

RURAL/URBAN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS APPLICATION FOR 10TH FEBRUARY 2016 EXECUTIVE :

Applicant :

Leamington Netball Club

Description of scheme:

- Build and equip a purpose built courtside facility with disabled/wheelchair access; this will have two toilets (one of which will be a disabled toilet), a social/mentoring/de-brief area and kitchen/refreshment facility.
- Raise the two perimeter fences that are not currently at full height; this is to reduce anti-social behaviour when not in use, to ensure that safety aspects are covered by reducing the number of occasions of netballs going over the fence onto either the car park or Leamington Rugby Club's 3rd team pitch, this will also support the club's safeguarding policy for young female players.

Evidence of need:

The need is visibly obvious (a site visit has confirmed this and photos taken); the project is to replace the existing, not fit-for-purpose, courtside hut which has no disabled access / facilities, is leaking, cold and does not have toilet facilities. From a safeguarding perspective, when under 16 players need to go to the toilet they have to use the rugby club facilities some distance away, this therefore requires two DBS checked adults to accompany them which is very unpracticable. Additionally, court bookings are restricted to when the rugby clubhouse is open and unless the existing facilities are replaced England Netball will not consider the club for future hire again; the use by England Netball provides much needed revenue, which in turn supports off-setting membership subscriptions and helps maintain these at a level affordable by all, supporting club sustainability levels. Warwickshire Netball have also stated that the project will increase their opportunities to use the court for hosting umpiring tests and mentoring, netball coach development courses and screening of players for County netball academies. Letters of support have been received from; Leamington Rugby Club (24.6.15), Cllr Gordon Cain (21.6.15), Warwickshire Netball (19.6.15), Myton School (16.6.15) and Princethorpe College (June 15).

3 years accounts received?

2013 - 2015 accounts have been received, along with recent bank statements; Treasurers Account (balance at 24th December 2015) Hub Account (balance at 21st December 2015) and Court Saving Account (balance at 11th January 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
30/04/15	30/04/14	30/04/13
£1,802	-£75	£1,419

Available Funds (cash and reserves)

Year ended	Year ended	Year ended
30/04/15	30/04/14	30/04/13
£5,548	£3,968	£3,821

Details of membership, fees etc:

Adult (over 18) - £200, Full time education/Under 18 - £175, Non-player-discretion of Committee - £35; This covers all necessary affiliations and match fees.

Details of usage:

The club has 170 members across a number of teams and age groups ranging from Under 11's to over 60's. The court is also available to hire, for example, by local schools, and is also used occasionally to host events, for example, for Netball England.

REGULAR USE:

- Under 16's skill sessions (That don't playing competitive league) – run 6 times a year for a 4 week duration, up to 50 players enjoying the coaching and playing opportunities
- 10 week courses for adults ("back2netball" initiative) - run three times a year, 35 players per course
- 2 teams compete in the West Midlands Regional league – played at a central venue in Walsall; 16 games in total, and 10 squad players per team
- 5 teams in the local Coventry & Warwickshire league - in total 9 home matches a season, and 10 players per team
- 5 teams in the West Midlands Junior competition - played at a central venue in Walsall; 14 matches a season with 10 players per team
- Youth fun and coaching sessions - 20 sessions per season with approximately 20 players per session, fun festival held on two full days with up to 40 girls each festival

AD-HOC USE:

- Local school hire (such as Princethorpe College, Myton School & Crackley School) for practice sessions and / or competitions; up to 3 schools hiring courts twice a week during playing season (October – March) totalling approximately 100+ under 16's players each week (each school as a minimum = 18 players x twice a week)
- England Netball "Summer Festival" – held over a week, approx. 25 players

Details of Organisations equalities policies:

The Club has held Clubmark accreditation at Gold level for the last 9 years and this policy is acknowledged by the netball national governing body.

Equity Policy Statement

The club is committed to ensuring that equity is incorporated across all aspects of its development, in doing so it acknowledges and adopts the following Sport England definition of sports equity:

Sports equity is about fairness in sport, equality of access, recognising inequalities and taking steps to address them. It is about changing the culture and structure of sport to ensure it becomes equally accessible to everyone in society.

- The club respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person and will treat everyone equally within the context of their sport, regardless of age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status.
- The club is committed to everyone having the right to enjoy their sport in an environment free from threat of intimidation, harassment and abuse.
- All club members have a responsibility to oppose discriminatory behaviour and promote equality of opportunity.
- The club will deal with any incidence of discriminatory behaviour seriously, according to club disciplinary procedures.

3 quotes provided:

Yes - three quotes have been received.

Which of the Council's Corporate Priorities are met?

Reduce anti-social behaviour

Evidence

Whilst providing a new courtside facility doesn't directly impact on this, the club does provide a variety of sporting activities for a wide range of age groups, for example;

- Under 16's skill sessions (for those who choose not to commit to competitive league games)
- 10 week courses for adults via Back2netball
- 1 team competing in the West Midlands Regional Senior league
- 5 teams in the local Coventry & Warwickshire league
- 5 teams in the West Midlands Junior League
- "Back2Netball" initiatives
- Fun and coaching sessions

In addition to the above activities, an improved courtside facility will increase opportunities for the community, especially under 16's, to participate in sporting activities which supports reducing anti-social behaviour.

Reducing obesity, particularly in children

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- 10 week courses for adults ("back2netball" initiative)
- 1 team competing in the West Midlands Regional league
- 5 teams in the local Coventry & Warwickshire league
- 5 teams in the West Midlands Junior league
- Fun and coaching sessions

In line with the netball national governing body vision of 3x30 minutes of sport per week- at least 2 x 30 is currently offered to the club's Under 16's. The club's coaches have also produced literature to complement the netball activity which covers healthy eating and the importance of hydration; one of the club's aims is to promote healthy lifestyles that will continue for life. Provision of these activities and promotion of healthy lifestyles helps towards reducing obesity, including in children; with a better, more fit-for-purpose courtside facility the club will be able to increase sporting opportunities to further support a reduction in obesity.

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

With a better, more fit-for-purpose courtside facility the club will be able to increase sporting opportunities for the community; as noted above, Warwickshire Netball and Schools letters of support indicate there will be an increased usage, for example, there will be no restrictions on when the court can be used based on relying on the rugby clubhouse to be open for toilet facilities and hosting more activities such as umpiring tests and mentoring, netball coach development courses and screening of players for County netball academies. Additionally the new facility will provide two nearby disabled parking spaces, disabled / wheelchair access and a disabled toilet (as per quote) which will also increase opportunity for the community to participate in activities.

Engaging and strengthening communities

All the club's netball initiatives are widely advertised to ensure that backgrounds/school/or ethnicity do not become a barrier. The club also encourages members and parents to volunteer to become active members supporting the club in which ever way they can, this may be through administration work, support with leaflets / e mail alerts and support at events; this strengthens community ties.

Whilst a new courtside facility doesn't directly impact on this, the club is also managed and run by a wide range of volunteers from the local community and the sporting activity that is available also brings together a wide range of people, this all helps to engage and strengthen the community. With a better, more fit-for-purpose courtside facility the club will be able to increase sporting opportunities which will increase engagement and strengthening of the community.

Total cost of scheme (including VAT where appropriate)

£72,102 Including VAT

Funded by:

Status

Leamington Town Council

£2,000 Approved

BIFFA

£30,000 Applied for, waiting for decision

Own Funds

£10,102

Total RUCIS

£30,000

equates to

41.6%