

Sheppey Area Committee Funding Scheme

Summary of applications received for the November 2021 meeting

Area Committee's allocation for 2021-22 - £56,000.00

There have been no previously agreed allocations by Sheppey Area Committee

Available to allocate at the November 2021 meeting - £56,000.00

(Applications arranged in the order they were received)

Reference:	SHEP008
Organisation:	Warden Bay Playgroup
Applicant Name:	Michelle Bailey - Manager
Status of organisation:	Registered Charity
Details of project/activity:	We would like to resurface the play area at the playgroup. At the moment the surface is uneven and breaking apart which is causing a health and safety risk to the children who attend Warden Bay Playgroup and the area is becoming unusable. We currently have 34 children on role from the local community who will benefit from this project and be able to use the outdoor space as we legally are required to provide in a safe manner.
Supporting papers	No.
Quote provided?	Yes.
Total project expenditure:	Removal of present damaged surface, laying of wet pour safety surface - £5,008.80 VAT – 1,001.76 Total project expenditure - £6,010.56
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	Money saved over the last couple of years £3,000.00
Funding request:	£3,010.56

Reference:	SHEP009
Organisation:	Sheppey District Scouts
Applicant Name:	Mr Larrie Lucas – Executive Committee Member
Status of organisation:	Registered Charity
Details of project/activity:	<p>The Sheppey District Scout Hut which serves the whole of Sheppey's scouting community is in need of significant repair. Whilst some work has taken place we just do not have enough funding to complete the project. The impact of the COVID pandemic means that much needed income to the organisation has not been able to be achieved. Whilst improvements are required to both the internal and external areas of the building, we are asking for support with funding to complete the physical building. At this time the building is not fit for purpose and cannot be used to run any groups for the children. We are having to pay rent for other facilities to be able to run scouting groups which defeats the object of having our own building.</p> <p>We have managed to raise much needed funds to start this project, but were sadly let down by a building firm who began works, but disappeared without finishing the project, having taken our money and leaving the building in a worse state than it was initially.</p> <p>When the Scout Hut building works are complete, we would like to be able to support not only the uniformed scouting groups of Sheppey but to offer the building to other organisations to support their programmes. This would also give us much needed income to continue to help the more disadvantaged children who may otherwise not be able to access the scouting community.</p> <p>Sheppey has a high proportion of disadvantaged families and to ensure that children have a purpose and direction scouting would like to expand their offer, but without the resources, this is a huge challenge. Having the building works complete will open much needed opportunities to support a wider cross section of the community.</p>
Supporting papers	No.
Quote provided?	Yes
Total project expenditure:	Rectify the problems with roof - £4,200 Soffits/fascias/guttering/downpipe - £700 Plumbing – disabled wetroom/2 toilets/kitchen - £3,000 Electrics – lighting/sockets/wet room/kitchen/office - £3,750 Plastering – the whole inside - £2,160 Floor – level/special covering for wet room – complete cover for rest, going up wall - £8,130 Storage cupboards estimate - £900 (estimate) Decoration and fittings - £700 (estimate) Kitchen appliances/cupboards and office furniture - £2,000 (estimate)

	Total project expenditure - £25,540.00
Total project income (<i>addition sources of income including cash/in kind</i>):	Cash donations - £4,000.00 Improvement and Resilience Fund - £19,490.00 SBC Members Grant 2021/22 - £500 Total project income - £23,990.00
Funding request:	£1,550.00

Reference:	SHEP010
Organisation:	Queenborough Town Community Centre Ltd, Castle Connections
Applicant Name:	Karen Friday – Trustee/Treasurer
Status of organisation:	Registered Charity
Details of project/activity:	<p>We aim to continue to improve our venue ensuring it increases awareness and understanding of Covid-19 safely within our community space. Our flooring has been in place since 2009, and now are in a condition that is hard to clean or some with damage. As you can appreciate this needs to be addressed, as we continue to offer a safe environment where the older generations are able to meet twice weekly for a two-course home-made meal, where they are welcomed into a space for friendship gaining an ensemble of belonging. This is an important part of our befriending service. Also, we have many other activities to reduce isolation and loneliness including art, pottery, knitting groups as well as groups hiring the halls for yoga, dance, fitness for all ages. We also have NHS rehabilitation groups every week and a bereavement café once a month.</p> <p>The whole purpose of Castel Connections is to create a hub for the community, bringing people together, so they are not feeling as lonely, isolated, and vulnerable, increasing positive wellbeing and creating new networks for our local residents by continuing to offer a safe space.</p> <p>We have got quotes for work required from Comprehensive Flooring Ltd who are KCC approved. They have been out and surveyed the property and advised us on the most suitable and appropriate flooring for some areas including toilets, halls and treatment of parquet flooring that is in urgent need of being done to ensure cleaning can be carried out safely to help ensure standards are met in the prevention or mitigation of Covid-19. By having our flooring either replace or treated will enable us then to maintain higher standards of cleaning in the future making our space safer for all our service users from all age groups with various needs, making them more confident in coming to our community hub with less anxiety and worries that has affected so many during the pandemic.</p> <p>Being able to offer spaces that are safer and easier to maintain a higher standard of cleaning will be able to be carried out, building on all our policies under the government guidelines that will help in the future prevention or mitigation coronavirus outbreaks. Our community hub is in an area of high deprivation and by carrying out this work will enable us to continue to bring people together to help reduce their feelings of loneliness, isolation and vulnerability. One of our long-term projects is running a lunch club twice a week that is attended by all age groups, the majority are either elderly, disabled and some who</p>

	are just all alone with no other support network. Being able to encourage our old users back but also welcoming new. We also run a bereavement café on a monthly basis which since the pandemic we have seen an increased number of attendees.
Supporting papers	No.
Quote provided?	No.
Total project expenditure:	3 x toilets & reception – remove & replace flooring £2,932.80 café parquet flooring replacement/repairs - £2,446.80 Top hall, art room stair sand, repair and varnish - £7,872.00 Back office hallway – fit new flooring - £554.40 Ground hall flooring – remove and replace - £5,640.00 Total Project Expenditure - £19,446.00
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	KCC grant – Covid-19 safe reopening - £10,000.00
Funding request:	£9,000.00

Reference:	SHEP011
Organisation:	Member Bid
Applicant Name:	Cllr Angela Harrison Lead officer – Martyn Cassell
Status of organisation:	Borough Council
Details of project/activity:	<p>I would like to request that we fund a bench (or two benches) in each of the two shelters overlooking the gardens by the leisure centre.</p> <p>I would like the benches sectioned, and as far as I am able to ascertain, this would cost in the region of £700 per bench, including installation.</p> <p>During the past year/18 months, an increasing number of residents are getting out and about taking exercise, but stopping points are not always easy to find.</p> <p>This would benefit visitors to Sheerness, but more importantly, it would benefit residents.</p> <p>These would improve the appearance, environment and facilities of the area.</p>
Supporting papers	Yes, photographs of the area.
Quote provided?	No
Total project expenditure:	£700 per bench x 2 Total project expenditure £1,400.00
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	None.
Funding request:	£1,400.00

Reference:	SHEP012
Organisation:	The Sheppey War Memorial Trust
Applicant Name:	Peter MacDonald - Chairman
Status of organisation:	Company Ltd by Guarantee Registered Charity
Details of project/activity:	<p>In December last year I lost my long term partner Loreley. Loreley & I spent many thousands of hours over the past 12 years researching and validating the names of the Sheppey fallen whose names are missing from our existing War memorial. On the business plan the number was 645 but this has increased to 988, this has meant that the wall has had to be extended by 2 metres or 7 ft in real terms. The height of the wall has had to be raised to enable all the names to be engraved. The stone masons in Portland have started the engraving, using an average of 10 letters per name, the number of letters is now 10,000.</p> <p>Due to the increase in size the extra lettering, material increases and COVID delays, the wall cost is now £89,554 plus VAT against the original of £65,425 plus VAT giving a shortfall of £28,953 plus VAT. Including VAT the sums are £89,554, VAT - £17,910 giving a total of £107,464.</p> <p>As the project is a one off for our Island, our Trust would be very grateful if Swale Borough Council, through the Sheppey Area Fund or other source could meet the shortfall.</p> <p>The project is to provide a quality lasting memorial to the people of Sheppey serving in the Forces of the Crown & Civilians who lost their lives during the 2 World Wars, also those serving in the Royal Navy, The Army & The Royal Air Force who were based and living in Sheppey at the time of their demise. The total researched and validated number is 988.</p> <p>988 together with the 200+ names which are on the existing grade 2 listed war memorial shows the enormous contribution by Sheppey to defend our country and its values.</p> <p>The new war memorial together with the multi-million pound restoration of the Dockyard Church, Swale's investment in the Sheerness High Street area, Swale's initiative future project on Beach Fields, The new war memorial wall in particular will be educational showing the huge cost to Sheppey's families, together with the other projects, to encourage a restoration of self-pride in the Sheppey population, and it is suggested a great boost to tourism. School children have already laid crosses on the CWGC graves in Sheppey Cemetery.</p> <p>Swale generously provided a grant and a loan to cover the VAT element based on the historical wall costs, a deposit of £47,000 has been paid to Albion Stone of Portland in order that production could commence, the engraving of the approximate</p>

	<p>10,000 letters has started and the wall should be erected by the Portland Stone Masons early in the new year.</p> <p>Albion Stone have produced many quality war memorials including the National War Memorial in Staffordshire, they also produce all the stone blanks for The Commonwealth War graves Commission for new graves and necessary replacements.</p>
Supporting papers	Yes
Quote provided	Yes
Total project expenditure:	<p>Supply – Portland stone wall & engraving - £73,679.29</p> <p>Stone Masons – delivery to Sheerness and erection on site, handover on completion £15,875.00</p> <p>VAT – £17,910.00</p> <p>Total Project Expenditure - £107,464.29</p>
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	<p>The Chairman will underwrite the VAT on the shortfall - £5,790.00</p> <p>Existing grants including deposit paid :</p> <p>Swale BC Grant including VAT loan - £76,000.00</p> <p>Minster Parish Council £10,000.00</p> <p>Total Project Income – £86,000.00</p>
Funding request:	£21,464.00

Reference:	SHEP013
Organisation:	Member bid
Applicant Name:	Cllr Elliott Jayes Lead officer – Martyn Cassell
Status of organisation:	Borough Council
Details of project/activity:	Whitehouse toilet painting - Paint over the ugly dull looking toilets with something fit for a seaside village. It will improve the appearance, environment and facilities of the area.
Supporting papers	Yes
Quote provided	Yes
Total project expenditure:	£2,500.00
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	None
Funding request:	£2,500.00

Reference:	SHEP014
Organisation:	Blue Town Remembered
Applicant Name:	Jenny Hurkett - CEO
Status of organisation:	Company Ltd by Guarantee Registered Charity
Details of project/activity:	<p>Blue Town Remembered disabled access - To provide disabled access to all floors of the centre.</p> <p>During lockdowns we have improved and expanded our heritage exhibition space by creating a new floor and expanding our ground floor facilities so that we can cater for coach groups and community activities.</p> <p>Our aim is to promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Sheppey, especially Blue Town and Sheerness Dockyard, through education, entertainment and enthusiasm. Over the last twelve years we have restored one of the few authentic music halls in the country, amassed a collection of over 10,000 artefacts relating to Sheppey, set up and run a community cinema and we work with all the schools on the island.</p> <p>We have become integral part of island life that caters for the whole community but we recognise that the majority of our visitors are elderly and have mobility problems and they are unable to access the exhibits- we have three staircases to these exhibits with hand rails but for many this is still too difficult.</p> <p>We host a monthly dementia club which is attended by most of the care homes – this started with them coming to watch a film and have a fish n chip supper – now they are also interested in the heritage displays and we have regular nostalgia sessions based around the exhibits , which many are unable to visit.</p> <p>Coach groups love visiting us, and this is our main source of income they come for the shows and tours of Sheppey and they are very keen to expand their visits to learn more about our heritage. They have mentioned many times that if we were able to improve the access to the top floors that they would be able to bring more groups here for day trips. We already bring in thousands of visitors a year and this would increase and allow us to take on more staff.</p> <p>This would meet the needs of the area committee to improve facilities for the area.</p>
Supporting papers	No
Quote provided	No
Total project expenditure:	Lift - £25,000.00 Lift shaft – materials - £10,000.00 Lift shaft – labour - £5,000.00 VAT - £7,000.00 Total project expenditure – £47,000.00

Total project income (<i>addition sources of income including cash/in kind</i>):	Garfield Weston – towards lift - £25,000.00 Minster Parish Council – towards lift shaft - £5,500.00 SBC Members Grants - towards lift shaft - £2,250.00 Private donations - towards lift shaft - £7,250.00 Labour provided by Morgan Builders in kind - £5,000.00 Total Project Income - £45,000.00
Funding request:	£2,000.00

Reference:	SHEP015
Organisation:	Teddy Bear Day Care Sheppey
Applicant Name:	Ashley Shiel - Manager
Status of organisation:	Company Ltd by Guarantee
Details of project/activity:	We have been looking at working towards being carbon neutral by 2030. Part of this work has included an energy survey. This noted the heat loss through the old suspended ceiling. The old ceiling has no insulation and old fluorescent tubes. This lets out a lot of the heat from the hall meaning we burn more gas than we need to. The new ceiling will be dropped so it isn't so high, It will be insulated with 100mm insulation to be laid above entire new ceiling. A new lighting system will be LED . This will reduce our carbon footprint by 65% and more us to being more environmentally friendly and carbon neutral.
Supporting papers	No
Quote provided	Yes
Total project expenditure:	New ceiling – 12,798.00
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	Clean Growth Grant 2021/2022 - £10,000.00 Total Project Income - £10,000.00
Funding request:	£2,798.00

Reference:	SHEP016
Organisation:	Sheppey Heritage Trust for Eastchurch Aviation Museum
Applicant Name:	Mr Martin Hawkins – Chairman of the Trust
Status of organisation:	Registered Charity
Details of project/activity:	<p>The project will provide an extension to the existing aviation museum. This will have new facilities and additional exhibition space. We will be working with local schools and other youth and old age related groups to provide educational opportunities etc. The additional tourists that we will bring into the area will benefit the local economy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of the fire alarm system. The full quote which is on a the PDF file included is for :- £2366.14 + VAT i.e. £2839.37. We have paid £1447.37 including tax for the first fix, copy included below. The amount outstanding is therefore £1,392.00 • Electric Heaters 8 of at £59.95 i.e. £479.60. These heaters are wall mounted blow heaters that will give a good constant temperature inside the museum without taking up display space. They have a 7 day timer so can be set to the weekly pattern of opening times, outside of this they will maintain a lower temperature to save energy and preserve the exhibits. • Skirting board is now required, all the plasterboard was donated by Knauf. The skirting board has been selected for durability in a public area and for a suitable period look - £582.60. • Architrave is now required to go round the doors and windows. It will match the skirting board - £547.00 • The floors in the museum are insulated with a 100mm high density polystyrene panels. These are then covered by tongue and grooved chipboard flooring. We are using the thicker grade as it is a public building - £1,227.50 <p>The above, with the exception of the fire alarms, is for materials only.</p>
Supporting papers	No
Quote provided	Yes
Total project expenditure:	See breakdown of costs above Total Project Expenditure - £4,228.70
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	All labour will be provided by the volunteer team. We will also provide all ancillary items such as nails, glue etc.
Funding request:	£4,228.70

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