

**RURAL/URBAN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS APPLICATION FOR 18th MARCH 2020 EXECUTIVE :**

**Applicant :** **Kenilworth Cricket Club**

**Description of scheme:**

- Boiler in changing room area, used for heating and showers; the original boiler is over 20 years old, it is now at end-of-life, it has failed and therefore requires replacement. Having functional showers in the changing room area is essential to the running and use of the club.
- The existing self-propelled mower is also at end-of-life, is faulty and therefore requires replacement; this mower is used to maintain pitch edges and verges inside the grounds as well as on the road side.
- Additionally the club would like to purchase a new brush-cutter to enhance the appearance of verge areas around trees etc.

**Evidence of need:**

It is visually obvious; both the boiler and the mower have failed and are at end-of-life, both are necessities for the running of the club. Currently the club does not have a brush-cutter and are therefore unable to enhance the appearance of verge areas around trees.

**3 years accounts received?**

2016 - 2019 accounts have been received along with a recent bank statement for all accounts held (as at 31st December 2019); this evidences sufficient cash reserves to meet the contribution stated on the application form.

**Financial Performance; minus figure = deficit**

Year ended	Year ended	Year ended	Year ended
30/09/19	30/09/18	30/09/17	30/09/16
-£8,936	-£9,488	-£6,412	-£7,127

**Available Funds ( cash and reserves )**

Year ended	Year ended	Year ended	Year ended
30/09/19	30/09/18	30/09/17	30/09/16
£11,765	£21,549	£26,894	£28,997

**Details of membership, fees etc:**

Membership subscriptions are as follows:

- Senior playing membership = £90
- Student playing membership = £55
- Non Playing membership = £25
- Junior membership as signup for coaching sessions, for example; 13 weeks coaching £55 for reception to year 4, years 5 and above is £70

Private hire costs = £125 per birthday and £100 for wake.

**Details of usage:**

Kenilworth Cricket Club prides itself on being an open and inviting club as part of the community; it has a total membership of 300, details as follows:

- Senior playing members (18+) = 64
- Non Playing Members = 90
- Junior members (Under 18) = 146

As well as the immediate membership, the club is enjoyed by many opposition players throughout the season from the wider Warwickshire area. The club run junior cricket from reception age through to 18 where many juniors progress into their senior sides playing on Saturday's and Sundays through April to September; the club currently has the following teams:

- 1st XI playing in Division 1 Warwickshire cricket League; Squad approx. 16 players
- 2nd XI playing in Division 8 Warwickshire cricket League; Squad approx. 25 players
- 3rd XI playing in Division 6 Cotswold Hills cricket League; Squad approx. 20 players
- Sunday XI playing in Arden Sunday League; Squad approx. 20 players

The clubhouse is also available and used for many community activities and social events, for example;

- Private hire events from the community such as birthday parties; approx. 20 per year, ranging from 20 to 80 people attending
- Pilates classes; weekly, approx. 20 people
- Funeral wakes; approx. 15-20 per year, ranging from 20 to 80 people attending

**Details of Organisations equalities policies:**

The club welcomes all members, visitors and clubhouse users without discrimination and have achieved Clubmark status 2019-2022, the certificate notes "which confirms your commitment to being a safe, welcoming and family friendly club. There is a proposal on the club's next AGM, to be held on 24th February 2020, to amend the current club rules (a copy has been provided) to include the following paragraph:  
ADMISSION OF MEMBERS  
No member or applicant for membership shall be discriminated against on the grounds of age, sex, disability, ethnicity, faith or sexual orientation. Membership of the Club is open to all members of the community.

**3 quotes provided:**

Yes - 6 quotes in total (mower & brush-cutter equipment are quoted together) to cover all aspects of the project works

**Which of the Council's Corporate Priorities are met?**

**Evidence**

**Reduce anti-social behaviour**

Although the project doesn't directly impact on this, without the club there would be less opportunity for sports and social activities within the town. There are 300 members, including junior cricket from reception age through to 18 years old. Currently the club has:

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This all helps to reduce anti-social behaviour.

**Reducing obesity, particularly in children**

Although the project doesn't directly impact on this, without the club there would be less opportunity for sports activity within the town; the club provide opportunities for all local people to participate in cricket including children from reception age through to 18 years old. Local children are able to play cricket through schemes such as All Stars which encourages a healthy active lifestyle whilst enjoying the sport. The club also holds weekly junior coaching sessions for approx. 100 children each week, alongside this there are also senior training sessions. Currently the club has:

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**Increase opportunities for everyone to enjoy and participate in sports, arts and cultural activities**

If the project isn't completed it will potentially reduce opportunities for the community to enjoy and participate in sports activity as having the use of hot shower facilities is an essential requirement for the running of a sports club and the use of a mower is critical to help maintain the pitch.

**Engaging and strengthening communities**

The club is run by a wide range of volunteers from across the community; the club actively encourage local people to come along and participate in cricket be that through playing or non-playing volunteer roles. As well as having a 300-strong membership, the club is also enjoyed by many opposition players throughout the season from the wider Warwickshire area. The clubhouse is also available and used for many community activities and social events. This all helps to engage and strengthen the community.

**Total cost of scheme (including VAT where appropriate)**

£2,363

Excluding vat as this will be reclaimed by the club; this will initially be paid from the club's cash reserves which have been evidenced through their annual accounts and the provision of recent bank statements.

**Funded by:**

**Status**

**Organisations Own Funds**

£100

Approved

**Kenilworth Town Council**

£630

Awaiting a decision

**Total RUCIS**

**£1,633**

**equates to**

**69.1%**