

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****Decision Report**

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Culture and Recreation
<b>Date:</b>	27 September 2012
<b>Title:</b>	Community Buildings Fund 2012/13
<b>Reference:</b>	4228
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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## 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The County Council provides partnership funding from the Community Buildings Fund for capital projects to Community Associations, Village Hall Trusts and similar bodies as outlined in the fund's criteria. This enables the voluntary and community sector to maintain the quality of Hampshire's cultural assets, namely Community Centres and Village Halls, some of which are listed.
- 1.2 This report provides details of the financial position of the Community Buildings Fund in 2012/13 and details requests for partnership funding from this fund.

## 2. Applications considered in this report:

Hall/ Centre	District	£
Bishopstoke Community Association	Eastleigh	2,683
Blackmoor Village Hall Trust	EHDC	4,878
Burley Parish Hall Trust	New Forest	1,746
Catisfield Memorial Hall Trust	Fareham BC	4,570
Denmead Community Association	Winchester	1,756
Froyle Village Hall Trust	EHDC	3,998
Kings Somborne Village Hall Trust	TVBC	4,996
Silchester Village Hall Trust	BDBC	12,500
<b>Total</b>		<b>£37,127</b>

### **3. Contextual Information:**

- 3.1 The County Council works in partnership with specific community organisations, particularly Community Associations and Village Hall Trusts who seek to enable local people to meet the recreational, educational, social, cultural and environmental needs of their local communities. These organisations give local people an opportunity to participate in local activities and encourage local initiatives by people of all ages.
- 3.2 Partnership funding from the Community Buildings Fund enables the voluntary and community sector to maintain the quality of Hampshire's cultural assets, namely their Village Halls and Community Association buildings, some of which are listed. This finance enables improvements to be made to those buildings and can assist with the development of new facilities where appropriate. The provision of these buildings by the voluntary and community sector enable local communities to access the services and facilities they need.
- 3.3 By providing financial support to these organisations for the maintenance of their buildings the County Council is able to work in partnership with the community sector to achieve the Corporate Priority – Enhancing our Quality of Place.

### **4. Budget Position:**

- 4.1 A sum of £125,000 has been set aside in the 2012/13 capital programme for Culture, Communities and Business Services to support the Community Buildings Fund. To date £32,124 has been allocated this year. This leaves an unallocated amount to date of £92,876 and if the recommendations in this report, which amount to £37,127 are approved then £55,749 will be available for the rest of the year.

### **5. Criteria for Grant:**

- 5.1 The partnership funding distribution criteria is set out in Appendix 1.
- 5.2 Projects listed in Appendix 2 meet fully the criteria and have been allocated a proposed level of partnership funding in line with the criteria.

### **6. Other Considerations**

#### **6.1 Legal Implications**

The Council has wide powers under Section 19 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 to provide recreational facilities and to contribute by way of grant or loan towards expenses incurred by voluntary bodies in providing such facilities.

## 6.2 Impact Assessment

Organisations applying to this scheme are by their nature defined as accessible to all members of the community. This is embodied within their charitable objects, therefore no groups or organisations should be excluded from any benefit arising from these decisions. Furthermore the application procedure includes equalities monitoring information as agreed as part of the corporate review of grants programmes and procedures.

## 7. Recommendations:

**That partnership funding totalling £37,127 as listed below be approved for allocation from the Community Buildings Fund for 2012/13. Projects costing more than £15,000 are subject to funding being obtained from other sources, as outlined in Appendix 1.**

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**CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:****Links to the Corporate Strategy**

<b>Hampshire safer and more secure for all:</b>	No
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Maximising well-being:</b>	Yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Enhancing our quality of place:</b>	Yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

**Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents**

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

**Document****Location**

Applications for financial assistance

Community Support Service  
 Department for Culture, Communities  
 and Business Services  
 Mottisfont Court, Winchester

### Criteria for these grants

The partnership funding distribution criteria for the Community Buildings Fund is as follows:

Partnership funding is granted for:

- Building repairs, extensions and refurbishments
- Health and safety issues
- Equipment to improve the buildings and increase usage
- Feasibility studies

Who can apply:

- Village Halls (not parish run halls)
- Community Associations
- Church organisations that have a separate community programme on their property

Funding criteria:

- For projects costing less than £15,000, the funding criteria is up to one third of the cost.
  - . A minimum project cost of £3,000 applies

- For projects costing more than £15,000, the grant is calculated at

50% of funding from sources other than the organisations own funding up to a maximum of 25% of the project costs or £12,500, whichever is the lesser.

Priority Criteria:

1. Health and safety issues that could result in the building being closed or activities seriously curtailed if the work is not carried out.
2. The work is absolutely essential in order to meet the terms of the Disability Discrimination Act. (It has been widely publicised that These types of buildings will not be closed provided reasonable steps have been taken to meet the terms of the Act)
3. The project is part of a phased development and this element is essential to it's overall completion.
4. Non priority work.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Bishopstoke Community Association</b>
<b>Consultation</b>	Cllr C Thomas
<b>Project</b>	Developing the playground for the preschool
<b>Statement</b>	At present the Happy Days Preschool has been using the parking area with a make do fence. We wish to supply a safe stimulating play area.
<b>Cost</b>	£8,050
<b>Amount organisation has for project</b>	(£5,300)
<b>Funding from other sources</b>	£Nil
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the project costs up to £2,683</b>

<b>Name</b>	<b>Blackmoor Village Hall Trust</b>
<b>Consultation</b>	Cllr Mark Kemp-Gee has been consulted and is happy to support the recommendation
<b>Project</b>	Essential improvements to building to improve acoustics, décor and to meet health and safety requirements
<b>Statement</b>	These infrastructure works are required to meet current statutory legislation. The building is used by approximately 4000 people a year and provides refreshments for the Annual Apple Tasting Festival which attracts approximately 7000 people. We anticipate the improvements will enable us to increase the usage of the building.
<b>Cost</b>	£14,635
<b>Amount organisation has for project</b>	£8,500 (£9,257) £1,000 Blackmoor Apple Day
<b>Funding from other sources</b>	£500 Blackmoor Parish Council
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the project costs up to £4,878</b>

<b>Name</b>	<b>Burley Village Hall Trust</b>
<b>Consultation</b>	Cllr Mans
<b>Project</b>	Improvements to lighting system
<b>Statement</b>	This would greatly improve the stage lighting and would be of benefit to the many amateur dramatic groups as well as other users of the building
<b>Cost</b>	£5,238.63
<b>Amount organisation has for project</b>	
<b>Funding from other sources</b>	£1,500
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the project cost up to £1,746</b>
<b>Name</b>	<b>Catisfield Memorial Hall Trust</b>
<b>Consultation</b>	Cllr G Hockley
<b>Project</b>	1) Resurfacing Car Park 2) Moving sheds to accommodate parking spaces
<b>Statement</b>	This project will complete the renovation of the hall and enable it to continue to be an active venue for the people of Catisfield
<b>Cost</b>	£13,710
<b>Amount organisation has for project</b>	£6,000
<b>Funding from other sources</b>	£Nil
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the project costs up to £4,570</b>

<b>Name</b>	<b>Denmead Community Association</b>	
<b>Consultation</b>	Cllr Stallard	
<b>Project</b>	1) Refurbishment of gents toilets 2) Refurbishment of gas heaters 3) Laying new flooring in Barn Green Room	
<b>Statement</b>	This project will enhance the building ( a Victorian school) and enable the Association to continue to provide for the social, educational and recreational needs of the people within this area of benefit	
<b>Cost</b>	£5,268.75	
<b>Amount organisation has for project</b>	£2,012.75	
<b>Funding from other sources</b>	£1,500	HCC Councillors devolved budget
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the project costs up to £1,756</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Froyle Village Hall Trust</b>	
<b>Consultation</b>	Cllr M Kemp Gee has been consulted and is happy to support the recommendation	
<b>Project</b>	1) Refurbishment of toilets 2) Replacement of front doors and windows	
<b>Statement</b>	The community hall is well used by residents of all ages. This work will provide a more pleasant and comfortable environment in which to hold meetings and activities. The replacement of the doors and windows should reduce the hall's running costs.	
<b>Cost</b>	£11,994	
<b>Amount organisation has for project</b>	£9,000	
<b>Funding from other sources</b>	£Nil	
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the project costs up to £3,998</b>	

<b>Name</b>	<b>Kings Somborne Village Hall Trust</b>	
<b>Consultation</b>	Cllr A Gibson	
<b>Project</b>	Reconfiguration of Vestibule	
<b>Statement</b>	This latest phase of redevelopment will bring further improvement to the hall making it more attractive and comfortable for existing and new users, principally community groups from Kings Somborne and the surrounding area.	
<b>Cost</b>	£14,988	
<b>Amount organisation has for project</b>	£5,000	
<b>Funding from other sources</b>	£3,240	TVBC
	£1,748	Parish Council
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the project cost up to £4,996</b>	

<b>Name</b>	<b>Silchester Village Hall Trust</b>	
<b>Consultation</b>	Cllr K. Chapman	
<b>Project</b>	Building of a small extension to house disabled toilets and reconfigure the kitchen facilities.	
<b>Statement</b>	Currently there are no disabled toilets and we need to do this to comply with legislation and also to make the hall more user friendly for those with a disability. The kitchen facilities also need improving.	
<b>Cost</b>	£150,000	
<b>Amount organisation has for project</b>	£65,259	
<b>Funding from other sources</b>	£25,000	BDBC
	£ 2,000	Lodden Lions
	Bids have been sent to a number of other organisations to make up the shortfall	
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>50% of the funding from other sources up to £12,500</b>	