

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive Member for Leisure and Community for Decision

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Fund Application – Broadlaw Volunteers Group
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 Ms Sandi Naylor, Secretary of the Broadlaw Volunteers Group, for the sum of £3140.54 for the purchase of equipment for use at Broadlaw Community Centre.

The Broadlaw Volunteers Community Cohesion project is an ongoing project, providing a space for social activities for the benefit of the local community. Current activities include an internet café, junior youth club and craft club as well as school holiday events including fun days and other fundraising events, with a wide range of activities available for all age groups. The Volunteers are also proposing to start up homework and cinema clubs.

The various events are run by local volunteers and the Community Centre is open to all, with the majority of activities being free of charge.

The group would like to purchase equipment including a computer, projector and laptops, as well as various games including chess sets, an indoor curling set and a games console. This equipment will be available for use by all users of the centre, including external groups that hire the facility.

The total cost of the equipment is £3140.54 and Broadlaw Volunteers Group is requesting the full amount from the community fund. Financial reserves are limited and the Volunteers Group will be contributing their time and expertise, rather than making a monetary contribution.

Councillor Steadman is in support of this application. No response was received from Councillor Howard.

Recommendation:

That the application for £3140.54 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Funding Programme, submitted by Ms Naylor or Broadlaw Volunteers Group for the purchase of various equipment, 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 £3140.54 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.