



NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Baldock & District Area Committee**2. Date: **6 Jun 2016**3. Summary of application: **Funding to assist the club's annual operational costs**Name of organisation: **Baldock Senior Club**Sum requested: **£1,000**Total project cost: **£2,435**

Brief details:

The Baldock Senior Club meets for two hours each week hiring facilities at the Community Centre at a cost of £45pw. Alternative premises have been tried in the past but have been found to be unsuitable by a number of club members.

The Community Centre is central in the town and is accessible to less mobile club members being on the ground with a level access, plus adequate toilet facilities. There is always a member of the Centre's Staff on duty to deal with any matters on the day etc. The Club is able to use the centre's photocopier to help with the administering its activities and general membership matters.

The Club has use of the Kitchen Facilities and some storage space for club equipment, all of which assists and enhances what the club has to offer. In addition, some Club members attend the Lunch Club which meets immediately prior to the Senior Cub each week.

Matched / linked funding: **£1,435**Funder: **Subscriptions, weekly fees & fund raising**Matched /linked funding : **£**
or DRR

Funder:

Comments from Community Officer:

The Club's income (£2,435 last year) is derived from annual subscriptions, weekly entrance fees, funds raised by raffles & tombolas, plus contributions made members towards the costs of some of the entertainers who are hired in.

Club members already contribute to overall Club funds and many also pay extra to use the Mini Bus for one of both journeys each week.

The Club itself has some funding in reserve which is used to supplement annual income. Previous year's reserves have been used to subsidise the Christmas Lunch for all members; the purchase of a hands free microphone used by speakers so that all can hear and subsidising weekly activity and entertainer fees.

This group was in receipt of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the 4 year period between 2011/12 to 2015/16. In essence the application for funding support mirrors the terms of the MoU.

The Community Development Officer has examined this application against the Authority's Area Grants Policy, the organisation's accounts and grant history, and considers it an eligible application.

Amount recommended: **£1,000**