

Area Committee North – 23 March 2011

## 9. Area North Community Grant – Installation of Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) at Kingsbury Episcopi Recreation Ground (Executive Decision)

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### Purpose of the Report

For members to consider an application for financial assistance to Kingsbury Episcopi Recreation Trust for upgrade of kick wall to full multi use games area (MUGA).

### Public Interest

Kingsbury Episcopi Recreational Trust has applied for financial assistance from the SSDC Community Grants Programme. The application has been assessed by the Community Development Officer who has submitted this report to allow the Area North Committee make an informed decision on the application.

### Recommendation

Approve the award of £10,000 to the Kingsbury Episcopi Recreation Trust towards installation of a multi use games area at Kingsbury Episcopi Recreation Ground, allocated from the Area North Community Grants Budget subject to the standard grant conditions for SSDC Community Grants (see Appendix A), and the following special conditions:

- a) Kingsbury Episcopi Recreation Trust will continue to own and manage the facility, under the existing terms of trust, any future changes to the arrangements for ownership and management of the facility to be agreed in writing by SSDC.
- b) The applicant makes provision for the future maintenance and replacement of the facilities (e.g.: through the establishment of a sinking fund).
- c) The final design for the MUGA to be approved in writing by the SSDC Play and Youth Facilities Officer prior to placing orders for equipment or ancillary items; and be in accordance with standard EN15312 for free access multi-sports equipment
- d) SSDC is notified of, and approves in writing, any proposed changes to the project.
- e) On completion of the construction work, the applicant commissions SSDC to carry out a Post Installation Inspection of the MUGA and pays SSDC's fees in connection with the inspection.
- f) The applicant continues to maintain the MUGA in accordance with standard EN 1176 and manufacturers instructions
- g) The applicant displays and maintains a sign at the entrance to the MUGA that conforms to the guidance set out in EN1176 (information supplied from the Play and Youth Facilities Officer).

- h) The applicant sends a representative to SSDC's Routine Visual Playground Inspection Training and Introduction to Playground Management training at their own expense.
- i) The applicant takes steps to involve and consult the local community about the MUGA proposals and in particular the views of children and young people are sought and considered and provides evidence of this when submitting the final design for approval.
- j) The applicant includes the following clause in the contract to install the MUGA: "The employer will withhold a 5% retention of the contract value for one year following the date of the site completion certificate. This will be paid to the contractor after one year, unless installation problems occur with the facility and then the employer reserves the right to use the retained funds to rectify any problems experience. The retention and/or use of the retention sum do not preclude the employer from seeking damages for breach of contract, should the value of the breach of contract exceed the sum"

### Application Details

<b>Name of Applicant</b>	Kingsbury Episcopi Recreation Trust
<b>Project</b>	Installation of multi use Games area with lighting, at Kingsbury Episcopi Recreation Ground,
<b>Project description</b>	To install a full MUGA with time controlled lighting, the refurbishment and upgrade of a 'kick wall'.
<b>Total project cost</b>	£80,100
<b>Amount requested from SSDC</b>	£10,000 (13%)
<b>Special Conditions</b>	As above
<b>Application assessed by:</b>	Leslie Collett - Community Development Officer
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### Background Information

Kingsbury Episcopi Recreation Trust have over the years been very active in providing facilities for the village, these include a range of play equipment for all ages, a youth shelter, BMX track and a skate board / wheel play area and a kick wall.

### Project development

Through a period of local consultation and involvement the Recreation Trust has developed a plan to make improvements at the recreation ground to meet the needs of local residents. The development of the project has been supported by the Community Development Officer (North) working closely with Play and Youth Facilities Officer (North/West) who has ensured that the project will meet a good standard of design and installation.

The project has been guided by the principles established by the SSDC youth facilities programme, which seek to ensure quality of design and construction, together with the requirement for management plans and locally raised sinking funds.

## Project description

The project will use the existing kick wall to construct a fenced multi use games area, with associated floodlighting. The court is marked for a range of games.

## Anticipated benefits and outcome

This project will bring an area of land previously unusable in winter months due to water logging, into an all year round enhanced facility. The floodlighting will help activities continue into the evening during winter months. The youth club has expressed a particular interest in the project and has made a small contribution to the funding. The Recreation Trust wishes to expand community activities on this site.

## Management and ownership

The recreation area is owned (they have recently purchased the freehold) and administered by a charitable trust. The trustees administer the facility and will be responsible for the ongoing maintenance and repair on behalf of the community. There is good governance serving the needs of the village.

There is a sound operating budget with income from hiring's and a varied fundraising programme along with strong financial support from the parish council. This has enabled money to be ring fenced for future projects and planned maintenance.

## Consents and permissions

Whilst the MUGA can be installed under permitted development the associated lighting does require planning permission. Full planning permission (10/05085/FUL) was granted with conditions on 16<sup>th</sup> December. There were no objections from nearby residents.

## Project Costs

The table below shows the breakdown of the project costs.

Item	Cost £
Main structure	19,000
Floodlights	13,500
Ground works, including installation, line marking and security fencing	29,198
Carriage charges	668
Signage	200
Contingency	5,000
VAT	12,513
<b>Total</b>	<b>£80,079</b>

### Match funding

Funding Source	Amount £	Status
Parish Council	6000	Confirmed
Own funds	5,000	Confirmed
Big Lottery open spaces	50,000	Pending
Youth Club	250	Confirmed
Yarlington Housing	1,000	Confirmed
Avon & Somerset Police Trust	850	Confirmed
Garfield Foundation	2,000	Confirmed
Cloth Workers Foundation	5,000	Confirmed
SSDC Community Grant	£10,000	Pending
<b>Total</b>	<b>£80,100</b>	

### Parish Information

Parish	Kingsbury Episcopi
Parish population	1300
No. of Households	574
Precept 11-12	£24,900
Band D Charge 11-12	£45.37

### Evidence of support for the project / consultation

The community were consulted by a letter, which was sent to every household. The letter outlined the plans for the project and gave residents an opportunity to comment. They were also invited to attend a local meeting. All responses received were positive. The young people of the village were consulted via the youth club, who identified the need to have floodlighting. The local football team have expressed a keen interest in the project to use as a training facility.

### 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 (Minimum eligible score 22)	Maximum
A Eligibility	Y	
B Target Groups	4	7
C Project	5	5
D Capacity of Organisation	14	15
E Financial need	4	7
F Innovation	1	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>37</b>

### Summary and Recommendation

A grant from SSDC will help to release the £50,000 Big Lottery funding which has been awarded subject to meeting their criteria. There is a good mix of funding, and strong local support. The project has been well-planned and the Recreation Trust have good arrangements in place for the future management of the facility.

#### Recommendation:

To support the application for the full £10,000 requested.

### Financial Implications

The Community Grants budget for 2010/11 is £42,324. The total of grants paid or committed to date amounts to £31,901 leaving a balance of £10,423. If this grant is awarded there will be £423 remaining.

### 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:

Area North priority 2010-11 – Increase and improve community facilities for all ages.

## **Carbon Emissions & Adapting to Climate Change Implications (NI188)**

To be provided.

## **Equality and Diversity Implications**

The project will particularly promote involvement from younger people. The facility will be accessible to disabled people. The use of the Recreation Ground is open to all.

**Background Papers:** *Grant application file AN10/42*

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