



NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Baldock & District Area Committee**

2. Date: **5 Mar 2012**

3. Summary of application: **Funding support to cover professional fees and room hire charges**

Name of organisation: **Baldock Town Hall Users Group**

Sum requested: **£1,000**

Total project cost: **£0**

Brief details:

The Baldock Town Hall Group was set up in May 2011. The group is in negotiations with NHDC to look at the possibilities of taking on the operation and running of Baldock Town Hall as an Arts & Heritage Centre. The group have been given a year by the Authority (until end of March 2012) to produce a business plan for taking on the facility. The group are seeking financial support from the Baldock & District Area Committee to enable them to engage assistance from a number of professional advisors (including surveyors, solicitors, architects and accountants) regarding the buildings future potential. They are also seeking funding to help with the escalating costs of room hire for their meetings

Matched / linked funding: **£1,500**

Funder: **Donations and subscriptions**

Matched /linked funding : **£0**
or DRR

Funder: **HCC Locality Budget**

Comments from Development Officer:

The Baldock Town Hall has been vacant for many years. The Baldock Town Hall Group are looking to reopen the building and use it for Arts and Heritage based events/activities. The Group has identified many future users for the building and have some excellent events planned. Operationally the Baldock Town Hall Group are focusing on arts and heritage angle and it must be stressed that their venture will not impact on the excellent service provided by the Baldock Community Centre. If successful the reopening of the Town Hall could benefit 1000+ people both from Baldock and the numerous surrounding villages.

Amount recommended: **£1,000**

4. Comments from Ward Members:

I support / do not support this application

Name:

Signed:

Date:

I support / do not support this application

Name:

Signed:

Date: