

Sutton Bingham & District Canoe Club Grant Application (Executive Decision)

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Purpose of the Report

To consider funding towards the purchase of two KataKanus, which are very stable canoes suitable for 6 people.

Public Interest

Community grants are available in each area to voluntary and charitable organisations, not-for-profit groups, Parish or Town councils and other organisations that benefit the wider community. Applications are encouraged that meet a clearly identified local need.

Recommendation

That members consider this application for £1200 from the community grants budget.

Background

Sutton Bingham Sailing Club is based at Sutton Bingham Reservoir, Near Yeovil. They have a varied program, with competitive, close racing opportunities for confident sailors, a youth sailing program, space to sail recreationally and a regular programme of Royal Yachting Association training courses. The club hold open days, 'taster' sessions and have good links with Schools, Scouts and Yeovil College. Last year the club provided 108 qualified coaching hours and 62 assistant hours to local schools via the Schools Club Link and provided taster sessions for 150 scouts.

The organise touring & adventure trips for all abilities including open canadian, river, white water, surf & sea. Several are organised per month over the 6 month summer period and some over the winter.

The club have been awarded both Top Community Club by the BCU (www.bcu.org.uk) and the Sport England - Club Mark (www.sportengland.org). Four youth members have competed internationally in the GB 2015 under 18's Dragon Boat team. And the new club Dragon Boat team successfully competed in the UK last summer.

Project

The project includes the purchase of two KataKanu boats and 100 hours of coaching. Each KataKanu seats 6 people and is very stable. The stability of the boats will help to increase the range of people accessing paddle sport. The boats can be used by those who are less confident and also people with a disability who may struggle to access the activity using normal craft. The boats are also suitable for family paddling so parents can participate in

activities with their children. There is high demand for these activities as the club's school link sessions and training courses are all oversubscribed.

The project will not need further funding in the future as the club will continue to provide voluntary qualified coaching hours to enable the wider general public to access canoeing and kayaking year after year.

The NDO recommends approval of this application as it helps to achieve one of our key priorities around providing activities and facilities for young people.

Ward Members Comments

Both ward members are supportive of the application.

Cllr Bakewell commented that this is a vital facility and we are lucky to have this so close to our area. Encouraging young people of all abilities to be able to enjoy water sports is a great benefit. I fully support this project.

Assessment Scoring

Below is the summary table from the grant assessment form. It is recommended that funding is only awarded to projects scoring 22 points or more.

Category	Score	Maximum score
A Eligibility	Y	
B Equalities Impact	5	7
C Evidence of Need	5	5
D Capacity of Organisation	13	15
E Financial need	6	7
F Innovation	1	3
<i>Grand Total</i>	30	37

Funding Breakdown

Funding Sources	% Funding of the Total Cost	Amount of Funding (£)	Status
Parish Council	17	1100	Pending
Own Funds	46	3005.60	Secured
Sport England	20	1300	Pending
SSDC Area South Grants	18	1200	This application
Total Project Cost	100%	6605.60	

Financial Implications

The uncommitted 2015/16 grants budget stands at £6747. If members agree this award of £1200, it will leave £5547 in the budget for this year.

Corporate Priority Implications

The project contributes to the following Corporate Focus Area:
Focus Four: Health and Communities

Carbon Emissions & Adapting to Climate Change Implications (NI188)

None

Equality and Diversity Implications

These new boats are more accessible. They will allow people to try paddling who may have struggled to access the activity using the current craft.

Background Papers: None