

SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL

Report

Subject : Community Development Grants Monitoring
Committee : E, G & M Subcommittee
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1. Report Summary:

- 1.1. This report provides details of end of year and end of project monitoring forms for Community Development Grants due to report between July and October 2023

2. Background:

- 2.1. Read Easy – Awarded October 2022
- 2.2. Riverside Tennis Club – Awarded October 2022
- 2.3. Salisbury Transition City – Awarded
- 2.4. Pantry Partnership – Awarded July 2022
- 2.5. Silver Salisbury – Awarded July 2022

3. Project Summaries

- 3.1. **Read Easy** – Towards Volunteer training, publicity, learning materials and small running costs to enable a new adult literacy service.
 - Funds Granted - £637
- 3.2. **Riverside Tennis Club** - Towards the costs of a floodlit tennis court
 - Funds Granted - £2000
- 3.3. **Salisbury Transition City** - Towards the costs of the 'People in the Park' event this summer.
 - Funds Granted - £2000
- 3.4. **Pantry Partnership** - Towards the costs of a Community Coordinator post.
 - Funds granted - £1500 per year for 3 years.
 - The Pantry Partnership CIC is ceasing to trade in November 2023 and will not be seeking any further instalments of their 3-year grant.
- 3.5. **Silver Salisbury** - For the creation of an outreach programme directly engaging BAME and other minority communities in Salisbury.
 - Funds Granted - £3000 per year for 3 years.

4. Monitoring Overview

- 4.1. **Read Easy** – report not received.
- 4.2. **Riverside Tennis Club**
 - The application stated an aim of 95% membership retention. Current membership retention rate is 96.4%. with current membership standing at 420 against 390 this time last year.

- The application stated an aim of 25% increase in pay to play income. Income has risen from £526 to £683. An increase of 30%
- Annual membership satisfaction is at 98% (Feb 2023)
- Improving Access to Active Lifestyles – 2000 additional floodlit hours were delivered. £1.50 sessions were introduced for Sarum St Pauls and St Osmund's students and LTA Girls Courses were delivered for 30 girls new to tennis.
- Improving People's Wellbeing by enabling year-round access to fitness – Floodlit hours have enabled a 25% increase in winter play enabling many more working people and children to play in the winter months. Winter Junior Classes have also been introduced and a 50% increase in adult winter players has been achieved.
- A change to the original plans was made with LED floodlights being chosen rather than traditional floodlights. These are around 60% cheaper to run with a lower energy consumption.
- Riverside worked with Activities Leader Tom Gailey to introduce the £1.50 sessions for local school children thereby meeting their additional condition of enabling access for children from low-income households. The continuation rate in this group has been high.
- Riverside were successful in raising the additional funds needed for their floodlights from a variety of sources showing an ability to match fund for significant projects.

4.3. Salisbury Transition City – People in the Park

- Originally scheduled for September 2022, People in the park was successfully delivered on the 20th of May 2023
- 2000 people attended the event with 40 stall holders from community groups across Salisbury.
- The event was managed with no more than 500 onsite at any one time.
- The original application was for £3k and the group received £2k. They report that this limited their ability to promote the event and reach more people.
- The grant was spent solely on infrastructure (stages, sound systems and signage)
- Improving People's Wellbeing – The attending groups included support services and there were able to reach new people through the course of the event
- A greener City – This event promoted a wide range of green and sustainable activities and ideas and increased membership of Transition city to enable ongoing work towards a sustainable future.

4.4. Pantry Partnership –

- The coordinator role was recruited to in November 2022 and this role facilitated the redistribution of food and the cooking of 750 frozen meals for community projects.
- Pantry Partnership did not reach their grant target for this post so reduced the hours accordingly.
- The coordinator realised two terms of cook and eat sessions in the last year with bereaved individuals.
- A new project was completed working with Wiltshire council on a cooking course for families in Bemerton Heath.
- Pantry Partnership were also able to work with the Women's refuge and the Ukraine Hub on celebration events.

- This project was realised, as outlined in the original application and met the Community Priorities of Bringing Communities Together and Improving Peoples Wellbeing well.

4.5. Silver Salisbury

- Silver Salisbury have been delayed in reporting due to the application lead currently running the Silver Salisbury Festival Fortnight. Verbal update provided to this meeting. Full monitoring report at the next Events, Markets and Grants Subcommittee.

5. Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

5.1. The Committee note the content of reports.

6. Wards Affected: All

7. Background papers: Nil

8. Implications:

8.1. **Financial:** As shown in this report

8.2. **Legal:** none

8.3. **Personnel:** none

8.4. **Environmental Impact** none

8.5. **Equalities Impact Statement:** Nil in relation to this report

9. Supporting Documents

9.1 Pantry Partnership Monitoring Report – DOC92415

9.2 Riverside Tennis Monitoring Report – DOC92414