

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA

LEISURE AND COMMUNITY SCRUTINY PANEL

Date: Wednesday, 7 November 2018

Time: 6.00 pm

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

Members:

Councillor Mrs C L A Hockley (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs L E Clubley (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Mrs S M Bayford

S Dugan

J M Englefield

M J Ford, JP

Mrs K K Trott

Deputies: K A Barton

R H Price, JP



1. Apologies for Absence

2. Minutes (Pages 5 - 8)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel meeting held on the 05 September 2018.

3. Chairman's Announcements

4. Declarations of Interest and Disclosures of Advice or Directions

To receive and declarations of interest from Members in accordance with the Standing Orders and the Council's Code of Conduct and disclosures of advice or directions received from Group Leaders or Political Groups, in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

5. Deputations

To receive any deputations of which notice has been lodged.

6. Introduction to the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel (Pages 9 - 10)

To receive a presentation by the Head of Democratic Services which outlines the role and functions of the new Scrutiny Panel.

7. Executive Business (Pages 11 - 12)

To consider any items of business dealt with by the Executive since the last meeting of the Panel, that fall under the remit of Leisure and Community Portfolio. This will include any decisions taken by individual Members during the same time period.

(1) Provision of Overflow Parking for Burridge Village Hall (Pages 13 - 14)

(2) Festive Lights Scheme - Award of Contract (Pages 15 - 16)

(3) Community Fund Application - Warsash Tennis Club (Pages 17 - 18)

(4) Ferneham Hall (Pages 19 - 22)

(5) Citizen of Honour Award Scheme - Special Group Achievement (Pages 23 - 24)

(6) Community Fund Application - Fareham North West Community Association (Pages 25 - 26)

(7) Community Fund Application - Little Terrors Play Group (Pages 27 - 28)

(8) Community Fund Application - St Mary's Church (Pages 29 - 30)

8. Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel Priorities

To provide an opportunity for Members to consider the Scrutiny Panel priorities for Leisure and Community.



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Minutes of the Leisure and Community Policy Development and Review Panel (to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Wednesday, 5 September 2018

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor: Mrs C L A Hockley (Chairman)

Councillor: Mrs L E Clubley (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: S Dugan, M J Ford, JP, Mrs K K Trott and K A Barton
(deputising for Mrs S M Bayford)

**Also
Present:**



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies of absence were received from Councillor Mrs S M Bayford and Councillor J M Englefield.

2. MINUTES

It was AGREED that the Minutes of the Leisure and Community Development and Review Panel held on the 25 July 2018 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced that an online Petition with 22 signatures has been submitted to the Council in respect to Park Lane Skate Park. The Petitioner is requesting a number of improvements to the site including; a larger shelter, an age restriction and an extension to the current facilities.

Officers are to arrange a meeting with the petitioner to discuss their requirements in more detail and report back to the Panel at a future meeting.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OR ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

6. MEMBER TOUR - LEISURE AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Following a Members tour which included; the Cams Alders Recreation Ground, Westbury Manor Museum and the facility at Frosthole Close leased by Y Services, that had taken place earlier that day, the Panel took part in a discussion on points of interest from the tour.

It was AGREED that the Leisure and Community team be thanked for arranging an interesting and useful tour.

7. ONE COMMUNITY - PRESENTATION

The Panel received a presentation from Jean Robert-Jones, Chief Executive and Hayley Hamlett, Voluntary Sector Support, on work that One Community have been doing across the Borough since they last addressed the Panel earlier this year.

The presentation highlighted the continued work they are doing to emphasise the importance of networking and how this has improved within Fareham since the opening of the Information Centre in September 2017.

One Community also took this opportunity to thank the Council for being nominated for the first Organisation of Honour Award that is to be conferred by the Executive on the 05 November 2018.

The presentation is appended to these Minutes.

It was AGREED that, Jean Robert-Jones, Chief Executive and Hayley Hamlett, Voluntary Sector Support from One Community be thanked for their presentation and that thanks be extended to the wider One Community Team.

8. COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDING UPDATE

The Panel received a presentation from Leisure and Community Officer, Claire Benfield, which provided an annual update on the Community Grant Funding Scheme.

Members enquired about the checks that are in place once monies have been allocated to ensure that funds are being used as intended. Officers explained to the Panel about the processes in place for auditing applications with the assistance of Ward Councillors and that on occasion when the funds have not been used for the agreed purpose, by a certain date, they have been recalled.

The presentation is appended to these Minutes.

It was AGREED that the Head of Leisure and Corporate Services, and her team, be thanked for their presentation.

9. REVIEW OF WORK PROGRAMME

The Panel considered a report by the Head of Leisure and Corporate Services which reviews the Panels Work Programme for 2018/19.

It was AGREED that Members reviewed the Work Programme as set out in Appendix A of the report.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 7.10 pm)

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Presentation to Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel

Date: 07 November 2018

Report of: Head of Democratic Services

Subject: INTRODUCTION TO THE LEISURE AND COMMUNITY SCRUTINY
PANEL

SUMMARY

On the 11 October 2018, it was agreed by Council that the 5 Policy Development and Review Panels and the Scrutiny Board be dissolved and 6 new Scrutiny Panels be created in their place, with each Panel representing each of the 6 Executive Portfolios.

Members will receive a presentation from The Head of Democratic Services to outline the role and functions of the new Scrutiny Panel.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel note the contents of the presentation.

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Report to Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel

Date: 07 November 2018
Report of: Head of Leisure and Corporate Services
Subject: EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

SUMMARY

One of the key functions of this Scrutiny Panel is to hold the Executive Portfolio Holder and Senior Officers to account in the delivery of the service and the Improvement Actions identified in the Council's Corporate Priorities and Corporate Vision.

Members are therefore invited to consider the items of business which fall under the remit of the Leisure and Community portfolio and have been dealt with by the Executive since the last meeting of the Panel. This also includes any decisions taken by individual Executive Members.

The relevant notices for decisions taken are attached for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Members note the items of Business discharged by the Executive since the last meeting of the Panel.

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BOROUGH COUNCIL

2017/18
Decision No.
2027

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 4 June 2018

Portfolio	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Provision of Overflow Parking for Burridge Village Hall
Report of:	Head of Leisure and Corporate Services
Corporate Priority:	Leisure opportunities for health and fun

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to seek Executive approval to allocate funds for the provisions of overflow parking for Burridge Village Hall.

Burridge Village Hall is a popular community facility in the village of Burridge. It contains two large rooms which are well-hired by various community groups and by members of the community for private functions. Adjacent to the Hall is a car park, containing 28 spaces, that is designated for use by visitors to the Village Hall and the neighbouring recreation ground and play park.

Many of the hirers of the Hall have minimal parking requirements. However, at times when both the large rooms are hired for private functions, demand can easily exceed the number of parking spaces available.

Public opinion is currently being sought to determine support for the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order for the car park to prevent identified space-blocking by vehicles associated with the nearby Cherry Tree Industrial Park. Although this action would remedy day-to-day concerns regarding parking availability for the Village Hall, the Chairman of Burridge Community Association has expressed a view that only the ability to access additional parking would enable the Hall to meet the parking needs encountered by hire of the Hall for private functions.

Until the beginning of 2018, the Village Hall had been unofficially allowing visitors to park their vehicles on the gated rough track to the pond, on the perimeter of the recreation ground, at peak times of parking demand. However, in January, following damage to the recreation ground from this unauthorised access, the Village Hall was reminded that they had no permission to access the track, and must discontinue this practice.

This report proposes that the installation of official overflow parking spaces to the southern side of the track to the pond, managed by the Hall through a formal agreement, would provide a swift resolution to the parking availability concerns while ensuring the protection of the recreation ground.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive approves:

- (a) a budget allocation of £12,000 from the Whiteley Capital Receipts to fund the installation of the overflow parking spaces; and
- (b) the drafting of an agreement with Burr ridge Community Association to formalise expectations of management by the Village Hall of access to this overflow parking.

Reason:

To continue to support local community centres to meet the needs of their hirers, increasing the accessibility of these facilities by members of the community.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)
Monday, 4 June 2018

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BOROUGH COUNCIL

2017/18
Decision No.
2032

Record of Decision by Executive Portfolio for Leisure and Community

Wednesday, 13 June 2018

Portfolio	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Festive Lights Scheme - Award of Contract
Report of:	Head of Leisure and Corporate Services
Corporate Priority:	Leisure Opportunities for Health and Fun

Purpose:

This report seeks to award the contract following tenders received for festive lighting for Fareham Town Centre for a 5-year duration commencing August 2018.

On the 23 January 2018 approval was given to allocate up to £150,000 from the Town Centre Management reserves budget to procure a new festive lighting scheme for the Fareham Town Centre.

Tenders have been received and its recommend that a contract be awarded to the contractor with the most advantageous tender as detailed in the confidential evaluation matrix marked appendix A.

Options Considered:

To agree to award a contract to the tenderer who submitted the most advantageous tender for; the purchasing of a new festive lighting scheme, setting up the displays, maintenance when the displays are in situ and storing of the decorations once they have been taken down each year.

Decision:

To agree to award a contract to the tenderer who submitted the most advantageous tender for; the purchasing of a new festive lighting scheme, setting up the displays, maintenance when the displays are in situ and storing of the decorations once they have been taken down each year.

Reason:

To provide a new and improved festive lighting scheme for Fareham Town Centre.

Confirmed as a true record:

Executive Member for Leisure and Community (Councillor Miss S M Bell)
Wednesday, 13 June 2018

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BOROUGH COUNCIL

2017/18
Decision No.
2040

**Record of Decision by Executive Portfolio for
Leisure and Community**
Tuesday, 3 July 2018

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Fund Application - Warsash Tennis Club
Report of:	Head of Leisure and Corporate Services
Corporate Priority:	Leisure Opportunities for Health and Fun

Purpose:
This report presents an application for funding under the Council’s Community Fund Programme.

An application for community funding has been received from Warsash Tennis Club, for the sum of £4,999 to contribute to their project to resurface their four tennis courts.

The Club leases the tennis courts at Osborne Road, Warsash, from Fareham Borough Council with a condition of the lease being that they are responsible for the maintenance of the courts. The organisation states that they maintain the facility at a high level. However, two of their courts are urgently in need of resurfacing due to degradation of the tarmac. As the remaining two were last surfaced in 2007, and to enjoy the economies of scale, the Club plans this year to resurface all four courts together.

Despite being a private members club, with 140 members, the Club holds approximately 20 ‘pay and play’ sessions per year and 5 coaching sessions per week for children, none of which require membership.

The project has been costed at £44,813 in total. The Club has secured a loan from the Lawn Tennis Association for £12,000 and a contribution from Hampshire Playing Fields for £2,000. The organisation’s end of year accounts in February 2018 reported total funds of £44,060. However, of these funds £20,400 is been ringfenced for floodlight replacement and running costs, leaving £23,660 available for the court resurfacing project. Since this time, members have raised an additional £2,154 through donations and fundraising activities, leaving a shortfall for the project of £4,999.

Both Ward Councillors, Councillor Cartwright and Councillor Ford, have indicated their support for this application.

Options Considered:

That the application for £4,999 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Fund, submitted by Warsash Tennis Club, be approved.

Decision:

That the application for £4,999 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Fund, submitted by Warsash Tennis Club, be approved.

Reason:

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

Confirmed as a true record:

Executive Member for Leisure and Community (Councillor Miss S M Bell)
Tuesday, 3 July 2018

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BOROUGH COUNCIL

2017/18
Decision No.
2033

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 9 July 2018

Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Ferneham Hall
Report of:	Head of Leisure and Corporate Services
Corporate Priority:	Leisure opportunities for health and fun

Purpose:

To set out the proposals for the future development and operation of Ferneham Hall.

Over the last few years the Council has invested significant capital sums into sports and recreation to ensure that it provides relevant, modern and good quality leisure facilities. Given the sale of this investment, it is now fair and proportionate for the Council to focus its attention on the area of entertainment. It is time to review how Ferneham Hall can be refreshed.

On 18 May 2015, the Executive considered a report entitled "Fareham Cultural Facilities Transformation". In summary, the report focussed on two issues. The first included plans for the refurbishment and future management of Westbury Manor Museum. The second included the need to undertake a feasibility study considering future options for Ferneham Hall. The report noted that, whilst the Council is wholly committed to providing a modern community focused entertainment facility in Fareham Town Centre, there was a need to reduce the annual operating cost of such a facility.

The results of the feasibility study, carried out by the consultants were made available in November 2015, and Council Officers began the process of analysing the information. The publication of the results, however, was put on hold in early 2016, due to the work that the Council was undertaking in preparing a vision for Fareham Town Centre.

Following a period of public consultation, "Planning the Future of Fareham Town Centre" was published in 2017. It stated that "Ferneham Hall is the Borough's main venue for theatre, arts and community events but is also becoming dated. The Council's budget for subsidising the theatre is under pressure and we must look at how we can achieve best value for tax payers. Plans for the Civic Quarter could include creating a new cultural and arts facility to replace Ferneham Hall".

This vision worked on the assumption that Ferneham Hall would be demolished and moved to a new location within the Civic Quarter, possibly combined with a new multi-storey car park. It was anticipated that this would release space for residential development on the current Ferneham Hall site. It has become increasingly clear, however, that the option to remodel Ferneham Hall in its current location could be delivered in a much shorter timescale, at a lower cost, with residential development and the re-provision of public parking provided at a later stage. This would, however, require a period of closure for

Ferneham Hall.

Following the publication of the plans for the Town Centre, attention focussed on the results of the Ferneham Hall feasibility study. The study indicated that it was possible to significantly reduce the operational costs of the facility and proposed a new design based on two performance spaces:

- one of approximately 400 seats and
- one smaller space of approximately 100 seats that would host presentations of live performance and film screenings.

The plans also included a dedicated dance studio and meeting rooms. The feasibility study estimated that the capital costs of such a refurbishment project would be between £8.9million and £9.6million. The costs of building a new facility in a different location were estimated to be between £9.6million and £14.5million.

Officers have assessed the results of the feasibility study and concluded that the financial projections for the five-year operating model appear to be realistic; the proposal for a smaller auditorium is in keeping with other modern cultural facilities; the scale and nature of the future programme requires a skill base which is better suited to management using a Leisure Trust operating model; the inclusion of a dance studio, whilst desirable, is not essential; the capital costs of refurbishment and construction are high and if the project is to proceed then officers would need to work closely with architects to re-engineer the design to reduce costs.

If approved, it is proposed that the project is delivered in three phases:

1. The first phase would include the remodelling of Ferneham Hall, demolishing the Octagon Lounge and opening up the foyer area.
2. The second phase would focus on the smaller secondary theatre.
3. The third phase would be the dance studio.

Fareham Borough Council would fund the first phase; and consider the most suitable funding structure for the latter two phases once an operator had been selected, recognising that they may attract external funding for the additional facilities. This would remove uncertainty from the project as the second phase would only proceed if the Trust was successful in providing capital investment.

The feasibility study was commissioned in partnership with the Hampshire Cultural Trust and recent discussions with the organisation remain positive. However, during the process of the review it has become clear that other Leisure Trust operators are interested in the scheme. As such, it is proposed that a procurement exercise is undertaken to select the Council's preferred operator, to support during construction then provide management of the new Ferneham Hall facility. This would, of course, not preclude the Hampshire Cultural Trust from putting forward a proposal.

A draft vision has been prepared to provide clarity to Leisure Trust operators. Architects and Consultants as to the Council's ambitions for Ferneham Hall.

Detailed figures on costs would be provided to a future meeting of the Executive before any works commence, but at this stage approval is requested for phase one of the project to be funded from Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) contributions.

If the project is approved, it is suggested that the current venue closes towards the end of 2019. The timescales involved in closure would mean that Ferneham Hall employees would be "at risk" and the Council would work with its preferred operator on possible solutions. When the new venue opened, it would be under the management of a Leisure Trust operator. The future operating model would be based on the premise that Fareham Borough

Council owns the facility and employs the Leisure Trust to manage the facility, with annual surpluses or deficits received/met by the Council.

It is suggested that a member working group be established to oversee the design and construction of the project, chaired by the Executive Member for Leisure and Community.

Options Considered:

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillor Mrs CLA Hockley addressed the Executive on this item.
As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees that:

- (a) Ferneham Hall remains in its current location within the Civic Quarter;
- (b) the vision for Ferneham Hall, attached as Appendix A to the report, is approved;
- (c) the business plan created by AEA Consulting is refreshed and updated, excluding details of the Ashcroft Arts Centre, to ensure that all of the relevant data is available to make an informed decision going forward;
- (d) a procurement process be undertaken to identify a Leisure Trust operator as a partner, prepared to support the development of the new facility, including securing external sources of funding where appropriate, then managing the new facility in the future;
- (e) Ferneham Hall is closed in late 2019 to enable construction works to be undertaken;
- (f) the construction works are undertaken in three phases. The first phase would include the remodelling of Ferneham Hall, demolishing the Octagon Lounge and opening up the foyer area. The second phase would focus on the secondary theatre. The third phase would be the dance studio;
- (g) in principle, the costs of phase one of the project be funded from the Community Infrastructure Levy and external funding where possible, with full project cost to be reported to the Executive later this year. Funding of the latter phases of work would be subject to a further report, once an operator has been selected;
- (h) delegated authority be given to the Director of Finance and Resources, following consultation with the Executive Member for Leisure and Community, to utilise an initial sum of £100,000 to enable expenditure on fees covering aspects such as surveys, building redesign, further market research, the preparation of a planning application and project management.
- (i) a member working group be established to oversee the design and construction of the project, chaired by the Executive Member for Leisure and Community, to include four other members: Councillors TM Cartwright, MJ Ford, T Davies and Mrs KK Trott. The final design and costs will require the approval of the Executive prior to seeking planning permission; and
- (j) options for naming the new venue be presented to a future meeting of the Executive.

Reason:

Ferneham Hall is becoming dated and tired, and its operating costs are escalating. A new approach is needed, and the proposal to remodel the venue offers an exciting opportunity for

the future.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

Monday, 9 July 2018

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

2017/18
Decision No.
2034

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 9 July 2018

Portfolio	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Citizen of Honour Award Scheme - Special Group Achievement Category
Report of:	Head of Leisure and Corporate Services
Corporate Priority:	Strong, safe, inclusive and healthy communities

Purpose:

This report seeks approval to introduce a Special Group Achievement Category to the Citizen of Honour award scheme that will recognise outstanding contributions to improving the lives of residents made by community groups and charitable organisations. It then proposes that One Community become the first recipient of the award.

The Citizen of Honour award scheme was introduced in 1996 to recognise notable voluntary and unpaid service provided to the community by Borough residents,

It was first modified in 2001 to include young citizens who had acted bravely, undertook regular selfless acts or were adapting to a disability.

The special achievement category was then introduced in 2009 to recognise residents who had made a notable and significant achievement in their field.

It is proposed that a new category, called the Special Group Achievement award be introduced. This would be an occasional award presented to community groups, voluntary organisations and charities that have made outstanding contributions to people living in the Borough.

It is suggested that One Community be made the first recipient of the new award, in recognition of its outstanding contribution to local community and voluntary groups and organisations in the Borough.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive approves:

- (a) the creation of the Special Group Achievement Award to recognise community groups, voluntary organisations and charities that have made outstanding

contributions to the lives of residents;

(b) the proposed arrangements for deciding and granting the Special Group Achievement Award, as set out in the report from paragraph 5; and

(c) that the first Special Group Achievement Award be presented to One Community.

Reason:

To recognise the contribution made to the lives of residents by outstanding community groups, voluntary organisations and charities operating in the Borough.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

Monday, 9 July 2018

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

2018/19
Decision No.
2052

**Record of Decision by Executive Portfolio for
Leisure and Community
Thursday, 20 September 2018**

Portfolio	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Fund Application - Fareham North West Community Association
Report of:	Head of Leisure and Corporate Services
Corporate Priority:	Leisure Opportunities for Health and Fun

Purpose:
This report presents an application for funding under the Council’s Community Fund Programme.

An application for community funding has been received from Fareham North West Community Association for the sum of £1,880 to replace the heating system in the Fareham North West Community Centre.

The Association leases these facilities, in Henry Cort Drive, Fareham, from Fareham Borough Council with a condition of the lease being that the Association is responsible for keeping the interior, including all fixtures, in good repair and condition. The current old heating system in the community centre is no longer fit for purpose, with many of the heaters being broken or ineffective. A quote has been received for £1,880 to replace the existing system with a more efficient system which will include the replacement of broken heaters in the main hall, coffee lounge and toilets.

The Community Centre is used by a good number of community groups and services, including the Tea, Talk and Tonk Group for elderly residents, the Games Club, the Petanque Club and the Fareham North West Youth Club. In addition, the facilities are hired by the local community for hosting parties.

The Association is requesting the full amount towards the project. Their accounts of August 2018 list a balance of £9,810.87. However, the Association is about to enter the winter months, during which their income remains static while their outgoings increase dramatically. In addition, in the past eighteen months, the Association has self-funded a number of projects to improve the facility. These include a new dishwasher, cooker and fridge and the installation of a hearing loop system.

Fareham North West Community Association has received no Community Funding from Fareham Borough Council since 2015.

Both Ward Councillors, Councillor Davies and Councillor Birkett, have indicated their support for this application.

A 'health check' of Fareham North West Community Centre, carried out in August 2018, identified certain maintenance that the Association was required to undertake to improve the safety of the facility. This report recommends that funding is only released once these safety improvements have been actioned.

Options Considered:

That the application for £1,880 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Fund, submitted by Fareham North West Community Association, be approved.

That the funding is only released following the receipt of satisfactory evidence that the safety improvements identified in the August 2018 Health Check have been undertaken.

Decision:

That the application for £1,880 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Fund, submitted by Fareham North West Community Association, be approved.

That the funding is only released following the receipt of satisfactory evidence that the safety improvements identified in the August 2018 Health Check have been undertaken.

Reason:

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

Confirmed as a true record:

Executive Member for Leisure and Community (Councillor Miss S M Bell)
Thursday, 20 September 2018

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2018/19
Decision No.
2053

**Record of Decision by Executive Portfolio for
Leisure and Community
Thursday, 20 September 2018**

Portfolio	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Fund Application - Little Terrors Play Group
Report of:	Head of Leisure and Corporate Services
Corporate Priority:	Leisure Opportunities for Health and Fun

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

An application for community funding has been received from the Little Terrors Play Group for the sum of £4,394 to fund the initial set-up, equipment and materials for the Group. Little Terrors is a mother and toddler group that has recently established in a trial capacity at Broadlaw Community Space in Fareham South, in response to local need.

Since its first session in May 2018, attendance has steadily increased and the Play Group currently attracts on average 10 parents and 15 children.

The cost of providing equipment for the Play Group has been costed at £3,186. Running costs for the first year, including rent, insurance and administration bring the total requested to £4,394. The Play Group has already successfully secured £500 from the Partnership Foundation to cover the cost of further necessary equipment, and is confident that in the long-term attendance fees will fully cover running costs.

Both Ward Councillors, Councillor Barton and Councillor Fazackarley, are fully supportive of this application.

Options Considered:
That the application for £4,394 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Fund, submitted by the Little Terrors Play Group, be approved.

Decision:

That the application for £4,394 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Fund, submitted by the Little Terrors Play Group, be approved.

Reason:

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

Confirmed as a true record:

Executive Member for Leisure and Community (Councillor Miss S M Bell)
Thursday, 20 September 2018

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BOROUGH COUNCIL

2018/19
Decision No.
2054

**Record of Decision by Executive Portfolio for
Leisure and Community**
Monday, 8 October 2018

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Fund Application - St Mary's Church
Report of:	Head of Leisure and Corporate Services
Corporate Priority:	Leisure Opportunities for Health and Fun

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

An application for community funding has been received from St Mary's Church, Portchester for the sum of £3,092.12, towards the erection of a World War II memorial plaque at this historical place of worship.

St Mary's is a popular church that serves the community of Portchester. A small group of volunteers, comprised of attendees of the church and other local residents, has previously worked on a project to research the names of the men of World War II who were residents of Portchester during 1939-1945, and Portchester residents who were in service during the Falklands conflict. A total of 194 individuals were identified who are to be listed in two memorial books, funded by donations from local businesses.

The Church is now seeking to erect a memorial plaque to further recognise the sacrifice that these men made for their country, and to provide surviving servicemen and relatives with a peaceful place to reflect. The permission of all existing relatives has been sought for the inclusion of these names.

As St Mary's Church is a Grade 1 listed building, necessary permissions for the work have been obtained in advance.

The cost of making and installing the plaque has been identified as £3,831.60. The Church maintains £739.48 in donations that are not already allocated to further works. As a result, the funding request received from St Mary's Church is for the £3,092.12 remaining.

Two Ward Councillors, Councillor Cunningham and Councillor Kelly, have indicated their full support for this application. Councillor Price has declared a conflict of interest, as he has been heavily involved in the project.

Options Considered:

That the application for £3,092.12 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Fund, submitted by St Mary's Church, Portchester, be approved.

Decision:

That the application for £3,092.12 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Fund, submitted by St Mary's Church, Portchester, be approved.

That the funding is released under the condition that the Council's contribution to the project is recognised, using wording supplied by the Council, in the Church's World War II Memorial Books.

Reason:

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

Confirmed as a true record:

Executive Member for Leisure and Community (Councillor Miss S Bell)
Monday, 8 October 2018