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Head of Community and Environmental Services Report No. COMM1615

Farnborough Airport - Community Environmental Fund

Introduction

 This paper seeks approval to award grants from the Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund to assist local projects and to approve an amendment to a grant previously awarded to Mayfield Community Partnership.

Grants for local projects

 The Cabinet Member for Environment has considered two applications and has made award recommendations for all (Appendix A).

Farnborough Bowling Club
Fernhill Primary School
£3,500
£8,032
Total
£11,532

- The Community Environmental Fund is currently £45,024. Taking the two applications recommended in this paper totalling £11,532 would leave £33,492 available for allocation.
- The guidelines for allocating the funds are attached in Appendix B

Amendment of grant use

 In May 2016 Mayfield Community Partnership was awarded a £2,000 grant for stage one of the Hawley Community Garden project. This was for soil testing, the planning application and water site survey, and has come in under budget at £845. They would like to use the remainder of the funds on the next stage of the project, which includes the water supply, breaking up the concrete and fencing.

Recommendation

- Cabinet is recommended to approve the awards totalling £11,532 in Appendix A
- Cabinet is recommended to approve Mayfield Community Partnership using the remainder of their grant on the next stage of the project.

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Environment Fund applicant bid	
Name & address of Applicant	Farnborough Bowling Club
Grant requested (Total cost of project)	£15,000 (£26,000)
Purpose of grant	Bowling green renewal – to remove existing grass, level and re-seed the green
Previous grants from this fund	2013 - £960 towards cost of renovating bowling green
Distance from centre of runway (within 5 kilometres (3 miles)	Yes
Other sources of funding for this project	£11,000 – club funds
Accounts	Income - £12,034
	Expenditure - £10,884
	Balances - £23,659
Additional Info	Established in 1947, the club is affiliated to Bowls England and Bowls Hampshire. Bowls has been played continuously since the formation of the Club at District, County and National level. The Club provides competitive and fun bowling to its members and is open to non-members twice a week. Of the 94 members, 75 are Rushmoor residents.
	The clubhouse and bowling Green is used every day in the bowling season between April and October. During the closed season the clubhouse is utilised for social events including darts and skittles, attended by members and guests. The clubhouse is also available for hire for social events and by external groups and organisations for corporate events such as team building days.
	The condition of the bowling Green has deteriorated over the last decade; the project to level and re-lay the Green will ensure that the club continues to thrive in the South Farnborough community, enhance its reputation and lead to increased membership. The club is currently developing an initiative to work with the local Nepalese community.
	The club enables members of the local community to keep active, enjoy the outdoors, develop skills and co-ordination, build confidence and to socialise and make new friends. Such benefits to the local community, particularly to the over 55's would be lost if the green was not there or deteriorated to the point where it becomes unplayable.
	Renovation of the green is the first of a number of environmental projects planned. Future plans include introducing energy efficient measures and improved disabled access
Aim of organisation/group	The club aims to continue to support the Bowls Development Alliance in meeting their targets of "Bringing 10,810 new people into the sport aged 55 and over, and 2,800 new people aged 16 and over with a disability into the sport."
Application recommendation	£3,500

Environment Fund applicant bid	
Name & address of Applicant	Fernhill Primary School
Grant requested (Total cost of project)	£8,032 (£8,032)
Purpose of grant	Outdoor adventure trail, seats and benches including delivery & installation:
	£5,062 – Playspace 3 £1,905 – 3x Cartmel tables £1,065 – 15x toadstools
Previous grants from this fund	2014 - £2,000 towards outdoor library
Distance from centre of runway (within 5 kilometres (3 miles)	Within range
Other sources of funding for this project	None
Accounts	Income - £757,839
	Expenditure - £762,546
	Balances - £9,278
Additional Info	The adventure trail, made from wood, includes several components to create a developing climbing trail that develops fitness and agility.
	This will improve children's playtime facilities on the field, allowing them to be active, developing their core strength, overall fitness and gross motor skills.
	Many of the children do not spend time outdoors in fields and on safe equipment, so this would give them similar opportunities to other children.
	During the Air show the children watch on the field.
	School is small and has limited fundraising abilities due to the deprivation of the local area. The equipment will initially benefit around 160 children, plus the new intake in subsequent years.
Aim of organisation/group	"We make our decisions focused on our children and are committed to delivering equality in experience for them."
Application recommendation	£8,032

Appendix B

Guidelines

- The Community Environmental Fund commenced in 2001. It is levied by Farnborough Airport on business aviation movements at a rate of £2 per aircraft movement and £5 per aircraft movement where the aircraft is a Boeing business jet or an Airbus A310 corporate jet.
- The fund is available to groups and organisations under the following criteria: -
 - Located within 5 kilometres (3 miles) from the centre of Farnborough Airport (taken to be halfway down the main runway)
 - Within this 5 kilometre radius, is demonstrably and regularly affected by aircrafts travelling to and from Farnborough Airport
 - Will result in the improvement or provision of an outdoor facility or area that is accessible to the public and able to be enjoyed by the community as a whole
 - Is a community or environment based bid, projects may include: -
 - Green or open spaces
 - Natural habitats
 - Environmental improvements or outdoor play
 - Community projects with an emphasis on improving the local environment or outdoor education