

APPENDIX C

APPLICANT - ABINGDON SEA CADETS

Years in existence

16

Type of organisation

Registered charity

Project, service or event details

The Sea Cadet Unit is seeking a grant towards the purchase of a new boat trailer capable of transporting two of the Unit's boats. Such a trailer is vital to transport boats to and from the Unit's boating station and its moorings on the Thames. Boating is a big part of activities in the summer months. The Unit has been unable to transport the heavier power boat since 2007. A new trailer will mean that the Sea Cadets can reintroduce the teaching of power boating skills during the summer months. In the more immediate future, the trailer is required to move the boats off the Thames for winter storage on dry land to help prolong the life of the boats and facilitate maintenance.

Abingdon Sea Cadets is part of the Sea Cadet Corps, a nationwide voluntary youth organisation, open to all young people aged 10 to 18, run by enthusiastic adult volunteers. Amongst the Abingdon membership there are currently cadets with special educational needs.

Supports the following Vale community strategy priorities

Healthier communities	X
Improving quality of life for older people	
Safer communities	
Fostering a greater sense of community	
A good understanding of town and parish priorities	
Involving young people	X
Helping those without cars to access jobs and services	
Affordable homes	
Good quality homes	
Access to good quality green spaces, sport, cultural and leisure facilities	X
Addressing economic weaknesses	
Building on our economic strengths	
Maintaining and enhancing the health and vitality of the Vale's market town centres	
A low carbon Vale	
Living with extreme weather conditions	
Using resources wisely	

Reducing waste and increasing recycling	
A high quality natural and historic environment	

Area of the Vale covered

Although membership is open to young people throughout the Vale, the vast majority of the members come from Abingdon town and the surrounding area.

Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit

Thirty two (current membership), mainly in the 10-15 year age bracket

Charge to public for using the project/service/event?

Cadets pay a subscription of £10 per month. This money goes towards the administration and work of the unit which is entirely self-financing.

Total estimated project cost

£1,860 excluding VAT. £2,139 including VAT. VAT cannot be reclaimed

Balances

£6,505.67 is the expected balance on 21 August 2009

Running costs

Unknown as the organisation has no audited accounts for 2007/08 and 2008/09 due to the way the Unit was managed during that period. The new management team was elected in June 2009. They are all new members with no connection to the previous incumbents and are starting afresh with the financial administration of the Unit.

Own Contribution

£500

Grant requested

£1,139

Previous awards (Vale)

None

Parish council support

Abingdon Sea Cadets has applied to Abingdon town council for £500. No decision has yet been made.

Town/Parish council precept

£1,079,737. Band D £86.70

Other support

The Unit is in the process of identifying other potential funding opportunities.

Officer recommendation

Recommend support?	Yes
Amount recommended	£1,000
Reasons	New volunteers have stepped in to run the Unit and get the finances back on track so that young people can continue to benefit from this leisure activity making use of the natural environment of Abingdon.
Meets CG Scheme criteria?	Yes
Supports Council corporate priority(ies)?	Work in partnership to sustain vibrant market towns.
Supports Community Strategy?	Encouraging positive leisure time activities for young people is an agreed action of the Sustainable Vale Community Strategy.
Remaining budget	£10,829.72
Remaining committee meetings	To be confirmed
Recommended conditions to grant award	Standard conditions. Subject to a grant from Abingdon Town Council.
Other comments	

APPLICANT - ABINGDON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Based at Southern Town park, Abingdon

Years in existence

78

Type of organisation

Limited company and registered Community Amateur Sports Club

Project, service or event details

Abingdon Rugby Club is seeking a grant towards the cost of installing floodlighting at the club. This is part of a larger project to improve facilities at the ground.

The club has already secured funding for, and started work on developing a new rugby pitch on the current site. Both of these new facilities – the floodlighting and the new pitch - have been identified by the club as being crucial to expanding participation in all age ranges, as well as facilitating and encouraging participation by females. The club aims to increase player participation from the current 421 to 543 by 2013. At the same time it aims to increase the number of club volunteers (coaches, referees and parent helpers) from 84 to 122.

The project has been identified by Oxfordshire County Rugby Football Union (RFU) as a priority for rugby development in Oxfordshire. There are other rugby clubs in the Vale (such as Grove) but Abingdon is the club identified by the RFU as the priority location for this development, due to club size and issues with the current training facilities (heavy subsidence as a result of being on a landfill site).

Abingdon Rugby club is a major club in the Vale area and is accredited as meeting the requirements of the Active Sports 'Seal of Approval' and the Sport England 'Clubmark' standards. These are both national awards covering governance and organisation of sports clubs.

Supports the following Vale community strategy priorities

Healthier communities	X
Improving quality of life for older people	
Safer communities	
Fostering a greater sense of community	X
A good understanding of town and parish priorities	
Involving young people	X
Helping those without cars to access jobs and services	
Affordable homes	
Good quality homes	
Access to good quality green spaces, sport, cultural and leisure facilities	X
Addressing economic weaknesses	
Building on our economic strengths	
Maintaining and enhancing the health and vitality of the Vale's market town centres	
A low carbon Vale	
Living with extreme weather conditions	
Using resources wisely	
Reducing waste and increasing recycling	
A high quality natural and historic environment	

Area of the Vale covered

Abingdon and surrounding villages such as Drayton & Sutton Courtenay.

Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit

Four hundred and twenty one males, aged from seven to 60. The majority of these in the 7 - 15 age-group.

Charge to public for using the project/service/event?

Use of the club facilities is included in the annual membership cost. The charges for 2009/2010 are £50 for seniors, £40 for juniors and £25 for students and unemployed members.

Total estimated project cost

£49,954 excluding VAT; £57,791 including VAT. VAT cannot be reclaimed. This comprises £41,630 including VAT for floodlights and £16,161 including VAT for pitch improvements.

Balances

£22,599 for the year ending 30 April 2009. This has been calculated as their net current assets plus surplus for the year. Fixed assets i.e. the value of the clubhouse and equipment have been excluded.

Running costs

£61,129 for the year ending 30 April 2009

Own Contribution

£7,000

Grant requested

£5,000

Previous awards (Vale)

None

Parish council support

The club has applied to Abingdon Town Council for a £1,000 grant. A decision will be made in November

Town/Parish council precept

£1,079,737. Band D £86.70

Other support

Rugby Football Union (Capital Investment Projects) has awarded a grant of £30,000 in total and £20,830 of this has been earmarked for the floodlighting.

The Rugby Football Foundation has agreed in principle a grant of £6,000

An application to WREN was unsuccessful due to a change in WREN policy

The remaining £1,800 after all grants (if successful) will either be funded from the club reserves or an interest-free loan from the Rugby Football Union.

Officer recommendation

Recommend support?	Yes
Amount recommended	£5,000
Reasons	These improvements will enable the club to attract a significant number of new players and volunteers to the club, thereby providing a healthy activity for young and older people. As a knock-on effect more people (mostly parents) will be encouraged to volunteer and thus get involved in their local community. The club has substantial funding support from the national body, the Rugby Football Union, towards improving the facilities. A grant is recommended to help meet the shortfall.
Meets CG Scheme criteria?	Yes
Supports Council corporate priority(ies)?	Work in partnership to sustain vibrant market towns.
Supports Community Strategy?	Seeking improvements to the quality of existing sport facilities, encouraging positive leisure time activities for young people, and supporting volunteering opportunities are all agreed actions of the Vale Sustainable Community Strategy.
Remaining budget	£10,829.72
Remaining committee meetings	To be confirmed
Recommended conditions to grant award	Standard conditions
Other comments	