

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive Member for Leisure and Community for Decision

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Grant Funding – Fareham Bowling Club
Report of:	Director of Operations
Strategy/Policy:	Leisure Strategy
Corporate Objective:	Strong and Inclusive Communities

Purpose:

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

Executive Summary:

An application for community funding has been received from Paul Nicholls, Club Captain of Fareham Bowling Club, for the sum of £1,200 towards the costs of replacing an area of roofing, and installing a new entrance door and security shutters at the sports association's Clubhouse.

Fareham Bowling Club's primary objective is to provide facilities for its members to enjoy and further their interest in the sport of Flat Green Bowling. The Club is affiliated to competitive district leagues, in addition to participating in friendly matches across the central south of England. The clubhouse is located at Park Lane and is attended by 130 members and 35 associate members. In addition to engaging in bowling leagues, the Club regularly runs social events and organises 'Try for Free' events yearly to encourage newcomers to the sport.

The Club has identified necessary repairs to the Clubhouse; the entrance door is no longer fit for purpose and many of the older members are unable to open and close the door. The Club would like to replace the door, while at the same time installing a grille to increase the security of the premises. In addition, an area of the roof has developed a leak, which the Club is concerned would ultimately result in damage to the interior of the Clubhouse, and the fasciae are in need of replacement. The total cost of these repairs is £4,071.94.

The Club has benefitted from successful applications for Fareham Borough Council funding in 2012, when it was awarded £25,000 in matched funding to build new changing rooms, and in 2014 when it received £4,999 to fund the removal of asbestos from the Clubhouse. The Club has also been very proactive in recent

years in using its own funds to internally refurbish the Clubhouse, install a new kitchen area and renew 4 double glazed windows.

The Club has approached Councillor Peter Latham for a contribution from his County Councillor Funding of £1,200 towards the cost of this project. Cllr Latham is supportive of the application. As of September 2016, the Club had £12,310.51 in its accounts and proposes to allocate £1,671.94 towards the project.

Ward Councillors Mrs Bryant and Mrs Clubley are both supportive of this application.

Recommendation:

That the application for £1,200 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Fund Programme, submitted by Paul Nicholls of Fareham Bowls Club for the replacement of roofing and fasciae, and the installation of a new entrance door and security shutters, be approved.

That approval is subject to a condition that the remainder of the funding for the entire project is first secured.

Reason:

This application meets the agreed Community Funding Programme criteria for financial support for community capital projects.

Cost of Proposals:

The total allocation towards this project will be £1,200, which can be met from within the existing budget for the Community Fund Programme.

Risk Assessment:

There are no identified risks associated with this report.