

APPENDIX A

Release of S106 contributions

Town:	Copthorne
Title Of Project:	Acoustic cladding
Applicant:	Copthorne Sports & Community Association
Type Of Applicant:	Company Ltd by Guarantee (no. 07597183)
Previous Grants In Past 5 Years:	None
Release of S106 contributions Request	£ 9,906 (100%)
Total Project Cost:	£ 9,906

Financial Summary

Sources of funding and whether secured

n/a

Summary Of Project Proposal And Aims

Purchase and installation of acoustic cladding in the main hall.

Background

Copthorne Sports & Community Association aims to promote sport, recreation and wellbeing in Copthorne and the surrounding area through the sports field and pavilion at King George V Field. The association manages the facilities to enable local clubs and organisations to carry on their sports and other recreational pursuits.

The association is managed by 10 voluntary trustees, one paid member of staff and sixteen volunteers and there are approximately 800 users. The association charges a membership fee of £1 and low cost rates to participate in cricket and football activities.

The committee want to install acoustic panels in the pavilion as they are currently losing hirers and failing to attract new business because of sound issues in the main hall. It is hard to hear due to merging voices if more than one person speaks at a time. During Covid the Parish Council trialed having meetings in the pavilion but moved to alternative premises due to the poor acoustics so this issue is limiting the use of the pavilion for social and other functions.

A specialist contractor will supply and install wall cladding, acoustic wall panels and free hanging acoustic units in the main hall to resolve the issue.

Worth Parish Council has confirmed they are supportive of this project. The Parish Council is the freehold owner of the site which is leased to the Copthorne Sports & Community Association until 2046.

Head Of Corporate Resources Comments

Unaudited accounts have been submitted for the period ending 30th April 2021 which show a Surplus of £3,314.

Total income was £24,738; mainly generated from Grants (£19,034), Pitch hire (£2,682), Insurance claim (£-148), and Lets (£3,170).

Total expenditure was £21,424; consisting of Premises Related (£13,313), Depreciation (£5,937) and Supplies and services (£2,174).

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net assets of £35,854: comprising of Tangible assets £20,965, Debtors £979 and Cash in bank £13,910.

The change in Net assets from 2020 to 2021 indicates a surplus of £3,207 however the Profit and Loss account for the period ending 30th April 2021 shows a profit of £3,314.

How Does The Project Meet The Council's Aims?

Strong and Resilient Communities – the association provides access to sports and recreational facilities for local residents which improves the health and wellbeing of the community.

Financial Independence - an increase in hirers, and therefore income, would make the building more sustainable and allow the Committee to invest in the facilities.

Assessment Group Evaluation Of The Project

The Assessment Group consider this an appropriate use of s106 receipts paid to the Council for the extension and/or improvements at King George V Playing Field. The acoustic cladding will allow the main hall to be used regularly by more groups and organisations for sporting and community events and activities which will benefit local residents and ensure the facility continues to be financially self-sufficient.

Overall score: 6

Recommendation

The Assessment Group recommends that the Cabinet Grants Panel Release S106 contributions up to a maximum of £9,906 to the Copthorne Sports & Community Association to install acoustic cladding in the pavilion at King George V Playing Field which is made up of – £9,906 (13/04127/OUTES Land West of Copthorne) Formal Sports 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***
submission of an Equal Opportunities Policy

Release of S106 contributions

Town:	Haywards Heath
Title Of Project:	Acoustic wall
Applicant:	Bolnore Village Community Partnership
Type Of Applicant:	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (no. 1152374)
Previous Grants In Past 5 Years:	£5,155 - CCTV upgrade (2021)
Release of S106 contributions Request	£ 8,326 (100%)
Total Project Cost:	£ 8,326

Financial Summary

Sources of funding and whether secured

n/a

Summary Of Project Proposal And Aims

Supply and fit an acoustic wall at the Woodside Pavilion, Haywards Heath.

Background

The Bolnore Village Community Partnership (BVCP) was set up in 2014 to run the Woodside pavilion at the Tim Farmer Recreation Ground. The building is owned by the Council and leased to the BVCP until April 2029. It is managed by a Board of six voluntary trustees and two paid staff and has approximately 400 regular users who live primarily in Bolnore Village, Haywards Heath and the surrounding area.

The building consists of a main hall, small hall and sports changing facilities which are hired out at accessible rates for community use. The pavilion is regularly used by the Bolnore Village Pre-School, Bolnore Scout Group, Grace Church, football, netball and dance groups. It is hired out for activities such as Messy Play, first aid courses, older peoples weekly activities and is used for weekend children's parties and family events such as fetes, quizzes and discos.

The Facility Grant/Release of s106 will be used to erect an acoustic wall and windows along the 1st floor mezzanine corridor at the Woodside. This will stop sound travelling two and from the main hall which is a serious problem, affecting the Woodsides hiring capabilities. Over the last few years there have been many complaints by hirers regarding the noise infiltrating the main hall from the 1st floor hall and visa versa.

The BVCP has obtained competitive quotes for the works and will engage a contractor to create a new balcony stud wall with acoustic insulation, soundboard and three acoustic non-opening windows.

Head Of Corporate Resources Comments

Independently examined accounts have been submitted for the period ending 31st March 2021 which show a Surplus of £19,698.

Total income was £50,477; mainly generated from Grants (£31,637), Hall and room hire (£17,931), Pitch and court hire (£640), Donations (£60), Interest (£2), and Other trading income (£207).

Total expenditure was £30,779; consisting of Premises Related (£14,337), Staff Related (£11,397) and Supplies and services (£5,045).

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net assets of £24,062: comprising of Tangible assets £3,359 and Cash in bank £20,703

How Does The Project Meet The Council's Aims?

Financial Independence – these improvements will enable the Woodside to hire out both halls at the same time without any noise issues. It will cut down on complaints and maximise hiring opportunities which will improve utilisation of the building, increase income for the Trust and support the long-term viability of the centre.

Strong and Resilient Communities - the Woodside provides aims to provide excellent community facilities and this project will make the building fit for purpose and improve the local offer. The acoustic wall will maximise usage of all the areas of the Woodside allowing more hirers and residents to use both halls. This will bring in a more diverse range of activities and lead to an even more vibrant building.

Assessment Group Evaluation Of The Project

The acoustic wall will resolve a long-standing noise issue. It will improve the facilities and enable more people to use and hire the Woodside which in turn will improve the financial viability of the CIO. The assessment group is fully supportive of this project and considers it an appropriate use of Community Building S106 receipts paid to the Council to fund improvements at the Woodside community pavilion.

Members should note, it is a criteria of funding that applicants must have 14 years security of tenure. In this instance the BVCP only have 7 years remaining on the lease but as this is a Council owned facility it is recommended that the condition is waived on this occasion.

Overall score: 9

Recommendation

The Assessment Group recommends that the Cabinet Grants Panel Release S106 contributions up to a maximum of £8,326 to the Bolnore Village Community Partnership to install an acoustic wall at the Woodside Pavilion which is made up of – £8,326 (DM/15/5107 Land south of Rocky Lane - Phase 3)

Community Building 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***
- ***BVCP to initiate negotiations with Estates regarding a lease extension and get Council agreement to make the internal alterations***