

Area North Committee – 24 October 2012

## 8. Area North Community Grants - Curry Mallet & Beercrocombe Village Hall Kitchen Refurbishment (Executive Decision)

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### Purpose of the Report

For members to consider an application for financial assistance to Curry Mallet & Beercrocombe Village Hall for a kitchen refurbishment project.

### Public Interest

Curry Mallet & Beercrocombe Village Hall Committee has applied for financial assistance from South Somerset District Council. 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 £3,000 to Curry Mallet & Beercrocombe Village Hall towards refurbishment of the kitchen, from the Area North capital programme subject to the South Somerset District Council (SSDC) standard conditions for Community Grants (see Appendix A) and the following special condition:

a) Applicants must make provision for the 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	Curry Mallet & Beercrocombe Village Hall
Project	Village hall kitchen refurbishment
Project description	To refurbish the kitchen and upgrade the electrical supply
Total project cost	£7,670
Amount requested from SSDC	£3,000 (39% of project total)
Application assessed by:	Les Collett, Community Development Officer (Area North)
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## Background Information

The village hall serves the needs of the two neighbouring villages with a total population of 441. A large number of clubs and organisations use the hall during the day and evenings. There is a regular toddler group and older person's luncheon club run by volunteers. Other users include scouts/beavers, bridge, bowls, helicopter flying, youth group. The hall is also hired out for private functions and events organised by the management committee.

## Project development / need for the project

Last year the committee undertook a project to extend the hall in order to accommodate more storage, the cost of this project was in excess of £20,000 which was raised by the community and from other grant making organisations. Following this success they are continuing the programme of improvements to the hall and now wish to refurbish the kitchen.

The kitchen was installed when the village hall was built in 1989, it is now in need of a complete renovation to comply with modern Health & Safety and Food Hygiene standards. The hall management committee have been very successful in increasing the use of the hall over the last few years. However, increased use has taken its toll especially in the kitchen; it is used regularly by groups and in particular the senior's lunch club who cook in the hall.

## Project description

This project includes the:

- Purchase and installation of a modern stainless steel range of kitchen units and worktops to increase cupboard space and the current limited working surface and to comply with today's hygiene standards.
- Upgrade of the electricity supply to allow the installation of new electrical appliances already donated and carry out necessary plumbing work. The electrical and plumbing work to be undertaken by professionals the remainder of the work to be carried out on a self-help basis by the community.

## Anticipated benefits and outcomes

The new kitchen will increase the working surface area and cupboard space and stainless steel makes it an easy wipe clean finish. Increasing the capacity of the electrical system will allow for the more up to date appliances, which have been donated, to be used. All hall users will benefit from this project along with helping to increase the hiring potential of the hall.

## Management and ownership

The village hall is a registered charity, owned and managed by the community operating under Charity Commission's model village hall trust scheme.

## Consents and permissions

None required

## Project Costs

The table below shows the breakdown of the project costs.

Item	Cost £
Stainless steel Units	£6,655
Electrical & Plumbing	£850
Contingency	£165
<b>Total</b>	<b>£7,670</b>

## Match funding

Funding Source	Amount £	Status
Parish Councils	£1,000	Confirmed
Own Funds	£2,600	Confirmed
Beercrocombe Village trust	£70	Confirmed
Clarks Foundation	£1,000	Confirmed
SSDC	£3,000	Pending
<b>Total</b>	<b>£7,670</b>	

## Parish Information

Curry Mallet & Beercrocombe has combined residents of around 440, so together still quite a small parish. There is a primary school, village shop with post office, two churches, and a public house.

Parish	Curry Mallet & Beercrocombe
Parish population	310 / 131
No. Of Households	137 / 58
Precept 12-13	£3,700 / £1,100
Band D Charge 12/13	£28.31 / £17.12
Parish Council Contribution	£1,000

## Evidence of support for the project / consultation

Serving both villages the hall is widely used by both communities with regular input from the user groups. It is widely recognised by all the need to bring the kitchen up to a modern standard which was highlighted by the recent jubilee celebrations.

## Community Grants Assessment Score

Under SSDC community grants policies, funding is only recommended for projects scoring 22+.

Category	Score	Maximum
A Eligibility	Y	
B Target Groups	6	7
C Project	4	5
D Capacity of Organisation	13	15
E Financial need	5	7
F Innovation	2	3
<b>Total (minimum 22 required)</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>37</b>

## Summary

The hall is well managed with an active and hands on approach taken by the committee and community members. This self-help approach will enable this project to be completed to improve this vital community facility.

## Recommendation:

To support the application for the full £3,000 requested.

## Financial Implications

There is £25,000 available in the Area North Capital programme for Local Priority Schemes profiled for 2012-13, if the recommended grant of £3,000 to Curry Mallet Village Hall is awarded, £22,000 will remain in this allocation for 2012-13 and £72,658 for future years. In addition there is a further £151,240 in the allocated programme available for local investment.

## Council Plan Implications

Focus four: Health & Communities – “We want communities that are healthy, self reliant and have individuals who are willing to help each other”

## Other Implications:

Area North priorities: SELF-HELP – we will promote greater levels of self-help to promote the sustainability of local services and facilities for all ages.

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

none

## Equality and Diversity Implications

This facility is open to all without distinction of political, religious or other opinions. The village hall particularly serves the needs of older and younger people.

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