

Community Grant to Broadway and Horton Cricket Club (Executive Decision)

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Purpose of the Report

Councillors are asked to consider the awarding of a grant of £4,567 towards the purchase of twin cricket nets at Broadway and Horton Cricket Club.

Public Interest

Awarding grants is a key way that SSDC supports and helps to deliver community projects sponsored by Parishes and voluntary community organisations in the towns and villages across the district.

Broadway and Horton Cricket Club has applied to the Area West Community Grants Programme for financial assistance with the purchase of new twin cricket nets. The application has been assessed by the Locality Officer who is submitting this report to enable the Area West Committee to make an informed decision about the application.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Councillors award a grant of £4,567 to Broadway and Horton Cricket Club, the grant to be allocated from the Area West Community Grants Programme and subject to SSDC standard conditions for community grants (Appendix A)

Application Details

Name of applicant:	Broadway and Horton Cricket Club
Project:	Purchase of new twin cricket nets
Total project cost:	£35,578
Amount requested from SSDC:	£4,567
Application assessed by:	Adrian Moore

Community Grants Assessment Score

The table below shows the grant scoring for this application. Applications must meet the minimum score of 22 to be considered for SSDC funding under Community Grants policies.

Category		Comments
A Supports Council Plan/Area Chapter	Y/N	Yes
B Supports Equalities & Diversity	Y/N	Yes
C Supports Environment Strategy	1	
D Need for Project	6	
E Capacity of Organisation	15	
F Financial need	6	
Total	28	

Background

Broadway and Horton Cricket Club play at Pound Road, Broadway, near Ilminster. The club has modern facilities, and play their cricket amongst some of the most beautiful countryside in Somerset. They run 2 Saturday sides who both play in the Somerset Cricket League. The league has 12 divisions, of which the 1st XI are now in division 4 (3 promotions in the last 5 years) and the 2nd XI play in division 9SE. Recently, the 2nd XI won the prestigious 'Don Crouch Fair Play Award' for the whole league. Both sides are selected from local men, women, girls and boys of all different ages and abilities. On Sundays, they run a Mid Wessex Sunday 40-over league team and also run some youth coaching for younger members on Thursday evenings.

Currently their pre-season net practice takes place at Heathfield School in Taunton. It is the ambition of this project to have twin nets at their own ground for all members to be able to use for practice.

The Club has had many achievements recently; 'All Stars' cricket coaching, for 5-8 year olds. Delivered 'Chance to Shine' cricket coaching for primary school children in four local primary schools. Created an under 13s cricket team, and an under 11 girls team (who came second in the county championships). Increased club membership from 70 to 130. Their 2nd XI earned promotion in the Somerset league, and their indoor cricket team won the league. The Club is involved in the new 'Dynamos' cricket for under 11s, organised by the England Cricket Board (ECB), and have started a women's cricket team preparing to play next season.

Parish information

Parish	Broadway and Horton
Parish populations	Approx 1,500

The Project

The project is to install new twin lane cricket nets at Broadway and Horton Cricket Club. This will allow the club to provide cricket training and coaching for all ages in a safe environment, and allow it to accommodate the growing number of cricketers living in and around Broadway and Horton. The membership of their youth teams has risen dramatically in the last few years. From their initial intake of 12 under 8s three years ago, they have grown rapidly and now have up to 50 under 8s at Sunday morning sessions, with under 11s and under 13 matches running at the same time. In total,



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they have 3 youth teams, compared to 4 years ago they when they had none. As well as their youth teams, their adult teams are also expanding.

The new nets will allow for ad-hoc net sessions organised by individual groups of people outside of club sessions. Two nets will allow the club to differentiate between players of different abilities and reduce competition for net time. Increased capacity will allow adult and junior teams to practice at similar times, allowing older youth members to stay-on and practice with adults if desired, and for adults to engage with the youth training. Properly installed, high quality nets will also provide safe and secure facilities for local schools to use.

Local support / evidence of need

The club's focus is on improving the playing equipment and facilities. They have arranged questionnaires through their social media site, asking members, young and old, for their opinions on how to improve the club. New cricket nets was overwhelmingly the most popular response. It will enable the club to run more training events, run more teams, and promote even greater participation through having better cricket facilities. The current single net is very old. New nets will improve the quality of training and provide a better degree of safety, particularly when younger players are using them.

Increased use of the new nets will come about as part of the ECB drive to increase cricket participation through its 'Chance to Shine, All Stars and Dynamos Schemes'. Newsletters and flyers will promote the new facilities as well as the use of social media. The club's website will publicise the new facilities.

Project costs

Project costs	Cost £
Exclusive Leisure 34M twin nets	31,860
Remove excavated aggregates/spoil removing from site	1,250
five 3.65 metre long x 2 metre high protective sheets	300
50mm wide x 150mm high concrete kerb edgings	1,900
Planning Permission	268
Total	35,578

Funding plan

Funding source	Secured or pending	Amount £
Broadway Parish Council	Secured	1,000
Own Funds (virtual cycling fundraiser)	Secured	865
Sports England	Secured	15,000
Somerset Community Fund	Secured	2,000
Section 106 6/03261/REM	Pending	12,146
SSDC	Pending	4,567
Total		35,578



Conclusion and Recommendation

It is recommended that a grant of £4,567 is awarded

Financial implications

The balance in the Area West Capital programme is £132,329. If the recommended grant of £4,567 is awarded, £127,762 will remain.

Grants are awarded subject to all other funding being secured before the commencement of the project and are on a % basis of the full project costs. Payment of the grant cannot exceed the grant award and is proportionally reduced if full project costs are under budget.

Council Plan Implications

Focus 3: Environment

To keep South Somerset clean, green and attractive we will work in partnership to:

- Promote recycling and minimise waste
- Promote the use of 'green' technology
- Maintain and promote access to our Country Parks and open spaces to promote good mental and physical health
- Keep streets and neighbourhoods clean and attractive
- Continue to support long term flood resilience
- **Promote a high quality built environment in line with Local Plan policies**
- Support communities to develop and implement local, parish and neighbourhood plans

Focus 5: Health and Communities

To build healthy, self-reliant, active communities we will:

- **Support communities so that they can identify their needs and develop local solutions**
- **Target support to areas of need**
- **Help people to live well by enabling quality cultural, leisure, play, sport & healthy lifestyle facilities & activities**
- **Work with partners to tackle health issues such as diabetes and hypertension and mental health**
- Work with our partners to keep our communities safe

Key priorities for Area West - Area Chapter: Healthy, Self-reliant Communities

- To improve pitch provision in Area West and particularly in Chard.

Background Papers

None



Appendix A

Standard conditions applying to all SSDC Community Grants

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 the 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 before starting the project, if these were not already in place at the time of the application.
- 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 when buildings regulations are required.
- Incorporate disabled access and provide an access statement where relevant.

Special conditions

None