

**RURAL/URBAN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS APPLICATION FOR 2ND JULY 2014 EXECUTIVE :**

**Applicant :**

**Kenilworth RFC**

**Description of scheme:**

A) The Away team dressing room roof has been leaking rain water close to lights / electrical fittings and down walls, leaving approximately one third of the dressing room area unfit for use by players. The internal damage and ingress of water is increasing and adjacent areas (toilets) are at risk. The project will cover the existing roof with a 'wriggly tin' roof skin over the existing changing rooms and toilet areas. This is the most cost effective approach and minimises the risk of further damage to the roof and fabric of the building.

B) The pitches are being used more and more every year, it is therefore vital that they are properly watered after seeding each year and particularly through the summer growing period. There is a particular problem with the main pitch as there is insufficient water pressure at the club to drive a mobile irrigator to adequately water the pitch to encourage appropriate grass growth and recovery. The project is to install a water tank and pump to feed a new irrigator which will greatly assist in the effective watering of the main pitch.

**Evidence of need:**

A) Regular maintenance and cleaning of the dressing rooms identified increasing 'levels' of water ingress. Examination of the roof and a consequent 'patching' failed to prevent the water entering the roof and in due course running through and adjacent to electrical fittings thus creating a potential Health and Safety issue and environment not fit for purpose.

B) As a consequence of the ongoing challenge of the main pitch, its poor state of health and constant problems with watering the pitch sufficiently (particularly at re-seeding time) it was recommended by our professional grounds man that there was a need to improve the irrigation arrangements and the above project was considered the most cost effective solution. This was in fact supported by a specialist irrigation consultant, David Kelly, who also advises the Warwickshire Golf Club on irrigation matters.

**3 years accounts received?**

Yes - along with a bank statement covering the period 2nd to 9th May 2014 which shows available funds of £3713

**Financial Performance; minus figure = deficit**

<b>Year ended</b>	<b>Year ended</b>	<b>Year ended</b>
30/4/13	30/4/12	30/4/11
-£12,587	£521	£3,044

**Available Funds ( cash and reserves )**

<b>Year ended</b>	<b>Year ended</b>	<b>Year ended</b>
30/4/13	30/4/12	30/4/11
£4,977	£1,342	£3,422

**Details of membership, fees etc:**

There are over a hundred adults training & playing rugby each week supervised by over 30 qualified coaches. Membership fees are £85 per playing member per annum.

**Details of usage:**

There are approximately 1000 members and 330 children; there are over a hundred adults training & playing rugby each week supervised by over 30 qualified coaches. Both Warwick University Medics and Coventry University Rugby teams use the ground for playing games and training. The clubhouse & bar are very popular with the membership and are also utilised by other organisations:

- \* "In-House" and visiting darts teams who play in a local league throughout the year (approx 20-25 players & spectators per game)
- \* Vintage Motor Cycle Club who meet monthly (approx 60 people per meeting)
- \* Kenilworth Town Football Club have been holding their annual prize giving event (approx 100 people)
- \* Kenilworth Golf Club who hold an annual lunch (approx 50 people)
- \* Ad-hoc events - the function room is regularly used by members of the community for lunches, family celebrations and fund raising events for local & national charities (approx 10-12 events per year with numbers of people ranging between 30 to 150)

**Details of Organisations equalities policies:**

Kenilworth RFC is committed to ensuring that equity is incorporated across all aspects and every team of the club. The club has adopted the Sports 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."

**3 quotes provided:**

Three separate quotes have been received for the roof repairs, two quotes have been received for the irrigation system with one quote pending (this is covered as a caveat in the Executive report)

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

**Reduce Anti Social Behaviour**

**Evidence**

The successful completion of both projects simply enables the regular and potential increase in use of the rugby pitches and facilities provided at Kenilworth RFC.

Rugby is taught and played through the age ranges from 5 through to 18 and of course beyond for adults, in some cases through to the age of 60+.

The whole purpose of providing rugby to youngsters, both boys and girls, is not only to teach them the game of rugby but to develop personal skills and values in relation to playing / working with others, team work, personal responsibility, commitment and respect for each other. In addition, youngsters learn to socialise in an adult environment and quickly understand the need for personal and collective responsibility. This all helps to reduce anti-social behaviour.

**Reducing Obesity, particularly in children**

The Junior Section are regular participators in sport, playing at the club at least once a week. As the children get older, regular advice and guidance is given to help promote a healthier lifestyle. Advice and guidance is provided to all levels and ages of players in relation to the maintenance and improvement in health and fitness together with the provision of facilities to play and participate in sport and regular exercise. This all helps to reduce obesity, particularly in children.

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

The regular availability of the dressing rooms and the main pitch throughout the season, through the week and on both Saturday and Sunday, will increase opportunity for sporting activity. Additionally, more junior matches can be played on a Sunday thus allowing a greater number of youngsters to participate in sport and showcase their skills in front of spectators who in turn may be more likely to utilise the facilities and be attracted to the game of Rugby with the game on the main pitch adjacent to the Club House.

Further use will also be made of the main pitch to run play and try 'touch' or 'tag' events and games designed to encourage returning University students (during holidays) to maintain contact with their local club.

**Total cost of scheme (including VAT where appropriate)** £7,257

**Funded by:**

**Status**

**Town Council**

£0

Request made, waiting for a decision; if the Town Council agree to contribute the club's contribution from cash reserves will be reduced accordingly.

**Own Funds**

£912

Approved

**RFU Grant**

£2,717

Approved

**Total RUCIS**

**£3,628**

**equates to**

**50.0%**