

# Community Grant Assessment November 2017

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| <b>Applicant: Menheniot Sports Association</b>   |
| <b>Amount applied for: £4548-6720</b>  |
| <b>ASSESSMENT</b>  |
| <b>Overview &amp; what benefits to the community (Section B1.0 and 1.1 and B1.9)</b>   |
| <p><i>This funding application is for the renewal of the MUGA ( Flood Lit Multi Use Games Area) and represents approximately 30% of the total cost of the complete project. See notes below.</i></p> <p>The surface has been laid for many years, it is now at the stage where it requires rejuvenation as it has extremely poor drainage and has become very slippery. Rejuvenation is the process of removing the contaminated and dirty sand from the pitch and replacing it with new sand.</p> <p>Due to the current condition we have to be very careful who uses the pitch and what the current weather condition is. Once the pitch is rejuvenated the pitch would be available to anyone for use. Not only local sports clubs but also to individuals and groups that would like to participate in sports.</p> <p>Menheniot School would also be able to use it more frequently.<br/>We have also been contacted about holding walking football on the surface, which is starting to become more and more popular throughout the country.<br/>We would also contact local clubs who may have people that have disabilities so they could also use the facility.</p> <p>The ladies tennis team had to play all their summer league games at Yelverton because they couldn't be sure how the surface would fare if we had a wet summer, so the tennis club would be able to do a big recruitment to bring more children and adults to participate in tennis.</p> |
| <b>Other funding from their own resources and alternative sources. (Section C1.3-C1.4)</b>   |
| The Menheniot Sports association has raised £2000 through various charity events such as raffles, tennis ball race, car boot sale and bingo.   |
| <b>Numbers benefitting (Section B1.8 &amp; B1.9)</b>   |
| <p>I have spoken with the applicant to discuss the numbers of people using and benefitting from the current facilities. At the moment, there is a combination of people from: tennis club; football club; hockey and open sessions. In an average year, approximately <b>4,000</b> people will use the facility. Installing a new surface could increase that number by up to 50% or 6,000 people each year.</p> <p>'With a good playing surface again, we would be able to offer the facility to more people, young, and old and to those with disabilities.'</p>   |
| <b>Other resources (eg volunteering) (Section C1.4)</b>  |
| We have regular volunteers who already help to keep the facility clean and tidy and this would continue. We also have general clean up days during the year, which are always well attended. We would hope to have at least 10 – 20 adults and children that would help with the painting etc of the courts.   |
| <b>Priorities as identified by the applicant, and those of the council (Section C1.1)</b>  |
| The complete project cost for the new MUGA surface is costed £30,900 inc VAT.  |
| <b>Notes</b>   |
| <p>The applicant writes:</p> <p>'If we go for a Renewal my preferred contractor would be Outdoor Carpets as they laid the current surface. Total cost of project including VAT £30900. £2000 from MSA, £4000</p>   |

conditional award from Sport England, up to £15450 from Lawn Tennis Association 'if successful' so that would give us £21450 leaving us **£9450** short of the total required'

This means that the applicant has raised £2,000 from its own resources, and has made application to external funders for £19,450, totalling 70% of the cost. They are asking the council to contribute the remaining 30%, equivalent to £9,450.

The balance remaining in the council's Community Grant fund account at 16 November 2017 is £14,423.

**Recommend** That councillors defer a final decision until the outcome of other grant applications is known, but may choose to give an 'in principle' decision in order for the applicant to progress their other applications to Sport England and the LTA.