

# Report to the Executive Member for Leisure and Community for Decision

Portfolio: Leisure and Community

Subject: Community Grant Funding – Warsash Residents

**Association** 

**Report of:** Director of Finance and Resources

**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 the Warsash Residents Association, for the sum of £995 to contribute to the restoration of the defunct telephone kiosk on the corner of Pitchponds Road, Warsash, which has been adopted to house a community defibrillator.

Warsash Residents Association is a very active community group which has supported the efforts of a Warsash resident to secure this defibrillator resource for the community. Fund raising by both the local residents and the Residents Association, through a successful application to the Community Heartbeat Trust, monies received at the Warsash Festival and the creation of a Just Giving page, has so far secured £2,095 towards the project. This has fully funded the installation of the defibrillator, leaving £495 to contribute towards the cost of renovating the kiosk. This renovation is key to the project as it will increase the longevity of the kiosk and improve its visibility in the community.

The cost of re-glazing and re-painting the kiosk comes to £1,490, with £900 of this being for the specialist glazing required. Warsash Residents Association is requesting £995 towards this project.

Both Ward Councillors, Councillors Cartwright and Ford, are strongly supportive of this application and recognise the fund-raising work already undertaken for the project by the resident and Warsash Residents Association.

### Recommendation:

That the application for £995 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Fund submitted by the Warsash Residents Association to contribute to the restoration of the defibrillator kiosk on the corner of Pitchponds Road, Warsash, be approved.

#### Reason:

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

# **Cost of Proposals:**

The total allocation towards the project will be £995 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.