

**Record of Decision by Executive Portfolio for  
Leisure and Community**

**Monday, 18 May 2015**

<b>Portfolio</b>	Leisure and Community
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Community Fund Application - The Friday Night Club</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	Director of Finance & Resources
<b>Strategy/Policy:</b>	Community Portfolio
<b>Corporate Objectives:</b>	Strong and Inclusive Communities

**Purpose:**

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

An application for community funding has been received from Mr Geoff Knipe, Chairman of Friday Night Club, for the sum of £4400.00 for the purchase of two off-road vehicles.

The Friday Night Club is based at Wallington Village Hall and is run by volunteers. The club holds many varied activities for local people with learning disabilities and/or mental health issues.

Regular activities include a weekly disco evening, arts and crafts and music sessions, gardening, and catering where members of the club learn to set tables and prepare meals and then serve the meals to paying members of the public.

The organisation also holds regular archery and off-roading sessions at Marwell Activity Centre. They already own an all-terrain vehicle which is used at the activity centre to offer members of the club an off-road experience in a safe, controlled environment. Since the purchase of this vehicle nearly two years ago, interest in the club has increased with many people turning up for the off-road activity alone.

The club is requesting £4400.00 to enable them to purchase two Hammerhead 150 GTS off-road buggies. This will allow them to keep up with the demand for the activity, reduce waiting times and enhance the experience to existing users, whilst also being able to offer the activity to more people in the area. Whilst they do not have sufficient funds to be able to contribute to the cost of the vehicles themselves, they will be providing the volunteers to run the activities. They have already negotiated the use of space at Marwell Activity Centre which they have been using for the last two years and they also transport the members of the club to the venue by mini bus.

Councillor Mrs Trott and Councillor Whittle are in support of this application.

**Options Considered:**

As recommendation.

**Decision:**

RESOLVED that the application for £4400.00 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Funding Programme, submitted by Mr Knipe of Friday Night Club for the purchase of two off-road buggies, be approved.

**Reason:**

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

**Confirmed as a true record:**

Councillor Miss S Bell,  
Executive Member

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