



NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Southern Rural Area Committee**2. Date: **3rd Dec 2015**3. Summary of application: **Support funding for Refurbishment Works**Name of organisation: **Dacre Rooms - Kimpton**Sum requested: **£2,000**Total project cost: **£20,000**

Brief details:

Since May 2015 the Friends of the Dacre Rooms have been slowly bringing the building back into some use in order for it to be once again, a valued community asset and hub of the village. Over the past 6 months they have cleared out lots of unwanted items and made the Rooms far more attractive. They have had the roof repaired and some damp problems addressed as well as using voluntary support to paint most of the outside woodwork.

A "Use it or lose it" campaign was started in June in order to see if the village really wanted to keep the building going, so the group started testing the water with a variety of events

As a result bookings have gradually been increasing from 3 hours in June to a healthy 70 hours in November.

The group needs some financial help to update the facility in general and will work with the Communities Manger in seeking other external sources of funding like Awards for All and Luton Airport Community Fund.

Matched / linked funding: **£10,000 tba**Funders: **Awards for All**Matched /linked funding: **£2,000 tba**Funder: **Luton Airport Community Fund**

Comments from Development Officer:

Highlighted works

Decorate outside the South facing windows and gable end £550: A moveable disabled ramp £300;

New bench seating £200 - £400

Gas boiler servicing and removal of redundant gas feed to heater; Electrics inspection and additional power outlet sockets: Urgent work that is being sorted at the moment Quote £650;

Painting all rooms (volunteers) paint and materials only est £500

Crockery 40 place settings £50; Cutlery 36place settings £183; Glasses £45: Lockable store cupboard £167

Front room and office to be decorated (volunteer painting weekend); New blind (donated); Cost of paint and materials £100; 4 cafe tables £160; 4 Chairs for upstairs £100; The back room upstairs has no window £500 - £1000; Possible fire doors upstairs

Cooker in kitchen (will eventually need a catering cooker) Grand Total £19,125 estimated

The group is therefore seeking a grant contribution from the Committee's main budget in the region of £2,000 to assist with some of the works / improvements as listed above.

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: **£1,500**

4. Comments from Ward Members:

I support / do not support this application

Name:

Signed:

Date:

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Signed:

Date: