and individuals and has hosted events such as folk nights and Christmas events.

Parish information

Parish*	Compton Dundon
Parish Population	800
No. of dwellings	300

*Taken from the 2011 census profile

The project

The project is the purchase and installation of a ceiling mounted, wireless connectivity digital projector and screen. All current user groups will benefit from this new facility. It will result in improved courses and presentations and improved communication of detail for participants at Parish Council meetings.

The project has already involved Compton Dundon and Littleton Parish Council, Meadway Hall Management Committee, representatives of various clubs that use the hall and input from local children and young people. There will be more activities planned for younger residents such as film and game evenings following the installation of the projector.

Local support / evidence of need

Recently, many clubs, user groups and visitors to the hall have requested the installation of a digital projector.

Publicity of this project and all events are published in the monthly village newsletter which is delivered to over 300 homes.

The details of this project and all current activities are posted online on the Meadway Hall website and on the Compton Dundon Facebook page. They are also printed and placed on various notice boards.

Project costs

Project costs	Cost £
NEC P554U Digital Projector	1,828
Projector Screen	213
Projector Ceiling Mount	154
Wireless Connectivity	946
Installation Costs	510
Total	3,651

Funding plan

Funding source	Secured or pending	Amount £
Parish Council	Yes	913
Own Funds	Yes	913
SSDC	Pending	1,825
Total		3,651

Conclusion and Recommendation

It is recommended that a grant of £1,825 is awarded.

Financial implications

The balance in the Area North Community Grants Programme is £6,937.50. If the recommended grant of £1,825 is awarded, £5,112.50 will remain.

Grants are awarded subject to all other funding being secured before the commencement of the project and are on a % basis of the full project costs. Payment of the grant cannot exceed the grant award and is proportionally reduced if full project costs are under budget.

Council Plan Implications

Health and Communities - To build healthy, self-reliant, active communities we will:

- Support communities so that they can identify their needs and develop local solutions
- Help people to live well by enabling quality cultural, leisure, play, sport & healthy lifestyle facilities & activities

Carbon Emissions and Climate Change Implications

None

Equality and Diversity Implications

The project aims to provide for people across all age and interest groups in the local community

Background Papers

None.

Appendix A

Standard conditions applying to all SSDC Community Grants

The applicant agrees to: -

- Notify SSDC if there is a material change to the information provided in the application.
- Start the project within six months of the grant offer and notify SSDC of any changes to the project or start date as soon as possible.
- Confirm that all other funding sources have been secured before starting the project, if these were not already in place at the time of the application.
Acknowledge SSDC assistance towards the project in any relevant publicity about the project (e.g. leaflets, posters, websites, and promotional materials) and on any permanent acknowledgement (e.g. plaques, signs etc.).
- Work in conjunction with SSDC officers to monitor and share the success of the project and the benefits to the community resulting from SSDC's contribution to the project.
- Provide a project update and/or supply before and after photos if requested.
- Supply receipted invoices or receipts which provide evidence of the **full** cost of the project so that the grant can be released.

Standard conditions applying to buildings, facilities and equipment

- Establish and maintain a “sinking fund” to support future replacement of the building / facility / equipment as grant funding is only awarded on a one-off basis.
- Use the SSDC Building Control Service when buildings regulations are required.
- Incorporate disabled access and provide an access statement where relevant.

Special conditions

None.