

**Facility Grants Scheme \* new application**

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| Town:                            | East Grinstead  |
| Title of project:                | Refurbish cricket squares   |
| Applicant:                       | East Grinstead Cricket Club   |
| Type of applicant:               | Charitable Trust  |
| Previous Grants in past 5 years: | £2,041 - indoor cricket nets (2013)<br>£16,918 – improvements to outdoor training facilities (2013) |
| Grant Request to MSDC            | £ 5,000 (56%)   |
| Total project cost:              | £ 8,882   |

**Financial Summary**

Sources of funding and whether secured

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| East Grinstead Common Good Trust | £1,000 | Secured   |
| Gatwick Airport Community Trust  | £500   | Unsecured |
| Total                            | £1,500 |           |

The shortfall of £2,382 will be raised through club reserves of £1,000 and fundraising.

**Summary of project proposal and aims:**

East Grinstead Cricket Club intends to upgrade the cricket squares using a specialist Koroing renovation practise to improve the playing experience and sustain them for years to come.

**Background**

East Grinstead Cricket Club, in Saint Hill Road was established in 1857. The club has seventeen teams in total - five men's senior teams, one U21, two U18 teams, one women's team, one U14 girls team, seven junior teams U16-U10. The First and Second teams both finished in the top three of their respective leagues last season and both won their respective Sussex Cup.

The club hosts up to 90 home matches per season and the majority of members are from East Grinstead and the surrounding area. Members pay annual subscription plus match or training fees which are reasonably priced to ensure the club is accessible. The cricket club has had ECB Clubmark accredited status

since 2007 which demonstrates their commitment to being a safe, effective and child-friendly club.

The cricket squares and pitches at the grounds have been laid for 26 years and are in need of essential refurbishment to level them and ensure the pitches are totally flat, with consistent weed free grass coverage. On completion the facilities will improve the playing experience and sustain them for another 25 years.

The club will install a vermin fence around the square and use a specialist Koroing renovation practise to remove unwanted surface material, level the area and return the turfed surfaces to play, quickly and cost efficiently. The Koro Field Top Maker is a revolutionary turf renovation tool that has transformed the time it takes to grow sports pitches to maturity. Used for removing thatch build up, weeks or the entire turf surface the efficiency of the machine has led to the industry recognised term Koroing. The work is scheduled to take place in the Autumn.

East Grinstead Parish Council has expressed support for this proposal.

### **Head of Finance Comments**

Unaudited accounts have been submitted for the year ending 30th September 2015 which show a deficit of £262.

Total income was £64,373: mainly generated from Grants (£26,991), Sponsorship (£17,750), Membership & Subscriptions (£7,426), Match Fees (£6,379), Fundraising and Events (£4,980), Donations (£3,195) and Transfers (-£2,348).

Total expenditure was £64,635: consisting of Supplies and Services (£64,735). Balances held at the end of the period showed Net Assets of £26,782, comprising of, Debtors £7,535, Cash £20,465, Creditors (£1,218).

### **How does the project meet the Council's aims?**

#### **Better Lives**

The works will improve and sustain the playing surfaces, leading to regular participation and physical training activities which should improve individuals health.

#### **Better Services**

The proposed work will encourage members of the local community to come along and experience the game of cricket on a high quality playing surface. The aim is for them to take up the game on a regular basis. Refurbished and improved facilities will raise standards and make the club more attractive to Sussex County teams and sponsors.

## **Corporate Grant Assessment Group evaluation of the project**

The assessment group feels that this project to refurbish the cricket squares at East Grinstead Cricket Club will benefit members of the club and improve the playability and therefore capacity of the facilities available to local residents for leisure and competitive sport.

### ***Corporate Grant Scheme Assessment Group Recommendation***

***The Assessment Group recommends that the Cabinet Grants Panel award East Grinstead Cricket Club a Facility Grant of £5,000 (56% of the total project cost) toward the cost of refurbishing the cricket squares which is made up of - £5,000 (P35/514 Land at Rockdene, St Marys and St Josephs, Lower Dene) Section 106 Formal Sport monies.***

***This grant offer is made subject to the following special conditions:***

- ***that it can be demonstrated that the project can be funded in its entirety with 12 months of the grant offer***
- ***the project must be completed within 12 months of project funding being obtained***

## Facility Grants Scheme \* new application

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| Town:                            | Hurstpierpoint                               |
| Title of project:                | Swimming pool enclosure and upgrade          |
| Applicant:                       | St Lawrence Church of England Primary School |
| Type of applicant:               | Company limited by guarantee                 |
| Previous Grants in past 5 years: | n/a  |
| Grant Request to MSDC            | £ 20,000 (20%)                               |
| Total project cost:              | £ 100,110                                    |

### Financial Summary

Sources of funding and whether secured

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| Hurst Community Charity                          | £36,000 | Secured   |
| Local fundraising from parents and the community | £15,000 | Secured   |
| The Hurstpierpoint Society                       | £2,500  | Secured   |
| Garfield Weston grant making trust               | £25,000 | Unsecured |
| Total  | £78,500 |           |

### Summary of project proposal and aims:

To upgrade and cover the existing outdoor swimming pool and make it available for community use.

### Background

St Lawrence Church of England Primary School is an independent academy and the only funded primary school in Hurstpierpoint. It has 541 pupils and takes 90 children into the Foundation Stage classes each year. It is presently growing into a three-form entry school, and should have 630 pupils by September 2018. The school is rated Outstanding by Ofsted and has been awarded Teaching School Status, putting it in the top 3% of primary schools in the country.

The school offers a rounded education and gives a high priority to sport and physical exercise. It has a swimming pool and the children have a swimming lesson once a week during the summer months. The school now plans to build an enclosure for the pool and improve the heating and chemical dosing equipment. It will then provide year round swimming lessons for the children and make the facilities available to community groups.

The school aims to hire the pool out to qualified, experienced and insured swimming teachers to offer lessons to groups of pre-school children. They believe there is also demand from adults for mobility, remedial and fitness classes in the pool and they will work with instructors and local health and fitness providers to run these sessions. The pool will be available to hire for £40 per hour and the school aims to run five community swimming classes per week, at weekends and evenings, with an average of 10 people per class.

The total project cost for the materials, labour and fees amounts to £100,110 which includes the pool enclosure, plant upgrade, pump, pipework and plant room works, lighting, fire alarm, automatic dosing unit, ground and surface works, dehumidifiers and air heating units with pipework and trenches. The school has already raised over half of this amount and work scheduled to start during the summer months. Ongoing running costs will be covered through the schools budgets.

Hurstpierpoint Parish Council discussed the project at a Council meeting on 21 January 2016 and resolved to support the schools bid for £20,000 from s106 Local Community Infrastructure Funds.

### **Head of Finance Comments**

Independently audited accounts have been submitted for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015 which show a surplus of £665,423.

Total income was £2,827,314: mainly generated from GAG income (£1,695,634), Donation of Assets (£722,390), Grants including DfE/EFA (£381,836), Donations (£13,500), Actuarial gain on pension schemes (£7,000), School uniform sales (£6,604) and Interest (£350).

Total expenditure was £2,161,891: consisting of Staff Related (£1,583,476), Supplies and Services (£570,352) and Governance (£8,063).

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net Assets of £10,518,524, comprising of Tangible assets £10,771,154, Stock £3,421, Debtors £54,528, Cash £340,678, Creditors due within 1 year (£320,257) and Creditors due after more than 1 year (£331,000).

### **How does the project meet the Council's aims?**

#### **Better Lives**

The health benefits of swimming are well documented. "Swimming is a great form of all-round exercise. It's ideal if you want to be more active and stay health, whatever your age or ability. Regular swimming can reduce the risk of chronic illnesses, such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes and stroke. It can also boost your mood and keep your weight under control. Swimming is a lifelong skill that could save a life. If you can't swim, it's never too late to learn." (NHS website).

## **Better Services**

Hurstpierpoint is a growing community, with a good range of facilities such as a local theatre, cinema, local clubs, festival and shops and this will add to the leisure offer for available to residents in the village.

## **Better Environment**

At the present time residents need to travel to Burgess Hill or Haywards Heath to learn to swim. Having a local facility will mean that more people can access these lessons without having to get in a car or catch a bus, which improves the local environment.

## **Corporate Grant Assessment Group evaluation of the project**

The assessment group feels that this project to upgrade the outdoor pool at the St Lawrence C of E Primary School in Hurstpierpoint represents good value for money as it will increase the season of use during the course of the year. The applicant states that a capital contribution of £20,000 should ensure this local resource is open and available for public lesson use at evenings and Saturdays for the next 30 years with no ongoing maintenance or management costs to the Council.

This request is unusual given that this is the first time the Council has been asked to fund such a scheme but the Parish council have already agreed to support the project from the Local Community Infrastructure fund. Whilst there may be concerns about supporting this projects as it is noted that the facilities will only be used for five swimming lessons per week initially.

The School have confirmed that they expect to see demand for lessons and groups during school holidays, and would be willing to hire out the pool not only during the evening after school and on Saturdays but also during school holidays. It is not intended that the facilities will be made available to individuals or for any form of event such as children's parties due to health & safety concerns. However use by suitably qualified and insured groups such as swimming clubs will also be able to use the facilities which will provide more non-school use in addition to the swimming lessons

## **Corporate Grant Scheme Assessment Group Recommendation**

***The Assessment Group recommends that the Cabinet Grants Panel award St Lawrence Church of England Primary School a Facility Grant of £20,000 (20% of the total project cost) toward the cost of installing a enclosure for the existing swimming pool which is made up of - £20,000 (P35/778 Land at Chalkers Lane) Section 106 Local Community Infrastructure monies.***

***This grant offer is made subject to the following special conditions:***

- *that it can be demonstrated that the project can be funded in its entirety with 12 months of the grant offer*
- *the project must be completed within 12 months of project funding being obtained*

## Facility Grants Scheme \* new application

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| Town:                            | Burgess Hill   |
| Title of project:                | Construction of new church with community facilities |
| Applicant:                       | Sheddingdean Baptist Church                          |
| Type of applicant:               | Unincorporated Association                           |
| Previous Grants in past 5 years: | n/a  |
| Grant Request to MSDC            | £ 235,000 (17%)                                      |
| Total project cost:              | £ 1,390,000  |

## Financial Summary

Sources of funding and whether secured

|                                |            |           |
|--------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Hillmead Trust                 | £75,000    | Secured   |
| Sheddingdean Baptist Church    | £125,000   | Secured   |
| Arrabon Trust                  | £11,000    | Secured   |
| Sheddingdean Baptist Church    | £225,000   | Unsecured |
| Baptist Building Fund          | £150,000   | Unsecured |
| EKC                            | £20,000    | Unsecured |
| Laing Trust                    | £30,000    | Unsecured |
| Members Big Society Fund       | £25,000    | Unsecured |
| South East Baptist Association | £5,000     | Unsecured |
| Landfill Communities Trust     | £140,000   | Unsecured |
| Arrabon Trust                  | £34,000    | Unsecured |
| Mortgage 25 Year               | £315,000   | Unsecured |
| Total                          | £1,155,000 |           |

## Summary of project proposal and aims:

The construction of a new church and community facility, north of Maple Drive in Burgess Hill including meeting rooms, exhibition space, community café and training kitchen.

## Background

Sheddingdean Baptist Church began in 1999 and is affiliated to Baptist Union of Great Britain and the South Eastern Baptist Association (SEBA). The church meets each Sunday at Sheddingdean Primary School and runs a range of activities, many of which take place in Sheddingdean Community Centre. These activities include a group for carers and toddlers, Messy church for under 7's, a



weekly fun club for 7-11 year olds, a Saturday club for 11-14 year olds, a gospel choir, afternoon teas for the elderly and a monthly games afternoon and Senior Songs of Praise. They support the Bedelands Community Fayer and two church members volunteer at the Ernest Klienwort Disability Centre. The church has strong links with Sheddingdean Primary School where the Pastor leads assemblies and teaches some of the RE curriculum.

Sheddingdean Baptist Church has applied for planning permission (planning ref: 14/03505/FUL) for a new church and community facility and all associated external works and landscaping, on Council owned public open space, to the north of Maple Drive. The church has been in discussion with the Council's Property team to negotiate the Heads of Terms for a 135 year lease for the site and planning approval has been given subject to the completion of a lease and a legal agreement relating to the relocation of the existing kickabout provision.

The proposal is for a new two storey building of sustainable construction, under a sweeping curved sedum roof which is designed to blend into the environment. The building, to be named the Cornerstone, will be primarily used for church activities with a large worship space and associated meeting rooms which will be available for community hire. The new building will also provide a dedicated exhibition space / visitors centre for the Green Circle, the administrators of the Bedelands Nature Reserve. There will also be a community café and training kitchen.

The total build cost is estimated at £1,139,000 including construction costs and fees. The applicant has identified match funding sources for £1,155,000 which leaves them a £235,000 shortfall. The church has identified elements of the project such as community and environment and are applying to appropriate Trusts to fund those aspects. In addition to the trusts listed above, they have identified another 23 grant making bodies and are preparing applications. The church is actively fundraising and has produced a legacy leaflet. They are also working with project partners such as the Respect Youth Club and the Green Circle to seek further targeted contributions and they will be making a presentation to the Lions later in the year.

Subject to funding, the Work is scheduled to start in June 2017 and it should take 9 months to complete the building project.

The Respect Youth Club, Sheddingdean Community Primary School and Oakmeeds Community College have written a letters in support of the application for funds. The Respect Youth Club was set up a result of concerns raised through the Local Action Team about young people in the neighbourhood who appeared to hang around with nothing to do. The club currently meets in the NTC hut next to Burgess Hill football Club but the facilities are far from ideal so they are keen to develop new premises.

## **Head of Finance Comments**

Unaudited accounts have been submitted for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014 which show a deficit of £34,577.

Total income was £69,855; mainly generated from Income (£55,676), Gift Aid (£10,707), Other income (£1,986), Premises (£812) and Interest (£674).

Total expenditure was £104,432; consisting of Supplies and Services (£64,223), Staff Related (£32,222) and Premises related (£7,987).

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net assets of £332,002, comprising of Tangible assets £230,000 and Cash £102,002.

## **How does the project meet the Council's aims?**

### **Better Lives**

The meeting rooms and café will be welcoming and available to local community groups. The building will be fully accessible and existing partnerships with the Ernest Klienwort Disability Centre and Sheddingdean Primary School will be retained. The Bedelands visitor centre will provide a base of the Green Circle who will run a range of healthy outdoor lifestyle activities such as walking and wood craft.

### **Better Services**

The Cornerstone will provide community facilities for existing users, local residents and the new community in the proposed Northern Arc development. The proposed Bedelands Visitor Centre will provide information and activities for school groups and visitors. The church has a history of providing services and volunteers for 17 years, including the annual Bedelands Fair.

### **Better Environment**

The building will be developed on an old landfill site on the edge of the Bedelands Local Nature Reserve. The building has been designed to be sympathetic to its surroundings and will be a sustainable construction with photovoltaic panels, rainwater harvesting and a living roof.

## **Corporate Grant Assessment Group evaluation of the project**

The assessment group feels that this project to provide a new church and community facility in Sheddingdean will benefit the local residents by providing an accessible, welcoming and sustainable building which will be available for public hire. The community café and visitor/exhibition centre will create a local resource which will be used by school groups and visitors. The amount of Section 106 available for Community Buildings in Burgess Hill is limited so the Council is unable to offer the full amount requested and there are competing

priorities for funds. In light of this, the assessment group recommends a grant of £27,133 toward the total costs to indicate Council support for the project. .

### ***Corporate Grant Scheme Assessment Group Recommendation***

The assessment group feels that this project to provide a new church and community facility in Sheddingdean will benefit the local residents by providing an accessible, welcoming and sustainable building which will be available for public hire. The community café and visitor/exhibition centre will create a local resource which will be used by school groups and visitors although the current public use hours cannot be confirmed at this stage. The amount of Section 106 available for Community Buildings in Burgess Hill is limited so the Council is unable to offer the full amount requested and there are competing priorities for funds. In light of this, the assessment group recommends a grant of £27,133 toward the total costs to indicate Council support for the project. .

### ***Corporate Grant Scheme Assessment Group Recommendation***

***The Assessment Group recommends that the Cabinet Grants Panel award Sheddingdean Baptist Church a Facility Grant of £27,133 toward the cost of constructing a new church will community facilities on land north of Maple Drive, Burgess Hill, which is made up of - £6,104 (P35/687 Land at Hammonds Ridge), £4,152 (P35/703 Land at rear of Forest View Care Home), £5,318 (PL13-KingsHead Land at Kings Head Public House), £5,357 (PL13-000386 Land at 76 Victoria Road), £6,202 (PL12-000682 Osborne House, Station Road) Section 106 Community Building monies.***

***This grant offer is made subject to the following special conditions:***

- that the hours of community use are satisfactory as determined by the Head of Leisure & Sustainability***
- that it can be demonstrated that the project can be funded in its entirety with 12 months of the grant offer***
- the project must be completed within 12 months of project funding being obtained***
- planning permission is obtained and a suitable lease agreement is drawn up between the Council and Sheddingdean Baptist Church, to the satisfaction of the Head of Leisure and Sustainability***