

RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION



Decision taken by individual Cabinet Member

DECISION MAKER

Councillor Sue Carter, Democracy, Strategy and Partnerships Portfolio Holder

DECISION AND THE REASON(S) FOR IT

Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund grant of

- **£720 awarded to Mayfield Community Partnership** for Hawley Community Garden Harvest Festival

The Community Environmental Fund commenced in 2001. It is levied by Farnborough Airport on business aviation movements at a rate of £2 per aircraft movement and £5 per aircraft movement where the aircraft is a Boeing Business Jet or an Airbus Corporate Jet.

The fund is available to groups and organisations under the following criteria:

- Located within 5 kilometres (3 miles) from the centre of Farnborough Airport (taken to be halfway down the main runway) and is demonstrably and regularly affected by aircrafts travelling to and from Farnborough Airport
- Has public access to be available to be enjoyed by the community as a whole and result in the improvement of an outdoor facility or area
- Includes an environmental improvement
- Projects may include: -
 - Green or open spaces
 - Natural habitats
 - Environmental improvements
 - Outdoor play
 - Community projects with an emphasis on improving the local environment

In addition, an application from Bevan Lodge Community Pre-school CIO for a bike and scooter shelter was considered, but the panel agreed that the application does not meet all the criteria for the fund.

Following this award, the Community Environmental Fund now has £38,990 available for allocation.

DATE DECISION TAKEN

6 July 2023

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

(Those examined by officers and generated by consultation, etc)

None.

ANY CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

(conflict of interests of any executive member who is consulted by the officer which relates to the decision. A note of dispensation should be attached).

N/A

Signed _____ Sue Carter _____

Designation _____ Democracy, Strategy and Partnerships Portfolio Holder _____

Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund applicant bid

Applicant name and address of project site: Mayfield Community Partnership (MCP) – Hawley Community Garden (HCG), Prince Charles Crescent playing field GU14 8DL

Purpose of grant: Hawley Community Garden Harvest Festival

Grant amount requested: £720 **Total cost of project:** £920

Previous grants from this fund in the last five years: None

| Criteria met? | Y/N | Comment |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Located within distance? • Regularly affected by air movements? • Public access enjoyed by whole community? • Result in improvement of outdoor facility/area? • Include an environmental improvement? | Y Y Y Y Y | HCG is based in a ward that is high on the indices of deprivation. The garden site was originally a derelict garage site, attracting antisocial behaviour. The garden now brings people together to grow friendships alongside food, sharing knowledge and skills, breaking down isolation. People describe it as an oasis in the community. At the event people have the opportunity to pond dip, bug hunt, plant seeds, try Nepali food and express their gratitude for this community asset. |

Other sources of funding for this project: £100 (Mayfield Community Partnership funds), £100 (Donations)

Accounts: **Income:** £808 **Expenditure:** £205 **Balances:** £8,699

Additional information: Hawley Community Garden is an entirely volunteer run project. The Harvest Festival invites the whole community to celebrate the garden, welcoming them in to take a tour and encourage new membership. Local environmental groups are part of the event to provide interactive stalls, including Cove Brook Greenway Group, Blackwater Valley Friends of the Earth, Woodland Trust, Blackwater Valley Countryside Partnership, RSPB, Rowhill Nature Reserve and Farnborough Forest School. Church of the Good Shepherd play a key role in giving a Harvest Festival blessing and a local school choir usually take part. Millers Ark Animals also attend to provide an opportunity for people to pet farm animals. Some of the local children especially have never had the chance to see a farm animal for real.

On average 300 people attend the event, the majority from Cherrywood ward and more specifically the immediate community surrounding the project. The Funding will ensure we can offer a free event that will connect people with nature and the importance of looking after their immediate environment.

Aim of organisation/group: Within the Cherrywood ward Mayfield Community Partnership:

- Brings communities together
- Improves health and wellbeing for all
- Actively supports community cohesion
- Takes special interest in supporting opportunities for the youth in the community

Application recommendation: £720