

RURAL/URBAN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS APPLICATION FOR 6TH APRIL 2016 EXECUTIVE :

Applicant : Budbrooke Community Association

Description of scheme:

The project is to extend the community centre to allow for a new storage facility to be built; this will be used by the community centre committee and many user groups to store essential equipment required for the delivery of their sessions. At present the main storage facility within the community centre is located in the loft space which is accessed by a ladder, this poses a number of health and safety concerns as most user groups need to store their equipment in the loft space, however, many of them do not feel comfortable using the ladder and have not undertaken working at heights training. Currently the roof is in poor condition and there is water leaking in to the loft space around the location of the ladder, although roof repairs are due to take place, the location of the loft hatch and ladder are likely to have been weakened by the leaking water thus continuing to make it unsafe to use on a regular basis. Building a new storage facility will allow user groups to safely access their storage without the use of the ladder and the loft thus removing current H&S risks.

Evidence of need:

There is a visible need due to the current accessibility, the damaged roof and the fact that many user groups have had to store equipment at volunteers houses due to the H&S concerns and the lack of space in the loft. The Parish Council support the project and have financially contributed. Letters of support have been received from:

- Budbrooke Parish Council (Cllr Mike Dutton); dated 7th December 2015
- Richard Hart (1st Hampton Magna Scout Group); dated 4th January 2016
- Jo Cook (1st Hampton Magna Brownies); not dated
- Debbie White (Hampton Magna Toddler Group); dated 7th December 2015

3 years accounts received?

2013 - 2015 accounts have been received, along with a bank statement dated 19th November; 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
31/03/15	31/03/14	31/03/13
£2,606	£2,829	-£2,043

Available Funds (cash and reserves)

Year ended	Year ended	Year ended
31/03/15	31/03/14	31/03/13
£27,778	£25,704	£27,010

Details of membership, fees etc:

No membership scheme, however, there are hire charges; £7.75 per hour for regular users, £10 per hour for other users

Details of usage:

The community centre is run by a wide range of groups and organisations with a large number of regular bookings. These include:

- Mother & toddler group - weekly (term time); approx. 30 children + carers
- Pre School - 3.5 days a week (term time); approx. 35 children per day
- Brownies - 1 evening per week (term time); approx. 20 children + staff
- Scouts - 1 evening per week (term time); approx. 26 children + staff
- Beavers - 1 evening per week (term time); approx. 15 children + staff
- Pilates - twice a week (all year); approx. 10 adults per session
- Cardiac support group - once a month; varying numbers of people
- Ballet - 3 sessions per week (term time); approx. 35 children per session
- Parish council meeting - 6 per year plus working group meetings approx once every 6-8 weeks; approx. 35 people
- Bingo - monthly; approx. 25 people
- Community centre events - monthly; approx. 30 to 70 per event
- Polling station - as required
- Private bookings - in 2014/15 it was hired on average 3 times per month, ranging from 3 hours for a children's party to full day hire for a public event.

Details of Organisations equalities policies:

The Association recognises that where direct or indirect discrimination occurs within Budbrooke Community Association, it is both morally & legally unacceptable, as well as being in direct contradiction of the Association's constitutional commitment to serve the whole community. POLICY

1. People will be treated with dignity and respect regardless of race, nationality, gender, sexual orientation, disability and age.
2. At all times people's feelings will be valued and respected. Language or humour that reasonable people find offensive will not be used. For example, sexist or racist jokes, or terminology which is derogatory to someone with a disability.
3. No one will be harassed, abused or intimidated on the ground of his or her race, sex, age, nationality or sexual orientation. Incidents of harassment will be taken seriously as they are in conflict the Associations constitution. If the matter cannot be resolved by way of an acceptable apology and an undertaking that the offence will not be repeated, the following action will be taken:
 - a. In the case involving a trustee or member of the Association, he or she will be suspended from membership until such time as he or she can appear before the Managing Trustees.
 - b. In the case involving a volunteer, the volunteer's disciplinary guidelines will be followed, involving the suspension of volunteer duties pending a full investigation to be carried out by the Chairperson.

3 quotes provided:

Yes - three quotes have been received for each aspect of the project (6 quotes in total)

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

Reduce anti-social behaviour

Whilst the project doesn't directly impact on this, without the community centre there would be a reduction in activities that the community, in particular younger people, can participate in which may potentially increase anti-social behaviour. Currently the centre is used by the Brownies, Scouts and Beavers, who all run weekly sessions during term time, as well as other groups such as pilates, ballet, bingo and ad-hoc bookings by members of the community. Offering all these activities and with the potential to increase the number of groups using the centre if better storage facilities are available all helps to reduce anti-social behaviour.

Reducing obesity, particularly in children

Whilst the project doesn't directly impact on this, without the community centre there would be a reduction in activities, for example; Scouts, Brownies, Beavers, Pilates, that adults and children can participate in and which help to reduce obesity. Offering these activities and with the potential to increase the number of groups using the centre if better storage facilities are available will help to reduce obesity particularly in children.

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

The centre is currently used for a wide range of sporting, cultural and arts activities including ballet and pilates. When greater storage space is on offer to user groups, it will encourage more activities to be offered to the community. At the moment Budbrooke Community Centre is not able comparable to some of the newer and better equipped centres in other areas, as a result there are groups and activities not being offered to Budbrooke residents.

Engaging and strengthening communities

Budbrooke community centre is a major part of the community and currently offers a wide range of groups and activities to the residents of the area; it is centrally located within the village of Hampton Magna and is the perfect location for community events, meetings, charity events and parties. Hampton Magna is a diverse village made up of young families, the elderly and everything in between. The community centre offers activities suitable for the all residents of the area and with its community events it tries to encourage this diverse community to bond and develop a much needed cohesion. Most recently they held their first ever scarecrow festival which received tremendous support from the whole of the community. The festival took place across the whole village but the community centre was at the centre, offering a voting station and then a celebration/award giving event at the end of the weekend. Other events put on by the committee and supporters include; Easter fun days, children's Halloween parties, cookery demonstrations and the annual parish show (food and produce show). It is the aim of the community centre management committee in conjunction with the Parish council to provide more opportunities for the community to come together in such a way and to improve community cohesion. However, with the building deteriorating due to the damaged roof, and the centre not able to meet the growing demands of the user groups that benefit the community, it is feared that in time the community centre may lose some of the groups that provide essential services and support to the community. It will cease to be the hub of the village and promote the community cohesion that it has worked so hard to achieve over the years.

Total cost of scheme (including VAT where appropriate)

£67,845

Funded by:

Status

Budbrooke Parish Council

£30,000 Approved

Organisations Own Funds

£7,845 Approved

Total RUCIS

£30,000

equates to

44.2%