

APPENDIX A

Release of S106 contributions

Town:	Ansty
Title Of Project:	Fit out of new community building
Applicant:	Ansty Village Centre Trust
Type Of Applicant:	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (no. 1164436)
Previous Grants In Past 5 Years:	£17,440 Ansty Village Hall Trust (2009) £441,402 Sports and Community Centre (2019)
Release of S106 contributions Request	£ 27,073 (41%)
Total Project Cost:	£ 65,500

Financial Summary

Sources of funding and whether secured	£
Public donations (crowdfunding)	8,041 (secured)
Sport England (Active Space)	1,880 (secured)
Calor Gas Rural Community Fund	5,000 (secured)
Donations – local companies	2,000 (secured)
Carlsberg – donation	5,000 (secured)
Other fundraising	16,506 (unsecured)
Total	£38,427

Summary Of Project Proposal And Aims

To fit out the new sports and community centre at Ansty Recreation Ground with modern fixtures and fittings to make it comfortable, secure and accessible, ready to open to the public in Spring 2021.

Background

The Ansty Village Centre Trust (AVCT) was established in 2015 to promote community recreation and participation in sport in Ansty and the surrounding area by bringing together the activities of the Ansty Village Hall Trust and Ansty Sports & Social Club with the support of Ansty Parish Council. The role of the AVCT is to oversee the construction of a new Ansty Village Centre and to take the lead role in its operation.

The District Council has supported the project by providing capital grant funding towards the construction of the Centre and agreeing to grant the AVCT a 150-year lease on the site of the new Centre on the Ansty Recreation Ground. The new Centre, currently under construction and scheduled for completion in February 2021, will deliver two modern meeting and event spaces with catering facilities and a bar. The rooms will be available for use by community groups, clubs and local people.

The new facilities will transform Ansty, providing it with an attractive community space and the

opportunity to develop and diversify the range of recreational activities available to residents and visitors. The range of activities planned include but are not limited to; new community activities (e.g. a coffee club, soft play groups, youth clubs), cultural and educational events (exhibitions, presentations and lectures), and health and fitness activities (dance, yoga and keep-fit classes). The Centre includes four changing rooms serving the sports clubs who use the Recreation Ground for cricket and football.

The Release of S106 will help the AVCT to complete the fit out of the Ansty Village Centre ensuring that the facilities are equipped to a standard that will attract community groups and other users to the Centre. This investment is necessary if the new Centre is to realise its potential to the full. The existing Village Hall is in a dilapidated condition and currently is not capable of translating enquiries into bookings.

The AVCT aims to be fully inclusive and has been approached by coaches who specialise in lip reading and other support to the hard of hearing to make use of the hearing loop in the hall. They are building on the existing links to local schools to encourage children and young people to participate in sporting and other activities. In addition, they also anticipate a significant uptake in use from existing users such as the gardening club and arts and crafts group.

The total project budget is as follows:

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Additional Cabling and Infrastructure	2,000
Audio Visual System - Village Hall	6,900
Audio Visual System - First Floor	4,500
Blinds/curtains to Village Hall folding doors	1,500
Hearing Loop - Village Hall	2,000
Portable Hearing Loop - First Floor	600
CCTV System	3,500
Electronic door access control	2,500
Bar Equipment	5,000
Patio and external landscaping	10,000
External seating	2,000
Signage	2,000
Club Room - Furniture & décor	5,000
Covid 19 Measures - Proximity Taps & WCs	2,000
Covid 19 Measures - Hold open fire doors, release on fire alarm	3,500
Snooker Room - Table Lighting	1,500
Snooker Room - Re-cloth Tables	1,000
Design Variation - First Floor Security Glass	1,200
Ground Floor - Bulkhead (variation)	3,000
Other Variations (i.e. balcony doors, electrical sockets, fire door)	4,800
Bin Compound	1,000
Total	65,500

There are only limited funds currently available and not all of these items are suitable expenditure for 2106 so it is proposed that the council contributes toward the ground floor hearing loop and bulkhead, the patio and landscaping, seating, signage, security glass, first floor security glass, variations to the construction contract, snooker room lighting and CCTV.

A number of additional costs, not included in the original building specification, will be incurred for essential items which are needed to make the building Covid-19 secure and fit for purpose when it opens. The £8,000 cost of the automatic doors, taps, WCs and door stops will be referred to the Covid Recovery fund when it is open for applications.

The remaining £30,427 will be covered through AVCT fundraising. The CIO has already secured a crowdfunding contribution toward the AV system, a donation from Carlsberg toward the bar equipment plus grants and donations from other organisations.

The Council has secured more s106 contributions toward the redevelopment of this site and further applications will come forward in 2021 in respect of the car park, existing hall demolition and cricket facilities. The overall scheme is being delivered in stages as funds become available.

Head Of Corporate Resources Comments

Unaudited accounts have been submitted for the period ending 31st December 2019 which show a surplus of £0.

Total income was £7,044; mainly generated from Contributions (£7,044).

Total expenditure was £7,044; consisting of Supplies and Services (£7,044).

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net assets of £2,054: comprising of Cash £2,054.

How Does The Project Meet The Council's Aims?

Effective and Responsive Services - the partnership between the Village Hall, Sports Club and Parish Council within the umbrella of the Ansty Village Centre Trust had delivered a new community led organisation to take forward the design and build of the new Centre. The new building provides improved access and inclusion for disabled people with good access throughout and the incorporation of hearing loops to assist the hard of hearing.

Sustainable Economic Growth - the Centre will provide facilities for local businesses, for example, promoting dance, fitness and training activities to deliver their activities and increase community engagements. The replacement of a dilapidated and outdated building with a modern timber frame structure will offer significant environmental benefits. As will the car park extension which will assist in getting cars off Deaks Lane.

Strong and Resilient Communities - the AVCT's partner bodies already enjoy a strong volunteer base but the attraction of new activity to the Centre will bring with it the broadening of that base. Although not yet built, the Centre is attracting considerable interest from fitness and exercise groups, new clubs and societies. This will allow residents new avenues for pursuing healthier lifestyles without having to leave the village.

Financial Independence - the project offers the existing users of the Ansty Village Hall and Ansty Sports and Social Club significant opportunities to secure and grow existing activity on the site and to attract new activities to the site. This diversification of the sports and community activity in a modern facility will in turn provide the opportunity to generate income from users and with it, greater financial sustainability.

Assessment Group Evaluation Of The Project

This project has taken years to develop and this development work is now coming to fruition. The AVCT partners have worked incredibly hard to raise the funds needed to construct the new facility and produce an operational business plan for the future management of the site. Work is needed to complete the scheme and get the building fully fitted out and open to the public next year. The Assessment Group are fully supportive of this proposal and recommend the Release of s106 toward these costs which will provide modern facilities.

Overall score: 10

Recommendation

The Assessment Group recommends that the Cabinet Grants Panel Release S106 contributions up to a maximum of £27,073, to the Ansty Village Centre Trust toward the cost of fitting out the new community and sports pavilion which is made up of – £9,131.08 Ref: PL12- 001421 (DM/16/2347 Bolney Road South) Community Buildings; £4,420 Ref: PL13-001068 (DM/15/1761 Ansty Cross), £8,022 Ref; PL12-001307 (DM/16/0311 Deaks Lane) Formal Sport; and £3,500 Ref: PL13-000965 (DM/15/1161 Adj Barn Cottage), £2,000 Ref: PL12-001307 (DM/16/0311 Deaks Lane) LCI S106 monies.

This release of S106 contributions 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 offer*
- *the project must be completed within 12 months of project funding being obtained*

Release of S106 contributions

Town:	Haywards Heath
Title Of Project:	Covid-19 Secure Measures
Applicant:	Ashenground Community Centre
Type Of Applicant:	Registered charity (no. 1093850)
Previous Grants In Past 5 Years:	£500 Open Day activities (2015) £500 Open Day activities (2016) £500 Open Day activities (2018)
Release of S106 contributions Request	£ 2,642 (64%)
Total Project Cost:	£ 4,142

Financial Summary

Sources of funding and whether secured

Haywards Heath Town Council	£1,500 (secured)
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Summary Of Project Proposal And Aims

Ashenground Community Centre aims to invest in a number of facility improvements in order to protect staff and visitors and make the building and car park safer to use and available to the community to use and enjoy.

Background

Ashenground Community Centre was established in 2002, it is a registered charity managed by a board of fourteen trustees supported by eight paid staff and eight regular volunteers. The centre strives to be a local hub and aims to develop and strengthen the community living in the area by:

- working in partnership with voluntary and statutory organisations to identify facilities and services which meet the needs of the community.
- working with the community to determine its needs and wishes.
- providing facilities and services, including premises, which benefit the community.
- supporting all social groups by providing opportunities and settings to help them develop their potential and to feel more socially included.
- deterring criminal and antisocial conduct and encouraging good behaviour and relations.

The Centre is well used by many regular community groups. These provide activities for people from all age groups and social backgrounds including vulnerable and disadvantaged people. Before the Covid-19 pandemic the centre was the hub of the community with many people accessing the community cafe, films and open events.

New measures need to be put in place to make the building safe for all to use and the applicant is seeking funds toward fire door stops (£579), an outside noticeboard (£593), car park re-lining, Covid-19 signs/tape/dispensers (£100), plastic hatch covers (£100), A3 printer/scanner and shredding machine (£262), outside banner (£54) and wider

opening doors to the Conservatory (£1740).

The purchase of these items will ensure the building is more Covid Secure and safe to use which will give confidence to hirers and increase the number of users. Hand sanitizer station will be placed at the entrance and the centre will encourage frequent use. The fire door stops will allow for increased ventilation and hatch covers will enable refreshments to be safely served. Carpark markings will enable safer distances when accessing vehicles in the car park and signage will slow down vehicles entering and leaving the premises. The noticeboard will be used to inform the local community about activities being provided and the office equipment will improve administration.

Head Of Corporate Resources Comments

Independently examined accounts have been submitted for the period ending 30th April 2019 which show a deficit of £4,931.

Total income was £53,918; mainly generated from Hall Hire (£36,713), Grants (£9,737), Donations (£3,975), Film Tickets and Raffle (£2,911), Drainage (£571) and Interest (£11).

Total expenditure was £58,849; consisting of Staff related (£20,643), Supplies and Services (£16,693), Depreciation (16,580) and Premises Related (£4,933).

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net assets of £545,731: comprising of Tangible Assets £527,415, Cash £16,825, Debtors £3,255 and Creditors (£1,764).

How Does The Project Meet The Council's Aims?

Strong and Resilient Communities: The Centre will provide much needed social and economic opportunities for the local community to engage in. Reducing isolation and loneliness, providing wider friendship opportunities and increasing fitness.

Effective and Responsive Services: It also provides a meeting place for NHS and other caring professionals to educate and enhance the wellbeing of Mid Sussex residents.

Assessment Group Evaluation Of The Project

The Ashenground Community Centre was invited to apply for the Release of S106 to make facility improvements as the Council is holding funds which are allocated for use at this this community building. We are pleased that the centre managers are taking responsible steps to ensure the building can operate safely and that they are continuing to deliver a service to the community during this difficult time. These improvements will increase the number of users able to participate in activities and it is recommended that the full amount is awarded toward the capital expenditure to widen the doors, install fire door stops and an outside noticeboard. This conforms to the requirements of the s106 agreements and is therefore considered appropriate expenditure.

Overall score: 8

Recommendation

The Assessment Group recommends that the Cabinet Grants Panel Release S106 contributions up to a maximum of £2,642 to Ashenground Community Centre toward the cost of Covid-19 Secure measures which is made up of £2,642 Ref: PL12-001082 (DM/15/2093 Land Between The Willows And Bennetts Rise) Community Buildings S106 monies.

This release of S106 contributions is made subject to the following special conditions:

- ***the project must be completed within 12 months of project funding being obtained***

Release of S106 contributions

Town:	Hurstpierpoint
Title Of Project:	Water tanks and standpipes
Applicant:	Hurstpierpoint Allotment Association
Type Of Applicant:	Unincorporated Association?
Previous Grants In Past 5 Years:	None
Release of S106 contributions Request	£ 1,375 (27%)
Total Project Cost:	£ 5,000

Financial Summary

Sources of funding and whether secured

Sources of funding and whether secured	£
Hurst Community Charity	1,500 (secured)
Allotment Association funds	750 (secured)
Hurst Parish Council	1,375 (unsecured)
Total	3,900

The Allotment Association raises funds by having an Annual Spring Plant sale and Open Days to mark National Allotment Week. Allotment holders also give £5 annually as part of their rental agreement, some of which pays for membership of The National Allotment Society and insurance.

Summary Of Project Proposal And Aims

To install five new water tanks and standpipes the allotment site in Albourne Road, Hurstpeirpoint to make watering easier and cater for the growing numbers of allotment holders.

Background

The Hurstpierpoint Allotment Association was founded in 2009 and is run entirely by volunteers. The association manages the allotment plots, provided by Hurstpierpoint & Sayers Common Parish Council. It provides insurance, communal equipment, advice, activities throughout the year such as plant sales, seed swaps and Open Days. The association is a member of The National Allotment Society and offers practical support for new members or those who need temporary assistance.

The Hurst Allotment Association wants to install an additional five standpipes and tanks to the allotment site on the Albourne Road. Over the past few years there has been an increased demand for allotments, so allotments have been sub-divided to meet this renewed interest and therefore the demand for water has increased. Currently, there are six taps and tanks spread over the site. These no longer meet the high demand during the hot summer months. Many people find it challenging if not impossible to carry watering cans to and from the existing taps. The increased availability of water means that the allotments will be more accessible for everyone.

The allotment community in Hurstpierpoint is a friendly, communicative and sociable group. There is a strong support network which works both formally and informally. It has become clear during recent hot, dry summers that a number of allotmenters have struggled to give their plots the much needed water to thrive. Also, some prospective allotmenters have been put off having an allotment because of this issue.

The Parish Clerk has confirmed that Hurstpierpoint & Sayers Common Parish Council supports this project and will work with the Allotment Association to ensure it is delivered.

Head Of Corporate Resources Comments

Unaudited accounts have been submitted for the period ending 31st October 2019 which show a surplus of £118.

Total income was £759; mainly generated from Donations (£465) and Fundraising (£294).

Total expenditure was £641; consisting of Supplies and Services (£641).

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net assets of £1,172: comprising of Cash £1,172.

How Does The Project Meet The Council's Aims?

Sustainable Economic Growth - additional standpipes and tanks will help to ensure that each allotment will be able to be maintained in the most productive manner. Vegetables, fruit and flowers will continue to thrive even during the hot summer months which will in turn continue to attract wildlife and pollinators which provides environmental benefits.

Strong and Resilient Communities - the benefits of having an allotment have been very well documented over the years and especially recently during the Covid pandemic. It has been a 'life saver' for many during the past few months to be able to continue to visit the allotment and take daily exercise there, whilst social distancing.

Every aspect of allotmenting promotes a healthy lifestyle: digging clay is good physical exercise, spending time outdoors in a beautiful environment, growing a range of vegetables and fruit, eating seasonally, learning about the cycle of the seasons. Keeping an allotment has a positive impact on mental wellbeing and there are many examples on the Hurst Allotments of people who have regained a sense of purpose through the routine, project work and daily maintenance of their plot.

There are many children involved at the Hurst Allotments, learning together with their parents and keen to eat vegetables which they have grown themselves. One of the great pleasures of allotments is the mixed demographic and the wide range of people who come together with a shared purpose and interest. Many people have built a social life around their plot and cross generational friendships have developed. Fresh fruit, vegetables and flowers can also be shared with neighbours and friends.

Increasingly Hurst Allotments is trying to raise the profile of the site by having more community events. Very recently they marked National Allotment Week by having a 'socially distanced' open day for the village to raise money for the project through the sale of donated produce.

Assessment Group Evaluation Of The Project

The applicant has made a strong case regarding the social and health benefits of allotmenting. This project will make participation easier and enable more people to take part, including those who find it difficult physically to carry heavy loads. The Parish Council has provided match funding and there is Local Community Infrastructure s106 funding available to support this worthwhile scheme.

Overall score: 8

Recommendation

The Assessment Group recommends that the Cabinet Grants Panel Release S106 contributions up to a maximum of £1,375, to Hurstpierpoint Allotment Association toward the cost of water standpipes and tanks which is made up of £2,642 - £1,167.51 Ref: PL12-000578 (14/01515/FUL Land North of Highfield Drive) and £207.49 Ref: P35/787 (12/04141/OUT Land at Little Park Farm and Highfield Drive) LCI S106 monies.

This release of S106 contributions is made subject to the following special conditions:

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