

RURAL/URBAN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS APPLICATION FOR 12th MARCH 2014 EXECUTIVE :

Applicant : Sherbourne Village Hall

Description of scheme: The toilet facilities are in a very poor condition; the roof is leaking and water pipes are broken which does not meet health and safety standards. There are also no modern facilities for parents and disabled members of the community such as baby changing or disabled toilet facilities. The project is to refurbish the toilet facilities as follows:

- Ladies toilets; new sinks, toilet seats and hand dryer, re-tile and decorate
- Convert the gent's toilets into a full "disabled" unisex toilet with baby changing facility; fit new disabled toilet with grab rails, new low level sink, hand dryer and baby changing unit, re-tile and decorate

Clean and modern toilet facilities will remove a barrier that currently prevents some people from using the village hall facilities.

Evidence of need: There are obvious DDA compliance issues as there are no disabled toilet facilities and there are H&S concerns; there is no safety valve to prevent very hot water coming directly through the hand basin taps, there are chipped, cracked tiles and uneven, broken floors which are especially a concern as there is a high percentage of elderly users. The hall has lost out on a number of booking opportunities, which help to pay for the hall running costs, due to the current poor facilities; unfortunately there is no written evidence of this as comments from potential hirers have been verbal on inspection of the facilities. The village hall conducts regular surveys with the community, the last one was completed in November 2013; the results showed that the community would like to attend functions at the hall and also hire the hall for events but the poor toilet facilities were preventing them from doing so.

3 years accounts received? 2010 - 2013 unaudited accounts have been received, along with a recent bank statement dated 25.12.13 to 24.1.14 and a savings account statement dated 25.9.13 to 24.12.13

Financial Performance; minus figure = deficit

Year ended 28/2/13	Year ended 29/2/12	Year ended 28/2/11	Year ended 28/2/10
£1,408	-£523	-£4,630	£753

Available Funds (cash and reserves)

Year ended 28/2/13	Year ended 29/2/12	Year ended 28/2/11	Year ended 28/2/10
£2,041	£633	£1,182	£5,786

Details of membership, fees etc: There is no membership for the hall, however, it is hired out to various groups and individuals.

Details of usage: Groups and individuals hire the hall for both regular and ad-hoc events, for example;

- Art Group – weekly on Wednesday evenings; 10 members
- Community Lunches – Monthly; 40 people
- Village Hall Committee meetings – Monthly meeting; 6 members
- Coffee mornings – Monthly morning meeting; 20 members
- Joint Parish Council – Quarterly meeting; around 12 members
- Dog Training Club (new) – Weekly on Tuesdays; around 10 people
- Social events - monthly meetings; 40-50 members

The Hall is also used for miscellaneous events such as:

- Children's Christmas parties 3-4 per year; around 40 children from within the community
- Wedding receptions/christenings; approx 2 or 3 a year catering for around 40-60 guests per event
- Village fete, flower festival, harvest lunch, afternoon teas etc; 40 -50 people per event
- Election voting, consultations, exhibitions and shows

Details of Organisations equalities policies: Sherbourne Village Hall Committee believes that equality for all is a basic human right and actively opposes all forms of unlawful and unfair discrimination. The hall's full equality & diversity policy has been provided.

3 quotes provided: Yes - three quotes have been received

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

Reduce Anti Social Behaviour Whilst the toilet facilities don't directly affect this issue, the village hall does provide social and musical evenings and advice and information clinics. Provision of these activities helps towards reducing anti-social behaviour.

Reducing Obesity, particularly in children Whilst the toilet facilities don't directly affect this issue, the village hall does provide space for children's parties and entertainment. This provides opportunity for the community, particularly children, to keep fit, stay active and reduce obesity.

Increase opportunities for everyone to enjoy and participate in sports, arts and cultural activities Provision of baby changing and disabled toilet facilities will provide greater opportunity for parents and disabled members of the community to use the village hall and the services / activities available. Provision of modern, clean toilet facilities where there are no H&S issues will make the village hall more attractive to users and may help to increase the hire of the hall by organisations and by individuals for social events; this will potentially create more opportunity for the community to access social, sports, arts and cultural activities.

Engaging and strengthening Communities Community volunteers support services and residents through; social events, community lunches, advice and guidance clinics, consultation events and hall lettings. The provision of baby changing and disabled toilet facilities will also make the hall more accessible and welcoming for disabled and elderly members of the community as well as parents with young children; this will further help to engage and strengthen our community.

Total cost of scheme (including VAT where appropriate) £5,475

Funded by: **Status**
Parish Council £2,600 Approved - November 2013

Own Funds	£200	Approved
Total RUCIS	£2,675	
equates to	48.9%	