

Joint Area Committee - North - 25 November 2009

11. Area North Community Grants – Refurbishment of Training Facilities at Long Sutton Cricket Club (Executive Decision) (Excepted Business)

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Purpose of the Report

For Councillors to consider the request for a grant towards the refurbishment of training facilities at Long Sutton Cricket Club.

Recommendation

It is recommended that a grant of £1,750 is awarded from the Area North Grants Budget to Long Sutton Cricket Club for the purchase and installation of all-weather matting and mobile safety nets subject to the standard terms and conditions for South Somerset District Council (SSDC) Community and Leisure Grants, (see Appendix A), and the following special condition:

- a) The applicant must make provision for future maintenance and replacement of the facilities. SSDC recommends the applicant set up a sinking fund to achieve this condition

Application Details

Name of Applicant	Long Sutton Cricket Club
Project	Refurbishment of training facilities at Long Sutton Cricket Club
Project description	To upgrade the all - weather cricket training facility by installing a new matting surface and the purchase of mobile safety netting
Total project cost	£7,450
Amount requested from SSDC	£1,750 23%
Special conditions	The applicant must make provision for future maintenance and replacement of the facilities. SSDC recommends the applicant set up a sinking fund to achieve this condition
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Community Grants Assessment Score

The table below shows the grant scoring for this application. In order to be considered, applications need to meet the minimum score of 20 required for SSDC funding under the Capital Grants Scheme.

Category	Score	Maximum
A Eligibility	Y	
B Target Groups	4	6
C Project	5	5
D Capacity of Organisation	12	15
E Financial need	4	5
F Innovation	2	3
TOTAL	27	34

Background information

The club's aim is to promote cricket, to coach young people to play cricket and to maintain a strong cricket for young people and adults in Long Sutton. The club has a membership of 61 members 42 whom are eighteen years or under. There are 22 under 11 cricketers, 2 senior teams playing in Somerset cricket league and 1 Sunday senior team used as a feeder of younger players into the Saturday League teams.

Promotion through local schools, SSDC sport and leisure marketing material, local news letters help to maintain the success of the club.

Parish Plan

This project fits with many objectives established by the Long Sutton parish plan published in 2008. These objectives had regard for the needs of all sections of the community and support groups and clubs within the village.

About the project

The facility is situated on the open access playing field adjacent to the village hall. The present all – weather matting has served the club well over the last twenty has now become slippery not just in bad weather and needs replacing on safety grounds. There is also the need to protect the other users of the field whilst the matting is being used and a mobile safety net is to be purchased. Maintaining a good level of coaching is essential for the development of the individual and the success of the club and this facility is a key to this.

Parish Council

A grant of £500 has been agreed in principal by the Parish council and should be confirmed at the December council meeting.

Cost and match funding

Item	Estimated cost
All weather matting	£6,100
Mobile safety practice net	£1,350
Total	£7,450

Funding sources are as follows: -

Funding	£	Status
Parish Council	500	Agreed in principal
Own Funds	700	Confirmed
Somerset Community foundation	3,500	Confirmed
Local Fundraising	1,000	Confirmed
Total	5,700	

In Conclusion

This project supports the need for local people and can be completed with the area north money. It is recommended that this project should be supported by a grant of £1,750

Financial Implications

The revenue grant funding of £1,750 towards this project can be met from the balance available in the Area North Grants budget for 2009/10. If both grant applications at committee today are awarded this would leave a remaining budget of £11840.22.

Corporate Priorities

The project intended services and benefits address a number of corporate priorities within the SSDC Corporate Plan 2009. Key target areas include:

- 3.19 Support SST to develop a long term action plan to reduce obesity in children and adults, delivering one initiative by 2012
- 4.1 Deliver positive activates for children, young people (especially those at risk of exclusion or offending) and families designed to reduce anti social behaviour by October 2010

Other Implications

Area Development Plan

Supporting local community projects help to meet the following Area North priorities of: -

3. Increase the number, accessibility and quality of community facilities, activities or services, in particular for children and young people, and older people.

Background Papers: Community Grant Application Number AN/09/19
