

10. Area North Community Grant – Powered Wicket Roller for Curry Rivel Cricket Club. (Executive Decision)

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Purpose of the Report

For members to consider an application for financial assistance to Curry Rivel Cricket Club for the purchase of a powered wicket preparation roller.

Public Interest

Curry Rivel Cricket Club has applied for financial assistance from the Area North Community Grants Scheme. The application has been assessed by the Community Development Officer who has submitted this report to allow the Area North Committee to make an informed decision on the application.

Recommendation

Approve the award of £1645 towards a replacement wicket roller, allocated from the Revenue Budget subject to the SSDC standard conditions for community grants (see Appendix A) and the following special conditions:

- The applicant must make provision for future repair and replacement. SSDC recommends the applicant establish a sinking fund to achieve this condition.

Application Details

Name of Applicant	Curry Rivel Cricket Club
Project	Enhancement of cricket facilities at Curry Rivel Cricket Club.
Project description	To replace current wicket roller. The existing roller owned by the club is no longer viable, there is a constant struggle to keep the roller maintained and in good working order.
Total project cost	£8766
Amount requested from SSDC	£1645 (19%)
Special Conditions	The applicant must make provision for future repair and replacement of the wicket roller. SSDC recommends the applicant set up a sinking fund to achieve this condition.
Application assessed by:	Leslie Collett Community Development Officer
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Background Information

Curry Rivel currently has a population of around 2230. The club was originally established in 1901 and re-launched its junior and youth section five years ago.

The club promotes cricket to young people and adults in Curry Rivel and the surrounding villages. It holds a membership of 116 of which 51 members are 18 years or under. As well as a senior team, the club also runs under 10, under 11 & under 13 teams for girls and boys in the league.

Project development

The project is out of the necessity to maintain a high standard of wicket preparation to enable players both young and old to enjoy and improve their skills

Project description

To replace the existing wicket roller with an up to date powered model.

Anticipated benefits and outcome

The replacement roller will assist in keeping the pitch well maintained and in a safe condition enabling the club achieve the following:

- To continue to develop girls and boys cricket and provide courses for new and existing volunteer coaches.
- To develop a recognised coaching pathway and to create a culture of volunteering in order to make a sustainable future.
- To continue to develop primary school links by providing coaching support to primary school lessons and providing an after school club hosted by the club at the ground along with holding the Community Learning Partnership Kwik Cricket tournaments.
- To specifically target girls at an early age in primary schools in order that it becomes the "norm" to play cricket.
- Provide specialist coaching to talented girls in order to fast track their ability.
- To provide coach support to volunteer coaches in order to mentor and develop their skills.

Management and ownership

The Club is affiliated to Somerset County Cricket and England and Wales Cricket Board. All sections of the club have representatives on the management committee who have a sound constitution and good financial control. They currently hold a 20 year lease, which will end in 2030.

Consents and permissions

None applicable

Project Costs

The table below shows the breakdown of the project costs.

Item	Cost £
Cricket power roller 12	£8766
Total	£8766

Match funding

Funding Source	Amount £	Status
Parish Council	£600	Confirmed
Own funds	£450	Confirmed
England & Wales Cricket Board	£6071	Confirmed
SSDC Community Grant	£1645	Pending
Total	£ 8771	

Parish Information

Parish	Curry Rivel
Parish population	2330
No. of Households	977
Precept 10/11	£20,000
Band D Charge 10/11	£21.96

Evidence of support for the project / consultation

The Community Health and Leisure Service fully supports the community grant application submitted by Curry Rivel CC for funding towards a new powered roller. The club has developed from no youth teams in 2004 to teams from U10's to U16's in 2010; this is in addition to the two adult teams they run. They have been awarded with the English Cricket Board Clubmark accreditation. Clubmark is a nationally recognised club development scheme run by Sport England in partnership with sporting National Governing Bodies (NGB's) to recognise high quality sports clubs with junior sections.

The club is one of Somerset County Cricket Board's Focus Clubs, which are selected on the basis that:

- They are identified as a key deliverer within the County Cricket Board Strategic Development Plan.

- They are committed to delivery of junior development programmes and/or development activities with specific target groups (disability, women/girls, and ethnic minorities).
- They are able to access and utilise ECB, County Cricket Board and local development resources to support the delivery of their club development plan.

This is even more impressive, since the club is based in a very small village. The club is extremely pro-active in linking with local schools to increase the number of young people being guided into clubs, with the Youth Co-ordinator Peter Sleightholme leading a pro-active link with Curry Rivel Primary School.

Our Strategy for Sport and Active Leisure in South Somerset 2006-2012 adopted by full council sets out policy areas to increase participation in sport and improve junior performance levels by increasing junior representation at county, regional and national levels. In order to achieve this it is essential that local people and sports clubs are able to access adequate and affordable facilities within a reasonable distance. This powered roller will ensure that the club can maintain it's current pitches to a standard, which continues to encourage the development of players at the club.

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 22, for SSDC funding under the Community Grants policies.

Category	Score	Maximum
A Eligibility	Y	
B Target Groups	4	6
C Project	5	5
D Capacity of Organisation	14	15
E Financial need	4	5
F Innovation	1	3
Total	28	34

Summary and Recommendation

If awarded the SSDC contribution completes the funding required and would allow the project to be completed without delay.

Recommendation:

To support the application for the full amount requested.

Financial Implications

The budget for community grants for 2010-11 is £28,360. £1500 has been allocated to date, leaving £26,860. If the recommendation is approved of £1,645 will leave £25, 215.

Corporate Priority Implications

3.19 Support to develop a long term (20 years) action plan to reduce obesity in children and adults by 2012

3.20 Increase children and young peoples satisfaction with parks and play areas and adult participation in sport and active recreation

4.1 Deliver positive activities for young people (especially those at risk of exclusion or offending).

Other Implications:

Supporting local community projects help to meet the following Area North priority:

- Promote and enhance facilities and activities for children and young people.

Carbon Emissions & Adapting to Climate Change Implications (NI188)

None

Equality and Diversity Implications

Will promote involvement from younger people.

Background Papers: *Grant application file AN 10/37*
