

## Appendix 2

### Eastern Area Committee Funding Scheme

#### Summary of applications received for the March 2022 meeting

Area Committee's allocation for 2021-22 - £48,000.00

At the February 2022 Eastern Area Committee meeting, £33,246.00 of funding was allocated.

**Available to allocate at the March 2022 meeting - £14,754.00**

*(Applications arranged in the order they were received)*

<b>Reference:</b>	EAC017
<b>Organisation:</b>	Faversham Swimming Pools Management Committee Ltd
<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Marylka Gowlland – Development Manager
<b>Status of organisation:</b>	Registered Charity
<b>Details of project/activity:</b>	<p>We are requesting funding of £8670 to purchase and install a new, energy-saving pool pump. This will help us meet Swale's Strategic Priority 2, specifically 2.1 and 2.5. Working towards a cleaner borough means replacing and upgrading aging equipment, and this new pump would give us greater control over the heat and circulation to the pool, giving flexibility to adjust power as needed to reflect usage, and result in vastly improved energy efficiency. As in Priority 2.1, a core aim for the charity in our most recent business plan is to quantify, measure and reduce our carbon footprint. Thanks to support from Swale Borough Council, along with Sport England and Viridor Credits, we were able to replace our inefficient boiler system in late 2019. This installation has saved the charity almost 30% on gas and 15% on electricity bills, as well as being highly-efficient and offering significantly reduced CO2 emissions.</p> <p>We now need to replace our largest pump. The pumps at Faversham Pools have been in place since 1993. In common with all other leisure facilities we had to close due to the pandemic, and this sustained closure has severely impacted our ageing equipment. Previously never usually shut off for longer than a day or two, this shutdown has dramatically hastened the decline of the pumps and as a result we are applying for funding to replace the largest of the required pumps. Making this investment is crucial to ensure the continuity of our facility, as they're now extremely unreliable and becoming obsolete. The Eastern Area Committee seeks to support projects which improve the environment and facilities of the area, and this is a much-needed improvement to our facilities which will benefit the whole community, while also improving the environment.</p>

	<p>Swimming pool pumps invariably run at higher flow rates than necessary. A modern pump with variable controller (*already funded) would enable us to control both pump flow-rates and pump run times. At present, the pools run at 100%, 24 hours a day – obviously massively inefficient, but standard for the era in which the pumps were installed. Being able to vary the flow would enable us to reduce power overnight, and at times of closure.</p> <p>This investment will enable us to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep our outdoor pool open longer, as the season could be extended without the financial imperative to keep the pools open every day – being able to reduce flow would make weekend-only opening, for example, viable for the first time</li> <li>• Have the potential to reduce power for each pool down to 35%, giving a potential 50% cost saving</li> <li>• Target new audiences and new users, such as triathlon and cold water swimmers, by a more flexible approach to winter opening of our outdoor pool</li> <li>• Help offset rises in cost of utilities by reducing flow to the indoor pool overnight and at quieter times.</li> </ul> <p>This project would benefit not only the Eastern area, but the whole of Swale - and beyond. As the busiest pool in Swale, Faversham Pools provides an important service for the whole community, from babies enjoying their first time in the water, to lessons for school and individual children, to rehab and physio, and to elderly people learning to swim for the very first time. As we emerge from the pandemic, a major focus for the pool is refurbishing our changing village, to make it more accessible for families, for older swimmers and, importantly, for swimmers with disabilities. Investing in our infrastructure with this new pump would enable us to have the confidence to plan refurbishments and improvements further into the future, safe in the knowledge that the risk of plant failure has been addressed. In turn, this addresses Swale's Strategic Priority 3, in reducing health inequality by providing affordable, accessible leisure facilities which make health and wellbeing a focus, proving ways for families to exercise together and investing in the facilities which address the borough's health and wellbeing needs.</p>
<b>Supporting papers</b>	No
<b>Quote provided</b>	Yes
<b>Total project expenditure:</b>	Pool pump - £5,925.00 Assembly of pump - £450.00 Installation - £850.00 VAT - £1,445.00 <b>Total Expenditure - £8,670.00</b>
<b>Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):</b>	None
<b>Funding request:</b>	<b>£8,670.00</b>

<b>Reference:</b>	EAC018
<b>Organisation:</b>	Friends of Oare Gunpowder Works
<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Paul Jessett - Chairman
<b>Status of organisation:</b>	Unincorporated Association (Community Group)
<b>Details of project/activity:</b>	<p>The Oare Gunpowder Works was first established in c1690 and was one of three black powder factories operating in Faversham. The site at Oare represents a significant contribution to the history of gunpowder production in Britain and the history of Faversham; it is also considered to be of major national and regional significance.</p> <p>The Works is scheduled as an Ancient Monument, having been recognised by the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments (now amalgamated with English Heritage) as one of only three sites of prime national importance in the gunpowder industry. Without Faversham gunpowder, Britain's Industrial Revolution could never have taken place. It was used to blast routes for canals and railways and to quarry stone needed for bridges and other structures.</p> <p>The remains of the Oare Works have been conserved as an attractive country park. If this sounds paradoxical, gunpowder factories, unlike any others, were always places of great inherent charm and beauty, even when in full production - a 19th century journalist said the Oare factory could be mistaken for a game reserve. Here is a splendidly informative Visitor Centre and an 80-year-old gunpowder mill repatriated from Ardeer.</p> <p>Within the site are "Leats" The Leats were a series of canals created to provide a water flow to power machinery and for a safe form of transportation for the gunpowder around the site, this would have been in small wooden punts Most of the leats still contain water and provide a valuable wildlife habitat. For example, European Eels, Smooth and Palmate Newts; also, up to seven species of Bat have been confirmed as using this area for feeding and as a maternity site.</p> <p>Sadly, the Leats have fallen into a state of disrepair, with the recent effect of climate change, the Leats have dried out during long hot summers and refilled again during wetter periods, these are clay lined and with the growth of tree roots penetrating the clay lining, there are "leaks in the leats". The friends' group have in the past unsuccessfully tried to plug the leaks, however as this is a balanced system it requires these water levels to be maintained.</p> <p>We are looking for some funding to engage with a contractor to professionally reline part of the Leat system to plug the leaks</p>

	<p>and restore these historic remains for the future and to continue to provide habitat and maintain the eco system within the country park, and the effect this will have on the environment</p> <p>These repairs will show that the local authority is investing into its green spaces and supporting its local heritage, including links to the rich history of the Gunpowder Industry of Faversham. This will boost local tourism, feedback will be seen via the various social media channels, including Trip Advisor, Facebook and Twitter.</p>
<b>Supporting papers</b>	No
<b>Quote provided</b>	To follow
<b>Total project expenditure:</b>	<p>To engage with a specialist - £4,000.00  VAT - £800.00  <b>Total project expenditure - £4,800.00</b></p>
<b>Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):</b>	No
<b>Funding request:</b>	<b>£4,800.00</b>

<b>Reference:</b>	EAC019
<b>Organisation:</b>	Cinque Ports Rowing CIC
<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Alan Thorne - Director
<b>Status of organisation:</b>	Company Ltd by Guarantee Social Enterprise
<b>Details of project/activity:</b>	<p><b>Engaging Younger People in Faversham Community Boat Build</b></p> <p>Over the last two years, Faversham Community Boat Build has engaged with people in our local community to build and then use two 22ft St Ayles Coastal Rowing Skiffs. We have supported the formation of Faversham Rowing Club and welcomed boatbuilders from all walks of life and age groups.</p> <p>One group, however, has been less inclined to engage with our project - namely younger people. Particularly those approaching or just past school leaving age and people from our area's most deprived wards. We are keen to address this with a project dedicated to working with younger people and, in particular, NEETS (those not in employment, education or training).</p> <p>We have secured funding to provide dedicated training days and mentor support to younger people for an initial period to April 2022. We will embark upon an outreach campaign to involve them in our community project. The main focus for this outreach activity will be Faversham's most deprived wards.</p> <p>The hands-on activity of boatbuilding fosters a number of skills in our participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teamwork and collaboration</li> <li>• Wood-working skills</li> <li>• Listening and communication skills</li> <li>• Confidence</li> <li>• Motivation</li> <li>• Interpersonal skills</li> <li>• A basic knowledge of boat-building techniques</li> </ul> <p>In addition to providing tutor-led boatbuilding sessions, our younger participants will also have regular mentoring and interview skills training to support them to find employment or training placements in the future.</p>
<b>Supporting papers</b>	Yes
<b>Quote provided</b>	Yes
<b>Total project expenditure:</b>	Venue, materials etc - £3,658.00 Publicity & outreach - £1,000.00 Boatbuilding sessions - £5,200.00 Mentoring/interview skills - £1,800.00 <b>Total project expenditure £11,658.00</b>

<b>Total project income (<i>addition sources of income including cash/in kind</i>):</b>	Safer Kent - £2,000.00 Faversham Town Council - £3,000.00 Private donations - £1,658.00 <b>Total project income - £6,658.00</b>
<b>Funding request:</b>	<b>£5,000.00</b>

<b>Reference:</b>	EAC020
<b>Organisation:</b>	Painters Forstal Community Association
<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Professor Ben Bennett - Chair
<b>Status of organisation:</b>	Registered Charity
<b>Details of project/activity:</b>	<p><b>Painters Forstal - cycle destination.</b></p> <p><b>Background:</b>          The Parish of Painters Forstal and Ospringe lost access to its shared community hall in 2017. Since then, the community has been working hard to build a new, modern, flexible, accessible, low carbon facility on a plot of land in the centre of the village gifted by a generous resident. We have planning permission, support from numerous funders and community fund-raising and will shortly receive tenders and start building.</p> <p><b>The project:</b>          Part of the project, and a planning requirement, is the inclusion of suitable bicycle racks. In this project, we want to go a step further than this by including secure bicycle parking and local activity information to encourage cyclists from nearby Faversham to come out to our village, park their 'cycles, and benefit from country walks and access to the Lorenden Nature reserve, which is opposite the site of the community hall.</p> <p><b>Activity:</b>          Cycle racks for securing 10 bicycles will be purchased and installed at the front of the new Community Hall in Painters Forstal.</p> <p>An associated secure weatherproof noticeboard will be placed next to the cycle rack. This noticeboard will be populated with local information relevant to those visiting by cycle: local walks from the community hall, wildlife information, notices of activities in the Community Hall that cyclists might want to engage with (such as the cake and coffee events).</p> <p><b>Compliance with the agreed criteria:</b>          Area Committee Criteria. This project is closely aligned to the aim of having a positive impact on transport in the area. We hope, by promoting the active use of cycles and encouraging individuals and families to cycle out to our community we will both discourage car journeys for residents and users of the new hall and visitors from nearby.</p> <p>Swale Strategic Priority 2. We believe that this project contributes to priorities as follows:</p> <p>2.1 Contribute to addressing climate change. Switching journeys to bicycles has a significant positive environmental</p>



	<p>impact. We believe that having secure, covered, cycle parking combined with information on activities and nearby amenities will support this aim. We note the this marries well with the Faversham Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan, the Faversham Neighbourhood Plan and the Swale Borough Council's Local Plan. We believe this will also tie in with the Faversham Town Council Parishes to Town Project currently under preparation.</p> <p>Swale Strategic Priority 3: Tackling deprivation and creating equal opportunity</p> <p>3.5 Promoting wellbeing and enjoyment of like etc. We believe that by having a 'destination' that is in a parish close to Faversham, but also in the AONB we will encourage various age groups, but particularly families, to cycle to the new community hall and feel shared ownership of our community space. We plan to operate a weekend 'coffee and cake' drop-in to encourage locals, walkers and cyclists to use us as a place to get exercise and to meet friends. Access to the countryside is cheap and inclusive and this project will in its small way make our lovely environment more open to all regardless of status.</p>
<b>Supporting papers</b>	No
<b>Quote provided</b>	Yes
<b>Total project expenditure:</b>	External weatherproof noticeboard x 1 - £916.91 Floor mounted cycle rack (5 cycles) x 2 - £138.40 VAT - £211.06 <b>Total project expenditure £1,266.37</b>
<b>Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):</b>	Installation by qualified community members - £200.00 Development of cycle and walking maps - £100.00 Land donation £80,000.00 Estimated Community Hall build cost £750,000.00 Total project costs/income £830,300.00
<b>Funding request:</b>	<b>£1,266.37</b>



<b>Reference:</b>	EAC021
<b>Organisation:</b>	West Faversham Community Association
<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Louise Asekokhai – Head of Community Activities
<b>Status of organisation:</b>	Registered Charity
<b>Details of project/activity:</b>	<p>WFCA is planning on building a soft play area into the community centre, this will be low cost or free of charge play activity for families attending specialist support groups. This will also be available to Faversham people to come and use as a fun activity. We have conducted a survey to see if it was something the local community wanted and would use and we have so far received 120 responses, 116 were positive. This would give us the opportunity to run soft play sessions for families, disabled young people and incorporate soft play into some of our group sessions such as ADHD, Mental Well Being and Autism support groups. It will provide a place for young families to come, for the children to learn through play and will reduce the loneliness and isolation that many young mothers feel after they have had children, much of our impact monitoring at our other mother and child groups shows that the opportunity to get out of the house and attend a group increases the wellbeing of the parent and the child and provides valuable social opportunities. There will be community support workers on hand to offer support and help to anyone using the facility that feels they need some one-to-one support. There is nothing like this in the West of Faversham, but there are large numbers of young families living close by who would really benefit. This adaptation has been approved by our trustees and we have had architects check the suitability and approved our plans.</p>
<b>Supporting papers</b>	Yes – plan of proposed area
<b>Quote provided</b>	Yes
<b>Total project expenditure:</b>	Soft play equipment and converting part of building - £35,000.00 VAT - £7,000.00 <b>Total project expenditure - £42,000.00</b>
<b>Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):</b>	Other grants - £32,000.00 WFCA fundraising - £5,000.00 <b>Total project income - £37,000.00</b>
<b>Funding request:</b>	<b>£5,000.00</b>

<b>Reference:</b>	EAC022
<b>Organisation:</b>	Boughton-under-Blean Village Hall
<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Carol Clayson – Volunteer/Committee Member
<b>Status of organisation:</b>	Registered Charity
<b>Details of project/activity:</b>	The installation of solar panels on the roof of Boughton-under-Blean village hall. The system will include 42 panels. The system will make use of the electricity for local community activities in the hall. The system will make use of the export tariff when the site is not in use.
<b>Supporting papers</b>	No
<b>Quote provided</b>	Yes
<b>Total project expenditure:</b>	42 x solar panels - £23,302.20 Scaffold – £120.00 Warranty protection - £60.00 Generation Meter - £68.00 Registrations - £170.00 VAT - £1,165.11 <b>Total project expenditure - £24,467.31</b>
<b>Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):</b>	SBC Member Grant - £1,000.00 KCC Grant applied for – awaiting outcome FFC Grant being completed <b>Total project income - £1,000.00</b>
<b>Funding request:</b>	<b>£5,000.00</b>

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