

APPENDIX 3

BURGESS HILL TOWN COUNCIL
MAJOR GANT APPLICATIONS 2020

ORGANISATION	REQUESTED	AWARDED
Burgess Hill Cricket Club	£5,000	
Burgess Hill Shed	£4,432	
Total	£9,432	

BURGESS HILL TOWN COUNCIL	
MAJOR GRANT APPLICATION – Environmental Initiative	
NAME OF ORGANISATION	BURGESS HILL CRICKET CLUB
NUMBER OF BURGESS HILL MEMBERS/BENEFICIARIES	50 adult members & 195 junior members
PURPOSE FOR WHICH GRANT IS SOUGHT	Contribution towards Environmental Project 'Turn St John's Park Green'
AMOUNT REQUESTED	£5,000
TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	£19,188
OTHER SOURCES OF INCOME	Own funds
PREVIOUS GRANTS	£1,000 in 2013; £2,000 in 2018 & £1,000 in 2020
CONSTITUTION	yes
FINANCE	Club accounts to 31 December 2019
COMMUNITY COMMENTS:	
<p>Burgess Hill Cricket Club celebrates its 150th anniversary in 2022. It is an amateur sports club that provides opportunities to learn, practice and play cricket for youngsters, girls and boys, and adults in Burgess Hill. The club is run entirely by volunteers and supports local schools and community groups by coaching, enabling these groups to make use of the club's facilities whenever possible without charge. The club has been appointed by Sussex County Cricket Club and the ECB as a Focus Club for this area of the County and recognises the commitment to delivering training to the junior section.</p> <p>The grant requested is towards improving the quality of provision in the town with a plan to restore the park's playing surface to its former condition, with substantial investment in the infrastructure in order to solve the problems of lack of water and poor quality grass coverage. There is a 3 stage plan which they estimate will cost £40k for all stages. The club is looking for a contribution towards the cost of stage 1 to install an irrigation system around the square with pop up sprinklers, which will benefit the outfield too. MSDC has confirmed commitment to stage 2 and 3 (stage 2 - laser level the square and use surplus soil to level bumps in outfield; stage 3 scarify and reseed outfield) as those elements are considered ground maintenance. The long term plan is for the club to take on the site maintenance, which has been agreed in principle with MSDC.</p> <p>The installation of an irrigation system will result in a marked reduction in water usage for the ground – not only will it be strictly controlled irrigation but will take place at night, thereby minimising evaporation.</p>	
FINANCIAL COMMENT:	
<i>Financial Snapshot</i>	
Income:	£ 54,232
Deficit:	£ (4,209)
Reserves:	£ 2,106
Forward cost cover	< 1 month
<p><i>Comment:</i> Although at the end of Dec 2019 the reserves are limited, the club has been successful in raising circa £14k via the localgiving.org website, however, they are still short of some £5k. No financial objection although Members may want to consider the size of the grant being requested.</p>	
GRANT AWARDED: £	

BURGESS HILL TOWN COUNCIL MAJOR GRANT APPLICATION									
NAME OF ORGANISATION	Burgess Hill Shed								
NUMBER OF BURGESS HILL MEMBERS/BENEFICIARIES	24 Burgess Hill adult members & 41 non BH members								
PURPOSE FOR WHICH GRANT IS SOUGHT	Contribution towards materials & services recommissioning costs for retail unit in The Martlets								
AMOUNT REQUESTED	£4,360								
TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	£25,702 (NB. This valuation includes a valuation for the use of volunteer labour. If excluded, total project cost is really £12,292).								
OTHER SOURCES OF INCOME									
PREVIOUS GRANTS	2016 - £978								
CONSTITUTION	Yes								
FINANCE	Statement of Financial Activities 30/09/2019								
<p>COMMUNITY COMMENTS: Burgess Hill Shed was formed in 2016 and supports socially isolated and lonely people by providing a safe space to undertake personal and common projects, sharing tools, equipment and know-how. It provides an opportunity to socialise, improving health and mental wellbeing as well as helping people enhance their career prospects by learning new skills.</p> <p>BH Shed has taken a 3 year lease (with a 3 month break clause) on the former Argos unit in The Martlets to develop The Kiln, an adaptable equipped workspace with extended operating days, times and activities. Opportunities will also be provided for other community groups to use the facility.</p> <p>Funding is requested to cover the cost of materials for a ground floor toilet with disabled access, materials for an accessible ground floor kitchen area and materials for electrical alterations. Also to recommission the fire alarm system, air conditioning system and the heating system.</p> <p>The Shed will carry out most of the work with its own volunteers and has also paid for fire safety and some electrical work.</p>									
<p>FINANCIAL COMMENT: <i>Financial Snapshot</i></p> <table> <tr> <td>Income:</td> <td>£ 9,128</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Surplus:</td> <td>£ 2,911</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reserves:</td> <td>£16,462</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Forward cost cover</td> <td>30 months</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>Comment</i></p> <p>This organisation, for its size, has a substantial level of cash reserves (£20k as at end of Aug 2020), however, taking into account the grant application includes income from events (£4k), a grant (£4k - that has yet to be applied for), all of which should be considered at risk. In addition, the BH Shed are trying to set aside funds in case they have to relocate from Burnside. No financial objection although Members may want to consider the size of the grant being requested.</p>		Income:	£ 9,128	Surplus:	£ 2,911	Reserves:	£16,462	Forward cost cover	30 months
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