

RURAL/URBAN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS APPLICATION FOR 8TH MARCH 2017 EXECUTIVE :

Applicant : Stoneleigh Village Hall

Description of scheme: The project will provide three external double UPVC doors in the main hall to enable access to the proposed new patio area which will adjoin the main hall and to redecorate the entire inside of the building. The purpose of the project is to improve the heat insulation of the main hall to reduce the amount of energy used to maintain a comfortable temperature and enhance the use of the immediate outside area to the rear of the hall for social functions both for adults and childrens benefit. The interior decoration has not been refreshed for many years and is scruffy in parts and generally dated. The redecoration will enhance the attraction of the venue and improve its hiring potential.

Evidence of need: The Committee made up of volunteers from the community are mindful of the need to keep the hall well maintained and as relevant as possible to the needs of the community, knowing the various uses the hall is put to it is evident to them these improvements are needed and the benefits which would accrue from the installation of UPVC doors and more use of the outside area where the patio is proposed.

3 years accounts received? 2014 - 2016 accounts have been received along with a recent bank statement (for the period 30th November to 28th Decemeber 2016) and an annual statement of account for their building society savings account (5th April 2016); 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
	31/12/16	31/12/15	31/12/14
	-£1,433	£2,702	£5,031

Available Funds (cash and reserves)	Year ended	Year ended	Year ended
	31/12/16	31/12/15	31/12/14
	£17,629	£14,809	£21,347

Details of membership, fees etc:

- Main Hall £14 per hour (£10 per hour for villagers)
- Meeting Room £8 per hour (£7 per for villagers)
- Kitchen use for meals £15 flat rate.

Details of usage: The facilities are used by both villagers and groups of people from further afield, for example:

- Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir; weekly, approx. 30 people attend
- Stoneleigh Ladies Choir; weekly, approx. 40 people attend
- Yoga Classes; weekly, approx. 12 people attend
- Scottish Dancing; weekly, approx. 25 people attend
- Art Classes; weekly, approx. 18 people attend
- Warwickshire Badger Group; monthly, approx. 10 people attend
- Women's Institute Craft Sessions; weekly, approx. 60 people attend
- Women's Institute luncheons; monthly, approx. 45 people attend
- Music Tuition; monthly, approx. 4 people attend
- Language Tuition; weekly, approx. 12 people attend
- Clumber Spaniels Dog Club; monthly, approx. 12 people attend
- Gordon Setter Dog Club; monthly, approx. 15 people attend
- Leigh Educational Committee; monthly, approx. 10 people attend
- NHS Speech and Language Training; weekly, approx. 12 people attend
- Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir; Annual Show, approx. 260 people attend

Details of Organisations equalities policies: There is no formal equality policy in place, however, the Committee is made up of 7 women and 4 men, there are toilet facilities for disabled people and there are no gender, ethnic or religious restrictions.

3 quotes provided: Yes - for all aspects of the project work (9 quotes in total)

Which of the Council's Corporate Priorities are met?

Evidence

Reduce anti-social behaviour

The Hall provides regular and ad-hoc activities, for example:

- Choir
- Music and language tuition
- Yoga and Art classes
- Scottish dancing

This project will make the Hall more attractive to use by a larger number of people of all ages, for example; the new patio area that will adjoin the hall.

This together with the outside sports facilities which includes, a full size football pitch, an all-weather football pitch and a tennis court serve the community well and assist in the prevention of anti-social behaviour.

Reducing obesity, particularly in children

The hall provides regular and ad-hoc activities, for example:

- Yoga and Art classes
- Scottish dancing

This project will make the hall more attractive to use by a larger number of people of all ages, for example; the new patio area that will adjoin the hall which will provide opportunity for people of all ages to take part in games and activities of a physical nature.

This together with the outside sports facilities which includes, a full size football pitch, an all-weather football pitch and a tennis court will serve the community well and help with reducing obesity, including within children.

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

The project will deliver a patio area adjoining the village hall which will enable social events and physical activities, this will therefore increase opportunities for the community to enjoy and participate in sports, arts and cultural activities.

Engaging and strengthening communities

A variety of groups with a wide range of people from across the community use the hall, the project, by delivering a patio area to enable outside activities, will bring further use and therefore more opportunity for people to come together. The Hall is also run by a team of volunteers. All this helps to engage and strengthen the community.

Total cost of scheme (including VAT where appropriate) 14,507

Funded by:

Status

Organisations Own Funds £3,554 Approved

Stoneleigh Parish Council £100 Approved

Stoneleigh Ladies Choir £1,500 Approved - Funds already received

Stoneleigh Male Choir £1,000 Approved

Stoneleigh United Charity £100 Approved - Funds already received

Women's Institute £1,000 Approved - Funds already received

Total RUCIS **£7,253**

equates to **50.0%**