

Report to Menheniot Parish Council

20th February 2025

A proposal to seek a Community Capacity Programme grant to support the work of the improvements and future use of the playing field Working Group.

1 Background

At the 21st November 2024 it was resolved that a working group be set up to examine possible improvements and future use of the playing field and also the scope and scale for a new facilities within the new Tencreek Farm development area. The working group has not been able to convene yet.

The work the group will be expected to undertake will include researching and assessing alternative /additional/complementary uses of the playing field and the potential community provision on the new Lark View development.

The delivery of these objectives will include the need for conducting surveys, stake holder meetings, consultation, agreeing priorities and developing project plans.

This is a huge workload for Councillors to undertake.

2 Proposal

It is proposed that support is provided by the appointment of external consultants to guide on the consultation and assessment stage and having agreed priorities the creation of a feasibility report and project plan including cost estimates. The outputs will provide the basis for further funding bids.

At present applications are being invited for the 4th round of grants from Cornwall Councils Community Capacity Programme. The funds are made available up front and do not require match funding

To summarise the invitation details from Cornwall Council website, applications are sought for projects are,

Grants £1k to £25 k for projects.

Examples of work that could be funded by the Community Capacity programme include:

- feasibility studies
- business plans
- architects' drawings
- concept plans
- other professional support to determine the concept of your project
- community engagement programmes leading to the development of a wider project, including piloting community project ideas
- small capital items that will result in the increase in community activity.
- Applications for the Community Capacity Fund will remain open until all funds have been allocated.
- Funded projects will have until 31 December 2025 to fully complete their projects.

Consultants have been approached for initial discussions as to likely fees and timescales to enable the application to be submitted and delivered. Details of costs will be reported verbally at the meeting.

The meeting is asked to support the proposal to make an application to the Community Capacity Programme for a grant for this work.

3 Next steps

Assuming the application is successful an initial meeting will be held by the working group with the consultants to discuss and agree the project plan and milestones.

There will be ample opportunity for all Councillors to be involved in the consultation and feasibility stages.

Regular updates by the Chair of the working group will be given to our Public Meetings as work proceeds.

Cllr Adrian Cole Chair Menheniot Parish Council

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