

RURAL/URBAN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS APPLICATION FOR 7TH MARCH 2018 EXECUTIVE :

Applicant : Kenilworth Tennis Club

Description of scheme: Resurfacing two tennis courts with pro sand-dressed artificial grass surface; the refurbishment of the two tennis courts is required as they have now reached the end of their life span. The club have had a few incidents reported and due to health & safety issues the courts have now been closed preventing their use by members and non-members until they are resurfaced and are again fit to be used for match courts, social play, junior coaching, local schools and for play by the community. Additionally, if the courts are not resurfaced before the start of the Summer League matches the club will have to consider pulling some of their teams as they will have insufficient courts to field their match, Junior and social commitments.

Evidence of need: It is visibly obvious that the two courts have reached the end of their playing life and due to recent incidents there is a clear health & safety need; the courts have now been closed for use until resurfacing is completed. These two courts are used by schools, juniors, junior coaching sessions, match play, holiday camps and used by the community.

3 years accounts received? Kenilworth Tennis, Squash & Croquet Club Ltd 2014 to 2016 accounts have been received along with bank statements covering the period 9th August to 8th November 2017.

Financial Performance; minus figure = deficit	Year ended 30/09/16	Year ended 30/09/15	Year ended 30/09/14
	£37,265	£36,940	£30,434

Available Funds (cash and reserves)	Year ended 30/09/16	Year ended 30/09/15	Year ended 30/09/14
	£91,958	£83,465	£56,890

Details of membership, fees etc: Tennis Club membership; Adult £311/Off Peak Adult £202, Young Adult (18-24) £202, Student £78, Child £50 and Family £653.

- Adult Tennis group coaching sessions for members are £5 per session and for non-members are £7 per session
- Tennis Holiday camps – £16 per day per child for members, non-members are £17 per day
- Junior Tennis nights are every Friday from April to September, these are £3 for non-members and they can attend three sessions per year

Details of usage: The Tennis club is used by members and non-members, currently there are 180 junior members and 270 adult members. The courts are also used by the local community free-of-charge, for example; Kenilworth School use the courts for their home tennis matches and a local primary school hold weekly tennis sessions as their PE lessons. Non-members also use the club, attending many sessions such as Tennis Cardio Sessions, Tennis Sessions for adults returning to the game, Tennis Improvers and Non-Junior members also can use the facilities over our Summer Term Junior Sessions and in our Holiday camps.

Examples of non-members who use the club facilities:-

- Kenilworth School & Sixth Form play home tennis matches – 10 home matches per season, approx. 40 School students involved.
- St Nicholas C of E Primary School, Year 3 & 4 pupils, hold weekly PE lessons all year round at the club there are approx. 60 pupils in total involved in each weekly sessions.
- All Kenilworth Primary Schools are offered a free session for their reception children. These are held, as chosen by the Headteacher, either on the school's premises or at the tennis club.
- Weekly tennis Cardio Sessions for adults at the club. These can be attended by members and non-members – these are held all year round and approx. 10 adults attend each week – half of which are normally non-members.
- Tennis holiday camps for children are held every day over the school holidays, they are open to members and non-members; approx. 30 – 50 children attend each day over the school holidays, approx. 40% of these children are non-members.
- The club also host Junior Nights from April to October which are open to non-members too; events such as "bring a friend" boost numbers beyond 100 children.
- There are four weekly adult improvers and beginners tennis courses held at the club which are held every week during term time. These are open to members and non-members; the number of adults attending each session varies from 10 – 20 adults, approx. 30% of these will be non-members.
- Members are also permitted to pay guest fees and to bring non-members to use the facilities; the club encourage this to encourage more sport participation.

Details of Organisations equalities policies: The club has a formal equality policy, the following are highlights from this policy:

b) Our commitment is to eliminate discrimination by reason of gender, sexual orientation, race, nationality, ethnic origin, religion or belief, ability or disability and to encourage equal opportunities.

d) KLTSC, in all its activities, will not discriminate or in any way treat anyone less favourably, on grounds of gender, sexual orientation, race, nationality, ethnic origin, religion or belief, ability or disability. The KLTSC will ensure that it treats its employees, members, non-members and visiting clubs and teams fairly and with respect and will ensure that all members of the community have access to and have opportunities to take part in, and enjoy, its programmes of activities, competitions and events.

e) KLTSC will not tolerate harassment, bullying, abuse or victimization of an individual (which the KLTSC regards as forms of discrimination). This includes sexual or racially based harassment or other discriminatory behaviour, whether physical or verbal. KLTSC will work to ensure that such behaviour is met with appropriate action in whatever context it occurs.

h) KLTSC is committed to a policy of equal treatment of all members and employees and requires all members and employees to abide by and adhere to these policies and the requirements of the relevant equalities legislation, including the Race Relations Act 1976, Sex Discrimination Act 1975, Disability Discrimination Act 1995, Age Discrimination Act 2006 as well as any amendments to these acts and any new legislation.

3 quotes provided: Yes

Which of the Council's Corporate Priorities are met?

Evidence

Reduce anti-social behaviour

The club encourage many young people in the area to join or to use the facilities as a non-member in their organised tennis events. Examples of community usage include:

- Kenilworth School and Sixth Form use the courts for their match courts
- St Nicholas C of E Primary School hold weekly PE lessons for their year 3 and year 4 pupils
- The club hold an annual community event, the Great British Tennis weekend, whereby they open the club and its facilities to the community free of charge; In the last event they had more than 100 members of the community on the Saturday and also over 70 juniors on the Friday night
- The club hold 4 weekly tennis improvement sessions for adults non-members
- The club hold junior coaching sessions during the week for non-members and juniors are also able to attend our Friday night junior nights.

Giving children and young adults an opportunity to participate in sport and to socialise with other children/young adults gives them a purpose, currently the opportunity for this has been reduced as courts 2 and 3 have had to be closed due to health & safety issues, however, the project will enable these courts to be re-opened again. This all helps to reduce anti-social behaviour.

Reducing obesity, particularly in children

The Tennis club is used by members and non-members; currently there are 180 junior members and 270 adult members, non-members attend many sessions such as Tennis Cardio Sessions and Tennis Sessions for adults returning to the game.

The club encourage many children in the area to join or to use the facilities as a non-member in their organised tennis events:

- The club hold a great British Tennis Weekend every year, which is free for everyone, member or non-member, to encourage more people in the area to participate in sport
- Club facilities are used for school PE lessons and for Kenilworth School tennis matches
- The club host some Warwickshire Junior matches
- The club hold Friday junior nights to encourage local children to try and take up tennis
- The club run holiday tennis camps for children

As a sports club, the sheer nature of their sporting activities helps a wide range of people from across the community to keep fit and healthy, currently the opportunity for this has been reduced as courts 2 and 3 have had to be closed due to health & safety issues, however, the project will enable these courts to be re-opened again.

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

The courts are at the end of their life span and have been closed due to health & safety issues, this is detrimental to the community as it will decrease opportunities to participate in sporting activity and may potentially lead to an increase in anti-social behaviour and obesity due to less activity being undertaken. The community will benefit from the project as the courts will be fit for use again and current opportunities will be maintained, for example; these courts are used by Kenilworth School and are used by a local primary school for their PE lessons, they are also used during the week by... Non-members for sessions such as:

- 'Adult Improvers'
- 'Adults- returning to Tennis'
- 'Adult Beginners'
- Cardio Tennis

Juniors:

- During school holidays for weekly tennis camps for members and non-members
- Friday nights and Saturdays to improve their tennis skills for members and non-members

Engaging and strengthening communities

The courts are at the end of their life span and have been closed due to health & safety issues, this is detrimental to the community and will potentially disengage and weaken the community. The club is managed and run by a wide range of volunteers from the local community and the activities that are available also bring together a wide range of people from the community, for example; the club organises and hosts many tournaments such as junior tournaments and the County Ladies' Over 60 home matches. This all helps to engage and strengthen the community.

Total cost of scheme (excluding VAT)

46,950

VAT will be paid by the club part of which will then be reclaimed from HMRC

Funded by:

Status

Organisations Own Funds

£23,275

Kenilworth Town Council

£200

Requested; waiting for a decision

Total RUCIS

£23,475

equates to

50.0%