

Community Grant Assessment November 2019

Applicant: Menheniot Sports Association
Amount applied for: £400.00
ASSESSMENT
Overview & what benefits to the community (Section B1.0, B1.5 and B1.7)
(B1.0) Powered Sweeping Machine The surface of the MUGA was rejuvenated in April 2018 as it had become unusable. The surface is now really good and is currently one of the best around. However to maintain the condition of the surface we require a regular maintenance program to be put in place. Currently we use a professional company three times a year to ensure the surface doesn't deteriorate from algae and dirt which clogs up the drainage holes within the surface. After some research we have found a suitable powered sweeping machines that could be operated by our team of volunteers to ensure the surface was well maintained. The machine will remove all the dirt and debris from the surface but also allow the sand to filter back onto the surface. It is operated by 1 person and it can be easier stored at the pavilion. Long term this would enable the MSA to make huge savings, which we would then put towards a sinking fund for the future cost of the MUGA. (B1.5) The MUGA is accessible to all of the community. We offer a membership scheme and also pay per use scheme. The MUGA has been advertised in the local papers, shop and on social media sites etc. Children are able to access the facility free of charge.
Other funding from their own resources and alternative sources. (Section C1.1-1.3)
(C1.2) The total cost of the project is £678. (C1.3) The Menheniot Sports association can currently contribute £278 , this is money raised by hire of the MUGA and fund raising events such as bingo & car boot sales. (C1.5) We are only asking for approx. 59% of the total cost. If we receive less we would have to possibly delay the purchase of the equipment
Numbers benefitting (Section B1.7)
Numbers are constantly increasing now the surface has been rejuvenated The tennis club now has over 70 members aged from u10 to over 80. There are now 2 ladies, 1 men's and an u18 team tennis team. There are 4 football teams that use the MUGA weekly and numerous coaching sessions take place. We also have junior hockey using the pitch and Menheniot School now regularly use the facility.
Other resources (eg volunteering) (Section C1.4)
Members of various sports clubs that use the MUGA regular give up their time, painting the facility, cutting the surrounding grass, removing any litter and leaves from the facility, ensuring it not an eye sore. Members of the MSA regular give up their own time to undertake tasks associated with the sports association (approx. 5 hours a month)
Priorities as identified by the applicant, and those of the council (Section C1.1)
None identified. This is a complete unit.
Notes
The latest accounts cover a 6 month period from January-June 2019, and show a deficit of expenses over income of £1406. However, £1308 of this deficit is caused by MUGA maintenance that would be eliminated if the Association had its own equipment. Councillors are reminded that under the Terms & Conditions of Community Grants, if the amount applied for is less than £500, the council may award up to 100% of the application.
Recommend £400