



Area East Committee

Wednesday 11th January 2023

10.00 am

**Council Chamber, Council Offices,
Brympton Way, Yeovil BA20 2HT**

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The following members are requested to attend this meeting:

Henry Hobhouse
Robin Bastable
Hayward Burt
Tony Capozzoli
Nick Colbert

Sarah Dyke
Charlie Hull
Mike Lewis
Kevin Messenger
Paul Rowsell

Lucy Trimnell
William Wallace
Colin Winder

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Jane Portman, *Chief Executive Officer*



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Decisions made by area committees, which include financial or policy implications are generally classed as executive decisions. Where these financial or policy decisions have a significant impact on council budgets or the local community, agendas will record these decisions as “key decisions”. The council’s Executive Forward Plan can be viewed online for details of executive/key decisions which are scheduled to be taken in the coming months. Non-executive decisions taken by area committees include planning, and other quasi-judicial decisions.

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- attend and make verbal or written representations, except where, for example, personal or confidential matters are being discussed;
- at the area committee chairman’s discretion, members of the public are permitted to speak for up to up to three minutes on agenda items; and
- see agenda reports

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Public question time

The period allowed for participation in this session shall not exceed 15 minutes except with the consent of the Chairman of the Committee. Each individual speaker shall be restricted to a total of three minutes.

Planning applications

Consideration of planning applications at this meeting will commence no earlier than the time stated at the front of the agenda and on the planning applications schedule. The public and representatives of parish/town councils will be invited to speak on the individual planning applications at the time they are considered.

Comments should be confined to additional information or issues, which have not been fully covered in the officer’s report. Members of the public are asked to submit any additional documents to the planning officer at least 72 hours in advance and not to present them to the Committee on the day of the meeting. This will give the planning officer the opportunity to respond appropriately. Information from the public should not be tabled at the meeting. It should also be noted that, in the interests of fairness, the use of presentational aids (e.g. PowerPoint) by the applicant/agent or those making representations will not be permitted. However, the applicant/agent or those making representations

are able to ask the planning officer to include photographs/images within the officer's presentation subject to them being received by the officer at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. No more than 5 photographs/images either supporting or against the application to be submitted. The planning officer will also need to be satisfied that the photographs are appropriate in terms of planning grounds.

At the committee chairman's discretion, members of the public are permitted to speak for up to three minutes each and where there are a number of persons wishing to speak they should be encouraged to choose one spokesperson to speak either for the applicant or on behalf of any supporters or objectors to the application. The total period allowed for such participation on each application shall not normally exceed 15 minutes.

The order of speaking on planning items will be:

- Town or Parish Council Spokesperson
- Objectors
- Supporters
- Applicant and/or Agent
- District Council Ward Member

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Agenda

Preliminary Items

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 October 2022.

The draft minutes can be viewed online at:

<https://modgov.southsomerset.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=127&Year=0>

2. Apologies for absence

3. Declarations of Interest

In accordance with the Council's current Code of Conduct (as amended 26 February 2015), which includes all the provisions relating to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI), personal and prejudicial interests, Members are asked to declare any DPI and also any personal interests (and whether or not such personal interests are also "prejudicial") in relation to any matter on the Agenda for this meeting.

Members are reminded that they need to declare the fact that they are also a member of a County, Town or Parish Council as a Personal Interest. Where you are also a member of Somerset County Council and/or a Town or Parish Council within South Somerset you must declare a prejudicial interest in any business on the agenda where there is a financial benefit or gain or advantage to Somerset County Council and/or a Town or Parish Council which would be at the cost or to the financial disadvantage of South Somerset District Council.

Planning Applications Referred to the Regulation Committee

The following members of this Committee are also members of the Council's Regulation Committee:

Councillors Tony Capozzoli, Sarah Dyke, Paul Rowsell and William Wallace.

Where planning applications are referred by this Committee to the Regulation Committee for determination, Members of the Regulation Committee can participate and vote on these items at the Area Committee and at Regulation Committee. In these cases the Council's decision-making process is not complete until the application is determined by the Regulation Committee. Members of the Regulation Committee retain an open mind and will not finalise their position until the Regulation Committee. They will also consider the matter at Regulation Committee as Members of that Committee and not as representatives of the Area Committee.

4. Date of Next Meeting

Members are asked to note that the next scheduled meeting of the committee will be at the Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil on Wednesday 8 February 2023 at 10.00 am.

5. **Public Question Time**
6. **Chairman Announcements**
7. **Reports from Members**

Items for Discussion

8. **Community Grant Request - Castle Cary Town Council - Pavilion Improvement Project (Executive Decision)** (Pages 6 - 11)
9. **The Balsam Centre - Allocation of Healthy Living Centre Funding for 2022/23 (Executive Decision)** (Pages 12 - 20)
10. **Wincanton Sports Ground Update** (Pages 21 - 24)
11. **Verbal Update on Wincanton Regeneration Scheme** (Page 25)
12. **Area East Committee Forward Plan** (Pages 26 - 27)
13. **Planning Appeals** (Page 28)

Please note that the decisions taken by Area Committees may be called in for scrutiny by the Council's Scrutiny Committee prior to implementation.

This does not apply to decisions taken on planning applications.



Community Grant Request - Castle Cary Town Council – Pavilion Improvement Project (Executive Decision)

Strategic Director: Kirsty Larkins, Director of Service Deliver
Service Manager: Tim Cook, Locality Manager
Lead Officer: Terena Isaacs, Locality Officer
Contact Details: terena.isaacs@southsomerset.gov.uk or 01935 462268

Purpose of the Report

Councillors are asked to consider the awarding of a grant of £4,200 towards the Pavilion Improvement project.

Public Interest

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

Castle Cary Town Council has applied to the Area East community grants programme for financial assistance with the architect costs of the Donald Pither Pavilion improvement project. The Locality Officer is submitting this report to enable the Area East Committee to make an informed decision about the application and has assessed the application.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Councillors award a grant £4,200 (50% of costs) to Castle Cary Town Council, towards the Pavilion Improvement Project, the grant to be allocated from the Area East capital programme and subject to SSSC standard conditions for community grants (appendix A).

Application Details

Name of applicant:	Castle Cary Town Council
Project:	Pavilion Improvement Project
Total project cost:	£8,400
Amount requested from SSSC:	£4,200
% amount requested	50%
Application assessed by:	Terena Isaacs

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	Max Score available	Officer assessment score
A Supports Council Plan/Area Chapter	1	1
B Supports Equalities & Diversity	2	2
C Supports Environment Strategy	3	2
D Need for Project	10	6
E Capacity of Organisation	15	12
F Financial need	7	3
Total	37	26

Background

The Donald Pither Pavilion is owned by Castle Cary Town Council and used by the Football and Cricket Clubs. The building is in need of refurbishment and enlargement to continue to provide the much needed facilities for the clubs and to meet the standards required by the FA and ECB. This has been a long planned project that unfortunately has hit various stumbling blocks over the last few years including lack of funds, Town Council changes (staff and Councillor), COVID and other issues.

Parish information

Parish*	Castle Cary
Parish Population	2,276
No. of dwellings	1,188

*Taken from the 2011 census profile

The project

A Pavilion Project group was established in 2021, they have gathered information from the clubs and users to identify their needs and researched the FA and ECB requirements, which has identified that the existing building does not meet those needs and means that the Football Club are unable to progress through the league. The building is dated and in need of refurbishment to encourage people to use it. Also, enable the sports clubs who use it, to attract more supporters to come along and watch matches. A project brief was created by the Group and local architects were invited to tender. Three tenders have been received, following a selection process Charles Gillespie has been appointed as the Architect to work with the group in the coming months to design a fit for purpose building, that will meet the current and future needs of the community.

Local support / evidence of need

Without the improvements and extension to the Pavilion, the Football Club will be unable to progress through the league and all clubs and teams will find it difficult to grow, both members and supporters. The Pavilion has the potential to be a much-needed asset to the growing community, offering excellent facilities for sport and leisure for all. It is also hoped that the building will create opportunities for other uses, particularly for younger people to use ie. youth activities, clubs, family gatherings etc. in turn this opens potential income streams to enable continuous improvements to the building.

Project costs

Project costs	Cost £
Architectural costs for Pavilion project	8,400
Total	8,400

Funding plan

Funding source	Secured or pending	Amount £
Own Funds		4,200
SSDC Community Grant	Pending	4,200
Total		8,400

Conclusion and Recommendation

It is recommended that a grant of £4,200 is awarded.

Financial Implications

The balance in the Area East Capital programme is £6,657. If the recommended grant of £4,200 is awarded, £2,457 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

Council Plan themes and Areas of focus for 2022/23:

- Collaborate with local partners to reduce the impact of social isolation and create a feeling of community
- Work with local partners to support people in improving their physical and mental health and wellbeing and reduce inequalities
- Enable quality and inclusive cultural, leisure and sport activities



Carbon Emissions and Climate Change Implications

The refurbishment of the Pavilion will improve the energy efficiency of the building, offer the opportunity to consider enhancements such as solar panels, more energy efficient equipment and appliances etc. The design will be in keeping with the area and consideration will be given to all environmental improvements that can be included.

Equality and Diversity Implications

<i>An Equality Impact Relevance Check Form has been completed in respect of the Proposal?</i>	Yes
<i>The Impact Relevance Check indicated that a full EIA was required?</i>	No
Additional Comments	
The project aims to provide for people across all age and interest groups in the local community. Ensuring accessible for the disabled and wheelchair users.	

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.
- Complete an evaluation survey when requested after the completion of the project.
- Note that they cannot apply for another community grant for the same project within a 3 year period of this award.

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.

Equality Impact Relevance Check Form



The Public Sector Equality Duty requires us to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations with protected groups. This tool will identify the equalities relevance of a proposal, and establish whether a full Equality Impact Assessment will be required.

What is the proposal?	
Name of the proposal	Pavilion Improvements
Type of proposal (new or changed Strategy, policy, project, service or budget):	Community Grant
Brief description of the proposal:	Pavilion Improvements
Name of lead officer:	Terena Isaacs

You should consider whether the proposal has the potential to negatively impact on citizens or staff in the following ways:

- Access to or participation in a service,
- Levels of representation in our workforce, or
- Reducing quality of life (i.e. health, education, standard of living)

A negative impact is any change that could be considered detrimental. If a negative impact is imposed on any citizens or staff with protected characteristics, the Council has a legal duty to undertake a full Equality Impact Assessment.

Could your proposal negatively impact citizens with protected characteristics? (This includes service users and the wider community)	NO
Could your proposal negatively impact staff with protected characteristics? (i.e. reduction in posts, changes to working hours or locations, changes in pay)	NO

Is a full Equality Impact Assessment required?	NO
If Yes, Please provide a brief description of where there may be negative impacts, and for whom. Then complete a full Equality Impact assessment Form	
If No, Please set out your justification for why not.	
The Pavilion Improvements are to create a more modern, usable facility to bring up to standard for the FA and ECB. The improved facilities will be accessible to all abilities and wheelchair accessible, including disabled toilets and shower facilities. As the project will specifically address issues of disability and access and deliver positive impacts a full EIA is not required	
Service Director / Manager sign-off and date	Tim Cook - 15/11/22
Equalities Officer sign-off and date	David Crisfield 21 st November 2022



The Balsam Centre – Allocation of Healthy Living Centre Funding for 2022/23 (Executive Decision)

Strategic Director: *Kirsty Larkins, Service Delivery*
Service Manager: *Tim Cook, Locality Manager*
Lead Officer: *Terena Isaacs, Locality Officer*
Contact Details: *terena.isaacs@southsomerset.gov.uk or 01935 462268*

Purpose of the Report

To consider the allocation of funding to the Balsam Centre.

Public Interest

Supporting and helping the Balsam Centre to improve the work of voluntary community organisations in the town and villages across Area East.

Recommendation

It is recommended that members:

- Award £10,000 to the Balsam Centre for the delivery of the Healthy Living Centre work programme – of which £8,200 to be allocated from the Area East Discretionary / Project Budget and £1,800 from Area East reserves.

Background

The Balsam Centre was established in 1998, with the purchase of the former memorial hospital in the centre of Wincanton. The project was established to specifically meet the needs of Wincanton and the surrounding area (this includes some 40 settlements with a population of 30,000) due to an identified gap in services in the area, particularly in mental health services. Extensive refurbishment of the building and the setting up of services was enabled through a Lottery grant and support from a range of funders, including SSDC.

The Balsam Centre delivers a range of integrated health and wellbeing projects and initiatives, most of which directly link with physical activity, healthy eating and mental health support alongside participation in community based activities, supported social engagement and learning.

SSDC has supported the Balsam Centre through both core funding and project grants since it began. In the past, core funding has been allocated through the Healthy Living Pooled Fund; a budget set up jointly by SSDC, NHS Somerset and SCC and reported annually to the South Somerset Health and Wellbeing Partnership (SSH&WP).

Members will recall this budget was originally established to support Healthy Living Centres across the whole of the district but, as the only eligible organisation is based in Area East, this central budget is delegated to Area East Committee.

Going forward, we are working on the assumption this is possibly the last year this funding will be available.

Appendix 1. Provides information on the Balsam Centre's outcomes for 2022.

Financial Implications

There is currently £8,200 available from the Area East discretionary/project revenue budget. If members agree the recommendation, £0 will remain in the revenue budget.

Council Plan Implications

Focus: Healthy, Self-reliant Communities

- Work with partners to keep our residents safe and feel safe in their homes and communities
- Collaborate with local partners to reduce the impact of social isolation and create a feeling of community
- Work with local partners to support people in improving their physical and mental health and wellbeing and reduce inequalities
- Enable quality and inclusive cultural, leisure and sport activities
- Proactively support residents facing hardship and tackle the causes of economic & social exclusion, poverty, and low social mobility
- Support the Balsam Centre and collaborate in the development of new wellbeing initiatives

Carbon Emissions and Climate Change Implications

The Balsam Centre supports and provides various projects, including health walks, wellbeing/ community/partnership groups along with volunteering projects, which negates the need for travel.

Equality and Diversity Implications

The loss of services designed to meet the needs of the most disadvantaged in target communities is likely to have a significant effect over time.

Background Papers

None.

Activity	Description	Staff	Numbers of users 2022	Outcomes
Health Walks	Inclusive, accessible walks designed to increase fitness, aerobic activity and access to the countryside. Long walk 3-5 miles x 1 weekly Buggy walk at Stourhead or Newt fortnightly for post-natal peer support group.	Volunteer co-ordinator and 14 trained volunteer walk leaders	Walks have fully resumed as pre-covid with average 11 people attending.	Improves physical activity and physical health, social networks, peer support.
Short Health Walks	Weekly short circular walks for people with physical conditions that cause limited mobility; people with learning difficulties or those new to walking for health.	As above.	Walks have fully resumed with an average of 9 people attending each walk	Promoting physical activity, social benefits, and led by trained volunteers. In combination with other lifestyle changes, some walkers reduce their BMI significantly.
Conkers Nursery	Day Care and Early Education for 0-5's providing high quality wraparound, all year round provision with Forest School ethos.	Nursery Manager and Deputy, Administrator and ten Early Years Educators	57 children registered and attending, facility is at full operating capacity and there is a waiting list.	Children have best start in life. Working parents have childcare options. Children are ready for, and are eager learners at school.
Employment Support	Support for people experiencing difficulties gaining and maintaining employment, especially post Covid.	SSDC/Abri staff and Employment Co-ordinator	The Balsam Centre is a partner in a South Somerset employment project led by Karen Chalke SSDC and Martin Clayton (Abri) supporting people into employment in Wincanton through the Centre's holistic offer.	Building personal confidence and skills, volunteering and work experience opportunities & improved employability. Linking with local businesses and employment opportunities and infrastructure.
Volunteering Project	Recruitment, placement and management of volunteers and provision of a range of volunteering roles/opportunities that support the activities of the Centre and the community.	Volunteer Co-ordinator	104 active volunteers. Volunteers support in all areas of Centre activity from e.g. the maternal mental health group, to teaching English to speakers of other languages, to gardening and maintaining our grounds.	Volunteers bring and/or gain skills, confidence and experience which can lead to employment. Projects increase their capacity and run more effectively with volunteers. Skilled volunteers support individuals and groups through difficult times e.g. Covid.

Activity	Description	Staff	Numbers of users 2022	Outcomes
Hopscotch Family Support	Support and peer support for families with children under 18, undergoing a range of difficulties that impact family life.	Senior Family Worker and Senior Youth Worker	We have worked with 32 distinct families in the last year.	Individual family members' health, wellbeing and life chances are improved. Families are able to function independently are more resilient, more engaged in their communities and are less likely to need state interventions. Children attend school and continue their education.
The Good Stuff Project	A new, four year, mainly Lottery funded project for Wincanton which aims to improve the health, social, cultural, employment and environmental fabric of the community. The project works with under-served communities in the town and in close partnership with other local services and organisations	Two Good Stuff Project Workers	The project started in July and its first phase involved connecting with people in the town, through door knocking, meeting with delivery partners, researching skills needs and activities and recruiting volunteers. The project has so far made contact with 348 people in Wincanton. Two new groups have started and the Centre will be opening on a Saturday to enable families and working people to be involved.	After the initial planned research and ground works for the project it is now moving into its delivery phase where outcomes will be focused on increased community activity and engagement, opportunities for building practical, life and employment skills and generating an increased sense of purpose, identity and belonging within the community.
Young Carers	Peer, social and practical support and activities for young carers	Senior Youth Worker	The project has been running since January 22 with a peer support group of 7 young carers.	A peer support network has developed between young carers locally and they enjoy the benefits of some regular time away from their caring commitments.

Activity	Description	Staff	Numbers of users 2022	Outcomes
OPEN Mental Health	A collaboration between a group of Somerset Voluntary Sector organisations and Somerset Foundation Trust to improve access to mental health services and activities.	Five Recovery and Wellbeing Workers (3.3 FTE) a Locality Co-ordinator (0.9 FTE) and management time	The Balsam Centre is the Voluntary Sector lead for South Somerset and provides mental health support and activities both directly and indirectly, across the locality. The Centre has provided 2582 individual sessions for people across South Somerset in the last year. Activities include 1:1 support, counselling, and trauma informed social, therapeutic and creative group activities, including Ecotherapy at Ham Hill in partnership with SSSDC.	People experiencing mental health problems are able to be introduced to the right service or support at the right time. All relevant services are working together. People with a range of mental health support needs have improved mental health, reduced dependence on medication/NHS and are better able to cope with life. People have improved diet and physical health, greater confidence.
Family Safeguarding	A new model of support for families with a Child Protection, or Child in Need order and where parents are at risk of having a child removed.	2 FTE Recovery & Wellbeing workers and management time.	The R & W workers are embedded in the Children's Social Care work team in Yeovil and work across South Somerset. Staff are currently operating on a full case load of 32 families.	The aim of the work is to prevent children from going into care, by ensuring that their families are able to care for them safely and appropriately.
Young People	Young People's specialist counselling, Nurture Café, Life Skills and Young People's group – The Hive. Opportunities for young people, especially those who are vulnerable or experiencing difficulties in the home/school to engage in a supportive, creative and nurturing environment.	Project worker, counsellor and trained volunteers	50 + young people supported each week.	Improved personal resilience, social and life skills, social networks. Improved school attendance, exam results, better family relationships and engagement in the community.

Activity	Description	Staff	Numbers of users 2022	Outcomes
Maternal Mental Health	Family support, specialist counselling and peer support for parents experiencing peri/post natal difficulties/depression.	Counsellor and Senior Family Support Worker	62 families supported in last year in 319 sessions. 'The Nest' is being used as a Family Support and Early Years hub at the Centre with new groups and interventions set up to meet demand.	Improved family relationships and family dynamics. Parental understanding of importance of bonding, attachment and baby and child development. Mums form friendships and peer support groups. Mums have improved personal and family relationships, increased independence and hope for the future.
Men's Shed	Creative social project for isolated and older men based on woodworking and activities using natural materials.	Volunteer Co-ordinator	Runs twice weekly with 8 + people per session. (100 sessions) The last year has been devoted to fundraising and finding the optimum configuration for an extension to the Men's Shed to allow greater use, including for families and at weekends.	Improved mental health and wellbeing of men who are isolated or alone or who have long term limiting or degenerative condition.
Wellbeing groups	Social and therapeutic groups and activities including outreach to villages. Dementia support, Drop-In groups, Textiles, Older people's peer support etc.	Project worker/Volunteer and/or peer led	65+ people access groups weekly at the Centre and outreach to Templecombe and Milborne Port	Improved socialisation and social networks, increased confidence, skills and resilience
CAB	One day a week	Reception and trained volunteers	CAB has been by phone or on line appointment throughout the year and numbers accessing are not currently available to us. CAB have rented space in the Centre and have resumed face to face appointments, but are primarily working online.	Free advice and support from trained advisors for people needing specialist support and advice

Activity	Description	Staff	Numbers of users 2022	Outcomes
Flexercise	Two groups of chair-based exercise, Wincanton and Milborne Port meet each week.	Project worker	Face to face sessions with 16 + people weekly.	Increased physical activity, improved mobility, social networks
Community groups	Yoga, Tai Chi, Textiles, Painting and Drawing, Breastfeeding support, Games Club, talks and events, Women's Shed, Carers Support, Warm Hub and cost of living support	Reception, Volunteer Co-ordinator, Volunteers	120 + people into the Centre weekly.	Physical activity opportunities, creative, learning, cultural, social and community activities.
Partners	Growing Space, Health Visitors, CAT Bus, CAB, Social Services, SSDC access point, Child Contact Centre, Employment Opportunities Hub	Reception	Based at or using the Centre to meet their client groups. Approximately 200 people	Accessible health and social services and support for the wider determinants of health, including employment.

Growing Space	Independent 'sister' charity providing social and therapeutic horticulture activities	Project Manager and project worker	15 per week.	Supported mental health work, peer support, focus on additional needs and learning difficulties. Horticultural skills.
Building use/hire	Developing health, social and community use of the centre	Centre Admin, Receptionist, Finance Officer and Centre Manager.	The Centre has continued as a valued community hub and source of information and support for the whole community.	Income generation. Development of community hub. Base for multi-agency working, including both tiers of the Local Authority and the NHS,
Tenants	CAT Bus, Health Visitor Team, Rural Practice Network	Centre Admin, Finance Officer	20 + staff active in the Centre	Income generation for charity. Operational partners in building supports joined up, integrated and multi-agency working, including a new administrative base for the Rural Practice Network.

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Type of proposal (new or changed Strategy, policy, project, service or budget):	Community Grant
Brief description of the proposal:	Funding to support ongoing community support offered by The Balsam Centre
Name of lead officer:	Terena Isaacs

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If No, Please set out your justification for why not.	
The Balsam Centre is fully accessible to all, with good access for those using wheelchairs and other mobility aids. The centre's activities are inclusive and provides specific services to support mental health, the elderly and vulnerable and young people support. Therefore a full EIA statement is not required.	
Service Director / Manager sign-off and date	Tim Cook - 21/11/22
Equalities Officer sign-off and date	Dave Crisfield 21 st November 2022



Wincanton Sports Ground Update

Strategic Director: Kirsty Larkins (Service Delivery)
Service Manager: Tim Cook, Locality Manager
Lead Officer: Tim Cook, Locality Manager
Contact Details: Tim.cook@southsomerset.gov.uk or 01963 435088

Purpose of the Report

The purpose of the report is to update members on the current arrangements and performance of the Wincanton Sports Ground (WSG).

Public Interest

The Wincanton Sport Ground provides an important leisure and recreation facility to Wincanton and its surrounding hinterland.

Recommendation

That members note the report

Background

In March 2021, Area East Committee received an update on the Wincanton Sports Ground. The report detailed significant changes in the governance with a move to a volunteer only model of delivery. The new arrangements had only been in place for a few months and members requested a further update when the new arrangements had had an opportunity become established.

Governance

Members will recall that the facility was no longer managed by a company limited by guarantee and that the Trust had taken on direct operational management of the facility. A committee had been established to manage the day-to-day operations with support from Trustees. This made immediate efficiency savings (Staffing & Business Rates) in the region of £30,000 per year.

A significant amount of work has been done on the recruitment of Trustees and the Trust currently has nine Trustees with good user group representation and a range of relevant knowledge and experience.

An emergency meeting was called in June 2022 as several volunteers had decided to step down. The meeting generated some interest, and volunteers (new and returning)

stepped forward. The current level of volunteering is good. However, it should be noted that there are significant risks attached to reliance on volunteer effort. Maintaining a good number of volunteers and avoiding overloading any one individual or individuals without an element of paid support, is extremely challenging. It is unclear as to whether it is sustainable in the longer term. Other options for operating the facility continue to be explored.

User groups and usage

At the time that the last report was presented, the new management arrangements had only just been introduced and the facility was still in the process of building usage back to pre-covid levels.

Usage of the facilities has remained steady with an increase in events and one-off bookings.

The regular users are currently as follows:

- Football Club
- Tennis Club
- Rugby Club
- Forest School
- A training/work-out provider
- Various Astro users (local groups)
- Events – especially in the bar/recreation area.

Financial position

There is now a clearer idea of running costs and income generation from regular use. A full set of accounts for 21/22 are available on the charity commission website.

The overall financial performance since the changes were introduced has been positive with a small surplus expected this year.

Income for the last 12 months is £82k.

Main income items are as follows: -

- Income from sports clubs - in the region of £7k per annum.
- The Astro bookings - £12k
- Events - Pavilion hire & Bar income - £24k
- Grants - £28k

£6000 of Section 106 money was recently allocated to address serious issues with drainage of the main football pitch.

Total expenditure for the last 12 month is £44,500

Main items of expenditure are as follows: -

- Repairs and servicing - £12k
- Utilities (Gas, Water & Electricity) - £12k
- Insurance and security (alarms etc) - £8k

The surplus generated is encouraging. However, there are significant repairs and maintenance liabilities going forward and a programme of improvements, costed at a little over £200,000.

It is also worth noting that financial stability continues to be dependent on grants alongside the reduction of staffing costs.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications as a direct result of this report.

Council Plan Implications

Healthy & Self-Reliant Communities

- Collaborate with local partners to reduce the impact of social isolation and create a feeling of community
- Work with local partners to support people in improving their physical and mental health and wellbeing and reduce inequalities
- Enable quality and inclusive cultural, leisure and sport activities

Carbon Emissions and Climate Change Implications

There are no implications as a direct result of this report.

Equality and Diversity Implications

<i>An Equality Impact Relevance Check Form has been completed in respect of the Proposal?</i>	Yes
<i>The Impact Relevance Check indicated that a full EIA was required?</i>	No
<i>If an EIA was not required please attach the Impact Relevance Check Form as an Appendix to this report and provide a brief summary of its findings in the comments box below.</i>	
<i>Not attached as this an update report for information only.</i>	
<i>If an EIA was required please attach the completed EIA form as an Appendix to this report and provide a brief summary of the result of your Equality Impact Assessment in the comment box below.</i>	
Additional Comments	
<i>There is no proposed change to the operating arrangements of this external organisation. This update will not negatively impact any citizens. The facility is accessible to all and widely used with details widely publicised online and via social media.</i>	

Background Papers

- Wincanton Sports Ground Update to Area East Committee March 2021
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Verbal Update on Wincanton Regeneration Scheme

Officer: Peter Paddon, Acting Director (Place & Recovery)
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The Acting Director (Place & Recovery) will be attending the meeting to provide a verbal update on the Wincanton Regeneration Scheme.



Area East Forward Plan

Director: Nicola Hix, Support, Strategy and Environmental Services
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Purpose of the Report

This report informs Members of the agreed Area East Forward Plan.

Recommendations

Members are asked to note and comment upon the proposed Area East Forward Plan as attached, and to identify priorities for any further reports

Area East Committee Forward Plan

The forward plan sets out items and issues to be discussed over the coming few months. It is reviewed and updated each month, and included within the Area Committee agenda, where members of the Area Committee may endorse or request amendments. Members of the public, councillors, service managers, and partners may also request an item be placed within the forward plan for a future meeting, by contacting the agenda co-ordinator.

Items marked *in italics* are not yet confirmed, due to the attendance of additional representatives.

To make the best use of the Area Committee, the focus for topics should be on issues where local involvement and influence may be beneficial, and where local priorities and issues raised by the community are linked to SSDC corporate aims and objectives.

Further details on these items, or to suggest / request an agenda item for the Area East Committee, please contact one of the officer's names above.

Background Papers

None.

Area East Committee Forward Plan

Items marked *in italics* are not yet confirmed.

For further details on these items please contact the agenda coordinator at democracy@southsomerset.gov.uk

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Lead Officer
<i>Feb 2023</i>	<i>Past Achievements of Grants Awarded</i>	<i>Tim Cook – Locality Team Manager</i>
<i>Feb 2023 TBC</i>	<i>An update on the ‘warm rooms’ initiative</i>	<i>Dave Crisfield – Specialist Communities</i>
<i>Feb 2023</i>	<i>Section 106/CIL update</i>	<i>Tim Cook – Locality Manager</i>



Planning Appeals

Strategic Director: Kirsty Larkins, Service Delivery
Lead Specialist: John Hammond, Principal Planner
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Purpose of the Report

To inform members of the appeals that have been lodged, decided upon or withdrawn.

Public Interest

The Area Chairmen have asked that a monthly report relating to the number of appeals received, decided upon or withdrawn be submitted to the Committee.

Recommendation

That members note the report.

Appeals Received

None.

Appeals Dismissed

None

Appeals Allowed

None.
