

Community Grant Assessment

Nov 2020

Applicant: Menheniot Sports Association
Amount applied for: £700
Assessment
Overview & what benefits to the community (Section B1.5 and B1.7) Cutting of the trees isn't an event or project for the community, it is a health and safety issue. The actual 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. If any clubs or individuals want to use the facility they only need to contact a member of the Sports Association or ask in the Spar shop.
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) As the Menheniot Sports association currently maintain the land to the East and the South of the MUGA, the MSA would be willing to pay for the cutting of the Leylandi trees on the south side at a cost of £250. 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) 1. Remove and dismantling 2 in No. Eucalyptus trees on the west side of the MUGA. 2. Cutting the remaining Leylandi trees on the west of the MUGA to the approx. level of the floodlights to ensure they can be maintained in the future. 3. Trim the Leylandi trees to the South of the MUGA.
Notes Note from applicant: The MSA would obviously have liked to have done some fund raising to help the Parish council with the cost, but we have just spent over £4000 on the new patio and table tennis area for the village to use and we have some urgent maintenance required on the pavilion. As mentioned in para 1.4, the MSA would pay for cutting of the Leylandi on the south side so we are asking for just over 70% of the total cost – Parish Council to pay £700 – MSA would pay £250. <i>The most recent set of accounts (for year ending October 2019) show an income of £15,891 and expenses of £16,360 (plus an outstanding rent invoice for £1700 making total expenses for the year £18,060). This is a net loss of £2,169. The Club had reserves of £5305 at the year end that can cover the loss leaving a reserve of £3136 for the current year, equivalent to two months of expenses.</i> <i>The council will not usually fund more than 10% of a project (£2,000 maximum), but will expect the applicant to have raised other substantial funding from their own efforts within the local community. If the amount applied for is less than £500, the council may award up to 100% of the application. (Community Grant Conditions)</i>

The full cost of the project is £950 and 10% of the cost is £95. The amount being applied for is the equivalent of 74% of the project cost.

Recommend £95

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