

BRECKLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of: Report of Lynda Turner, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Community & Environmental Services

To: Cabinet 1st July

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Subject: Grant Panel Report, March to May 2014

Purpose: This report summarises the funding recommendations that were made by both the Match Funding and Pride Funding Grant Panels between March - May 2014 for information and makes a recommendations to Cabinet on the allocation of Match Funding for two new funding applications.

Recommendation(s):

- 1) That Cabinet approve a match funding grant of £20,000 (27.8% of total project costs) to **Attleborough Boxing Club** for the development of a Strength and Conditioning Room extension on to the club.
- 2) That Cabinet approve a match funding grant of £20,000 (2.2% of total project costs) to **North Elmham Parish Council** for the development of a new build village hall.

1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 This Cabinet report presents and recommends for approval the following two grant applications from the Match funding reserve.

1.2 Attleborough Boxing Club

1.3 A very proactive and much valued club have secured £52,000 in external funding towards the extension and furnishing of an extension to provide a new strength and conditioning room. There is an average of 150 users to the club per week.

1.4 The club have been operating very successfully over a number of years and continue to expand and thrive. They are well regarded by many other local organisations and do a lot of positive work in and around the wider community. This extension will only further enhance the sustainability of the club.

1.5 This extension will not only benefit the users of the club and the club itself, it will also benefit the wider community by providing specialist equipment, more space to accommodate more users, more classes and continue to expand the services they provide the community. Including its work with Breckland Council.

1.6 The project meets all of the corporate objectives.

1.7 The applicant has sent in numerous letters of support for this development, from organisations including the Town Council, local sporting personalities, Breckland Council, Ward Members.

1.8 The applicant demonstrates fantastic community support for this project. I have a file full of letters of support, account details, future plans, quotes. If you would like to see the full file please let me know. A fantastic community facility with great community links and demonstrable benefits.

1.9 North Elmham Parish Council New Build Village Hall

1.10 If the applicant is able to secure the match funding for this project the leverage of funds into the district against a grant would be circa 98%.

1.11 This application has come forward due to the current meeting facilities in the village not being fit for purpose or sustainable any longer. The applicants have developed a strong and viable proposal to the problem with sustainability built into the heart of the application and the building proposal which will see one new build hall which will accommodate the users at the current 3 separate halls in the village.

1.12 The applicant presents a detailed application and demonstrates detailed consultation with the community, with a majority in support of the project. There are economies of scale in having one purpose build venue, but I would want confirmation that the needs of all the current users of the 3 separate halls can be accommodated sufficiently in the new hall. The project meets all of the corporate objectives.

1.13 The applicant has given a detailed account of the consultation conducted during the development of this project, including dates of public meetings and the result of votes.

1.14 There is a sub-committee with a representative from each of the three current meeting spaces on it. The applicant demonstrates a strong partnership approach in the development of this project. This is a viable project with a clear aim and coordinated approach.

1.15 For information the following grants of below £5,000 have been awarded between March – May 2014 from both Match and Pride funding:

Cue-Zone	Narbeck Junieur Billiards League	(Match) £1,100
Mary-Ann Allotments	Mundford Parish Council	(Pride) £1,062
Longham village sign	Longham Parish Council	(Pride) £2,000
Village Hall Sound/Lighting	Old Buckenham Village Hall	(Match) £2,442
Village Hall Insulation	Garboldisham Village Hall	(Match) £3,143
Defibrillator	Thetford Community First Responders	(Match) £1,000
Community bench	Great Dunham Parish Council bench	(Match) £154
Play Group	Tuddenham Tots Play Group	(Pride) £755
Cooking on a budget	Hope Skills for Life	(Pride) £5,000
Tittishall Play/Sports Equip	Tittishall Parish Council	(Pride) £325

2.0 OPTIONS

2.1 Fully fund one or both of the funding applications set out in this report

2.2 Part fund one or both of the funding applications set out in this report

2.3 Do nothing

3.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

3.1 Grant panel has recommended both applications for approval for the following reasons:

- They meet the Breckland corporate objectives

- There is secured match funding or the ability to raise funds towards both projects
- The projects will create valuable community facilities

4.0 **EXPECTED BENEFITS**

4.1 Match funding of £927,906 into the district in external funding.

4.2 Attleborough Boxing Club will create a centre of excellence and provide cost effective and enhanced recreational facilities in the district. It will help improve the health and wellbeing of Breckland residents and further enhance this already well used facility.

4.3 North Elmham New Build Village Hall will bring together the community groups and organisations that currently operate in separate venues around the village, which are no longer fit for purpose, and accommodate them in a multi purpose community space which will be accessible to all and more cost effective to operate.

5.0 **IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 **Carbon Footprint / Environmental Issues**

5.1.1 It is the opinion of the Report Author that there are no implications.

5.2 **Constitution & Legal**

5.2.1 It is the opinion of the Report Author that there are no implications.

5.3 **Contracts**

5.3.1 It is the opinion of the Report Author that there are no implications.

5.4 **Corporate Priorities**

5.4.1 Both projects meet all four of the Breckland Council corporate objectives.

5.5 **Crime and Disorder**

5.5.1 It is the opinion of the Report Author that there are no implications.

5.6 **Equality and Diversity / Human Rights**

5.6.1 It is the opinion of the Report Author that there are no implications.

5.7 **Financial**

5.7.1 Proforma B's are included in this report

5.8 **Risk Management**

5.8.1 It is the opinion of the Report Author that there are no implications.

5.9 **Staffing**

5.9.1 It is the opinion of the Report Author that there are no implications.

5.10 **Stakeholders / Consultation / Timescales**

5.10.1 These elements were considered in the assessment of both funding applications,

6.0 **WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED**

6.1 Upper Wensum and Queens

7.0 **ACRONYMS**

7.1 Not applicable

Background papers:- Application forms and Score Sheets on SharePoint and Proforma B's

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Key Decision: Yes / No

Exempt Decision: Yes / No

Appendices attached to this report:

Proforma B's for both projects