

## Grant to Avishayes Junior Football Club (Executive Decision)

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### Purpose of the Report

Councillors are asked to consider the awarding of a grant for £3,842.50 towards a new toilet block for Avishayes Junior Football Club.

### Public Interest

Avishayes Junior Football Club has applied for financial assistance from the Area West Community Grants programme. The application has been assessed by the Neighbourhood Development Officer who has submitted this report to allow the Area West Committee to make an informed decision on the application.

### Recommendation

It is recommended that Councillors award a grant of £3,842.50 to Avishayes Junior Football Club, the grant to be allocated from the Area West Capital Grants programme subject to SSDC standard conditions for community grants (appendix A) and the following special conditions:

- Establish and maintain a “sinking and repairs fund” to support future repairs and maintenance of the new toilet block

### Application Details

Name of applicant	Avishayes Football Club
Project	New Toilet Block
Total project cost	£7,685
Amount requested from SSDC	£3,842.50
Recommended special conditions	Establishment of sinking fund for future maintenance, repairs and replacement.
Application assessed by	Alison Baker, Neighbourhood Development Officer, Area West

### Community Grants Assessment Score

The table below shows the grant scoring for this application. In order to be considered for SSDC funding under the Community Grants policies, applications need to meet the minimum score of 22.

Category	Actual Score	Maximum score possible
A Eligibility	Y	Y
B Equalities Impact	5	7
C Need for project	3	5
D Capacity of Organisation	12	15
E Financial need	4	7
F Innovation	3	3
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>37</b>

## Background

Avishayes Junior Football Club was originally formed in 1995 and has 158 players registered for this season. Membership has been increasing steadily over the last few years.

The Club want to replace an old Portaloo on the Avishayes School site with a more modern toilet block to better cater for the needs of the growing membership.

## Parish Information

Parish*	Chard
Parish Population*	13,074
No. of dwellings*	6,066

\*Taken from the 2011 census profile

## The project

The Club use Avishayes School for the mini section of the club which is rapidly expanding every year. In the season 2016-2017 there were 55 children from reception to u10s; So far this season (2018-19) there are 75 registered.

The mini section train at the school site twice a week and have matches on Saturday's and Sundays throughout the season.

As a growing Club Avishayes are always looking at ways to improve for players, managers and spectators. – including spectators.

At present the Club are using an old porta-loo (with one toilet) which costs the club £25 a week for maintenance and cleaning. The club feel that this is inadequate for their means.

It is proposed to provide a new 'temporary' toilet block which will have 2 toilets and will be easier to clean and maintain.

Avishayes School have also said that they would use the toilet block during school times for play time and after school sports clubs. The school currently have around 240 pupils.

The Club have not asked Chard Town Council for a contribution towards this project. The Town Council recently supported the Club by giving them a £1000 grant towards helping to develop goalkeepers.

The Club do not pay any hire fees to the School for the use of the pitch but maintain the site on the School's behalf.

## Local Support / evidence of need

Anecdotal evidence from the Club (talking to parents and supporters etc.) has indicated that a new provision for toilet facilities would be much needed.

## Project Costs

Supply new double toilet block	£3,426
Delivery	£260
Water and Electricity connection	£325
Expose drain, new are for bin store and fencing	£3,674
<b>Total project cost</b>	<b>£7,685</b>

## Funding Plan

Funding Source	Funds secured
Own funds (inc fundraising)	£3,842.50
<b>Total secured</b>	<b>£3,842.50</b>
Amount recommended from SSDC	<b>£3,842.50</b>

The Club has requested £3,842.50 from SSDC. This equates to 50% of the total budget cost.

## Previous grants

None during the last three years.

## Consents and permissions

The new toilet block will need both Panning Permission and Building Regs. This is being dealt with by the School as it is on Somerset County Council land.

## Conclusion and Recommendation

It is recommended that a grant of £3,842.50 is awarded.

## Financial Implications

It is recommended that this grant is awarded from the Area West Community Grants Capital fund. There is currently £76,961 unallocated in the Capital fund (excluding this grant) until the end of this financial year.

## Council Plan Implications

The project supports:

### Our Vision for South Somerset

A place where businesses flourish, communities are safe, vibrant and healthy; where residents enjoy good housing, leisure, cultural and sporting activities

### Economy

- Capitalise on our high quality culture, leisure and tourism opportunities to bring people to South Somerset.

### Health and Communities

- Support communities so that they can identify their needs and develop local solutions.
- Help people to live well by enabling quality cultural, leisure, play, sport & healthy lifestyle facilities & activities.

## **Area West Development Plan Implications**

**Priority 4 - Health & Wellbeing** of individuals - Supporting community groups and the voluntary sector to work with statutory providers to improve access to advice, services, social activities, with an emphasis on vulnerable individuals and groups– e.g. LIC's, youth support, activities for older people, making better use of halls, digital inclusion skills etc.

## **Equality and Diversity Implications**

The Club is fully inclusive and has an equality statement as part of its constitution.

***Background Papers: grant file***

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## Appendix A

### Standard conditions applying to all Community Grants.

This grant offer is made based on the information provided in the application form and represents 50 % of the total project costs. The grant will be reduced if the costs of the total project are less than originally anticipated. Phased payments may be made in exceptional circumstances (e.g. to help with cash-flow for a larger building project) and are subject to agreement.

The applicant agrees to: -

- Notify SSDC if there is a material change to the information provided in the application.
- Start the project within six months of this grant offer and notify SSDC of any changes to the project or start date as soon as possible.
- Confirm that all other funding sources have been secured if this was not already in place at the time of the application and before starting the project.
- Acknowledge SSDC assistance towards the project in any relevant publicity about the project (e.g. leaflets, posters, websites, and promotional materials) and on any permanent acknowledgement (e.g. plaques, signs etc).
- Work in conjunction with SSDC officers to monitor and share the success of the project and the benefits to the community resulting from SSDC's contribution to the project.
- Provide a project update and/or supply before and after photos if requested.
- Supply receipted invoices or receipts which provide evidence of the **full** cost of the project so that the grant can be released.

### Standard conditions applying to buildings, facilities and equipment

- Establish and maintain a "sinking fund" to support future replacement of the building / facility / equipment as grant funding is only awarded on a one-off basis.
- Use the SSDC Building Control service where buildings regulations are required.
- Use a contractor selected from the SSDC approved list for play area facilities.
- Incorporate disabled access and provide an access statement where relevant.

### Special conditions

Access Review to help with future improvements.