

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive Member for Leisure and Community for Decision

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Fund Application – Local Resident
Report of:	Director of Finance and Resources
Strategy/Policy:	Community Engagement 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 Mr Andrew Smith, a local resident, for the sum of £3000.00 to enable a Parkrun to be set up in the Fareham Borough.

Parkrun UK operates as an independent not-for-profit organisation, organising a series of free, weekly, 5km timed runs in areas of open space around the UK. Parkruns are open to all and are safe and easy to take part in and there are currently over 340 in operation in the UK. Runners of all abilities are welcome and the focus is on recreational running, whilst bringing people together and helping achieve a healthy lifestyle. All Parkrun events take place every Saturday morning, at or around 09.00am.

All of the events are free to attend and are run by teams of volunteers from the local community.

The route of the proposed Fareham Parkrun is the coastal path surrounding Cams Hall Estate and Golf Club, utilising the easy access trail, with the run starting and finishing at the Cams Mill Public House. Appendix A shows the proposed route for the run. All relevant permissions for use of the land have been obtained and runners will be parking at the Lysses long stay car park.

The cost for setting up a Parkrun is a one-off payment of £6400.00, with Parkrun contributing 50% of these costs. Mr Smith is therefore requesting the remaining £3000.00 from the community fund. The funding requested will allow for the purchase of equipment including: a computer to record the runner's times, bar code

tokens for participants, signage, cones and stakes. Once the funding is approved, Parkrun UK will match the funding and also commit to supporting the event indefinitely.

Councillor Walker is in support of this application.

Recommendation:

That the application for £3000.00 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Funding Programme, submitted by Mr Andrew Smith, be approved.

Reason:

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

Cost of Proposals:

The total cost of this project will be £3000.00 and can be met from within the existing budget for the Community Fund Programme.

Risk Assessment:

There are no identified risks associated with this report.

[Appendix A – Proposed route of Fareham Parkrun](#)