

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION (LEISURE AND COMMUNITY)

Date: Wednesday, 13 December 2023

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Executive Meeting Area - Civic Offices

Executive Member: Councillor Mrs S M Walker



1. Report Published

To consider the following matters for decision for which reports have been published:-

Non-Key Decision(s)

- (1) **Community Fund Application - Dementia Care hub** (Pages 3 - 4)
- (2) **Community Fund Application - Portchester Sailing Club** (Pages 5 - 6)
- (3) **Voluntary Sector Support Fund - Priory Park Community Association**
(Pages 7 - 8)



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Report to the Executive Member for Leisure and Community for Decision 13 December 2023

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Fund Application – The Dementia Care Hub
Report of:	Assistant Director (Democracy)
Corporate Priorities:	Leisure Opportunities for Wellbeing and Fun

Purpose:

This report presents an application for funding under the Council's Community Funding Programme.

Executive summary:

An application has been received from The Dementia Care Hub for £4,894.42 from the Community Fund towards the first 6 months running costs of two of their social and art groups for individuals suffering from dementia and their carers.

The Dementia Care Hub was established as a charity in December 2021 in Totton by Dr Kellyn Lee with the aim of 'making the lives of people living with a dementia, their care partners, family and friends better.... to prevent avoidable distress through practical and emotional support that is inclusive and accessible to all.'

The organisation has grown from strength to strength and as a result Dr Kellyn Lee is now opening a further hub in Titchfield due to high demand and her previous connections to the area. Prior to putting in an application for funding, a couple of trial social sessions to gauge interest at Titchfield Community Centre had taken place which had proved very successful. A total of 24 residents attended the trial sessions along with 6 local volunteers. The vast majority of the attendees were from Fareham with a few that attended from Lee-on-Solent and Gosport.

The sessions The Dementia Care Hub is looking for the Council to contribute towards are for the continuation of the trial social sessions, but also the addition of an art session in response to identified need. The funding would cover the running costs for 2 of the 3 proposed sessions per week for the first 6 months; one social group and one art group.

The total of the running costs for these 2 sessions is £4,894.42 and includes staffing (£1,872), rental of the hall (discounted at £2,638.14), resources and activities (£384.28). These sessions are projected to be self-funded after the initial 6-month period through the £12 monthly membership fee.

As of 12 August 2023, The Dementia Care Hub held £12,367.91 in their accounts.

Both Cllr Mrs Hockley and Cllr Miss Harper support The Dementia Care Hub's application.

Recommendation/Recommended Option:

It is recommended that this application be approved.

Reason:

This application meets the Community Fund criteria for financial support for start-up projects.

Cost of Proposals:

The total allocation towards this project will be £4,894.42, which can be met from the existing budget for the Community Fund Programme.

Risk Assessment:

There are no risks associated with this report.

Enquiries:

For further information on this report please contact Gemma Rowland, Leisure and Community Officer on 01329 824471 or Claire Benfield, Leisure and Community Officer on 01329 824495

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Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Fund Application – Portchester Sailing Club
Report of:	Assistant Director (Democracy)
Corporate Priorities:	Leisure Opportunities for Wellbeing and Fun

Purpose:

This report presents an application for funding under the Council's Community Funding Programme.

Executive summary:

An application has been received from Portchester Sailing Club for £4,250 from the Community Fund towards the purchase of a replacement safety boat.

Portchester Sailing Club is well established within the community and currently have 585 members. The Club holds a range of activities including dinghy sailing, paddle boarding and kayaking for members, Get Afloat Fridays with a family focus which is available to the wider community, cadet training and their summer ONBOARD program for local school children helping them to achieve Royal Yachting Association Stage 1 standard. The Club also has an Agreement to mutually share boats with 3rd Portchester Scouts.

The Club currently has 3 safety boats, consisting of 1 Rigid Inflatable Boat (RIB) and 2 plastic hulled boats, which enable them to run 2 activities at the same time while safely cover the entire area of the harbour that they use for their sailing activities. One of the safety boats is now showing signs of age and is no longer fit for purpose. A replacement safety boat will enable the club to continue training activities and events for the community without interruption. The Club proposes to replace the worn plastic hulled boat with a 2nd RIB as the plastic hulled boats are less versatile.

A second-hand Avon Searider 4 RIB has been identified on the market. It is currently owned by another sailing club and is well maintained. A member of the Club who is a qualified engineer has looked at the boat and deemed it as a good

potential purchase. Comparison with similar boats listed online indicates that the price listed is reasonable.

The total cost for this project is £4,250. Additional work to make this boat fit for operation at Portchester Sailing Club (including VHF radio console, navigation lights and engine servicing) would cost a further £1,100 which will be met by the Club's reserves. As a result of the engineering expertise within the Club, all improvement works and regular maintenance to the RIB can be carried out to a high standard by the Club's members.

As of January 2023, Portchester Sailing Club held £200,916 in their accounts. The funds within this account are required for maintenance of the Club's freehold property and necessary extensive piling work to the pier. In the accounting year February 22-January 23 there was an income of £114,787 and expenditure of £153,546.

Cllr Mrs Bainbridge, Cllr Davis and Cllr Nother support Portchester Sailing Club's application.

Recommendation/Recommended Option:

It is recommended that this application be approved with the following conditions.

- Portchester Sailing Club to participate in the Access All Areas programme.
- Recognition on the boat that it is supported by Fareham Borough Council.

Reason:

This application meets the Community Fund criteria for financial support for community capital projects.

Cost of Proposals:

The total allocation towards this project will be £4,250, which can be met from the existing budget for the Community Fund Programme.

Risk Assessment:

There are no risks associated with this report.

Enquiries:

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Report to the Executive Member for Leisure and Community for Decision 13 December 2023

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Voluntary Sector Support Fund – Priory Park Community Association
Report of:	Assistant Director (Democracy)
Corporate Priorities:	Leisure opportunities for health and fun

Purpose:

This report presents an application for funding under the Council's Voluntary Sector Support Fund Programme.

Executive summary:

An application for Voluntary Sector Support Funding has been received from Priory Park Community Association for £30 to cover the costs of one year's membership to Action Hampshire plus £446 for one day's one-to-one guidance from Action Hampshire to support the charity's transition to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Priory Park Community Association's objects are to '... advance education and to provide facilities in the interest of welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation' for the inhabitants of Priory Park. The organisation runs Priory Park Community Hall to this purpose, which is home to a pre-school, pilates classes, and guide / scout groups in addition to having facilities for hire by the local community for private parties.

Priory Park Community Association would like to become a member of Action Hampshire to enable them to access support and information, to help them with the effective running the charity. The organisation is not currently a member of Action Hampshire and had a turnover last year of £26,443.

Recommendation/Recommended Option:

It is recommended that this application is approved.

Reason:

This application meets the Community Fund criteria for financial support for community capital projects.

Cost of Proposals:

The total allocation will be £476 which can be met from the existing budget for Voluntary Sector Support Fund

Risk Assessment:

There are no risks associated with this report.