



NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Southern Rural Area Committee**

2. Date: **04 December 2014**

3. Summary of application: **Operational support costs for Christmas meal and other activities**

Name of organisation: **Gt Ashby Over 50's Friendship Club** Sum requested: **£300**

Brief details Total project cost: **£600+**

The Over 50's Friendship Club meets every Tuesday afternoon from 2.00 to 4.00pm in the Small Meeting Hall at Great Ashby Community Centre. Average attendance ranges from 25 to 30 per week with many of the members being over 65 years of age with a proportion being 80+.

The club endeavours to provide some form of social aspect to meet with friends in order to ward off loneliness, especially in the colder months

The club is seeking support funding in the region of £300 to assist with costs incurred in providing the group with a Christmas meal & celebration afternoon as well as paying expenses and the costs of guest speakers.

Matched / linked funding:

Funders:

Comments from Development Officer:

The Club is also keen on seeking assistance / possible funds to install a hearing loop system at the Community Centre to aid those members with hearing difficulties.

The CDM at the time of writing this report was liaising with the Community Centre's Manager, Dot Smith to look at the possibility or working up a project and costings re the installation of a hearing loop system for the centre.

Further update on this matter will be made available in due course with the view of a separate application coming before the Committee at its next meeting.

**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 to put before the Committee.**

Amount recommended: **£300**

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: