



NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Southern Rural Committee**

2. Date: **7 Feb 2013**

3. Summary of application: **Fit out and Operation of a Community Café**

Name of organisation: **Circles Community Cafe**

Sum requested: **£5,000**

Total project cost: **£24,000**

Brief details:

Circles Café Bar group Registered as a Community Interest Company in December 2011. It has 3 volunteers, formerly the Gt Ashby Community Centre Management Association café bar sub-group. The Community Café is seen as an integral part of the life of the Community Centre but as a separate trading/business operation safeguarding the Community Centre. The rationale and business model for a community interest company was the most appropriate to run the café bar as a business for community benefit, not private advantage. Any profits or other surpluses will be used for community benefit, not going to shareholders.

Activities & Related Benefits are

To provide a professional, welcoming, friendly, and fulfilling continental-style cafe bar.

To provide a facility that is benefiting, enhancing and serving the local community.

To fill the gap identified through a community survey in 2003 for a facility providing refreshments/bar facilities in a family friendly environment.

If the company makes any surplus it will be used for the benefit of Great Ashby and the wider community, and reinvestment in and the enhancement of 'The Coffee Shop'.

Matched / linked funding: **£0**

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Comments from Development Officer:

Circles are seeking financial support from the Area Committee to complete the fitting out of the café area with the Community Centre and to help with initial operating costs associated with the opening and trading first two months estimated at £24k in total.

Facility& Equipment Costs £13.5k & One Month's Operational Costs £10.5k

Proposed NHDC funding routes:

Consent has been given for £13k of the original contributed funds from Croudace to be released to the Gt Ashby Community Centre Management Association for Facility & Equipment Costs.

Grant submission to:

The Southern Rural Area Committee - £5k for operational costs

The Rural Grants Fund - £5k for equipment and kitting out costs

Other funds to be sought by Circles Trustees:

Grant request to the Gt Ashby Community Council for £5k was heard at the meeting on 10th January 2013 and subsequently granted.

Possible funds via the SBC Ward Member Budgets representing the Stevenage areas of Gt Ashby.

Amount recommended: **£1,500**

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: