

Ryedale Grant Schemes 2017/18

Project Appraisal Form

1 **Type of Grant:** Section 106 Grants

Ref No: S106-013

2 **Applicant Organisation & Project title** Malton Town Council, Lady Spring Wood And Riverside

3 Previous Applications to RDC

Ref No	Project	Successful	Amount	Date
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4 **Total Cost of Project** £121,667.40

5 **Grant Aid Requested** £69,527.50 **% Intervention** 57

6 **Date site / organisation visit completed**

7 **Type of scheme** **Capital** **Revenue**

Organisation

8 **Is the organisation well managed?**

Yes

9 **Is the organisation financially sound?**

Yes

10 **Is the organisation reflective of the community it services?**

Yes

11 **Can the organisation manage and deliver the project?**

Yes. There is a strong partnership with many people behind this scheme, including people from the Town Council as well as the Malton and Norton Partnership.

12 **Have the needs and aspirations of the community served been taken into account?**

Yes. Members of the public were surveyed about this project and offered majority support.

Project

13 Does the project support delivery of the Councils aims? (Please tick all that apply)

Sustainable Growth:

- Promoting a strong economy with thriving businesses and supporting infrastructure
- Capitalising on our culture, leisure and tourism opportunities
- Managing the environment of Ryedale with partners
- Enabling provision of housing that meets existing and anticipates future need
- Minimising homelessness, improving the standard and availability of rented accommodation and supporting people to live independently

Customers and Communities:

- Helping our partners to keep our communities safe and healthy
- Supporting communities to identify their needs, plan and develop local solutions and resilience

Section 106 Grants:

- Does this meet with the section 106 planning agreement description for the parish?

14a Which ward or parish is affected?

Malton
Norton

14b Which communities of interest are affected?

Local people.

15 Does the project respond to a clearly defined need? How is this evidenced?

The area already provides the community with an extensive area of green space, but the elements which enable access are becoming unfit for purpose. Providing access to culture and heritage is taken into account with this proposal. In addition to this, providing an area for cyclists and walkers has been considered.

16 Does the project have community support? How is this evidenced?

User survey of 85 respondents:
70% use network daily/weekly.
24% would no longer use area if boardwalk was totally removed.
98% supported installing a new bridge over The Cut.

17a Is a robust project plan in place?

Relevant specialists and authorities, as well as local people, architects, landscapers and archaeologists have been approached and consulted. This has been to ensure the project planning has been considered from every possible angle. A site layout plan has also been provided as part of the submission.

The Malton and Norton Partnership has been praised by the East and North Yorkshire Waterways Partnership for their togetherness and for the crowd-funding campaign, and this project has received support from Natural England and the Environment Agency.

The business plan (yet to be received) will provide further information regarding the maintenance of the area. However it is noted that Malton Town Council, as well as the Community Payback team, will deal with aspects of the maintenance.

17b Flood grants only: Is there a community resilience plan in place?

18 What are the objectives of the project and what impact will it deliver?

The existing boardwalk is unlikely to last another winter. Failing to replace/upgrade/maintain the footpaths and allowing invasive species to overrun the area would jeopardise the longevity of one of Malton's most precious public open spaces. To improve the area would enable continued access to the cultural and natural heritage, as well as promote leisure, health and well-being for cyclists / walkers / dog-walkers / joggers / nature-watchers / photographers.

19 Is the project budget accurate and reasonable, with a realistic plan for securing match funding?

Evidence has been provided to suggest that the match funding will arrive via Yorventure, Local Fundraising, as well as In-Kind Volunteer work. Ryedale DC's contribution makes up over half of the moneys.

20 Is the funding package verified?

Local fundraising/crowdfunding - evidence provided - shows target almost met

Yorventure - copies of correspondence provided - shows potential for match funding

Back-up - Scottish Power Foundation is the group's back-up plan, but money from this source would not be made available until 2018.

Further match funding will include in-kind contributions from the partnership's members, as well as the Community Payback team. An application to LEADER will also be submitted.

Long term viability and running costs

21a Is the project expected to continue beyond the term of any funding awarded by the council

YES NO

21b For capital projects is there a clear and realistic projection of income for the future

maintenance of the facility – a business plan?

Business plan to be completed 05.09.2017.

22 Comments on the financial situation

The breakdown of costs is complicated.

The total cost of the actual works is £84,504.10 (x). This is based on the preferred contractor's estimates. Note, where the contractor has presented numerous options for one aspect of works, the most expensive option has been accounted for.

The bulk of the works includes: replacing the boardwalk, replacing the foot-bridge, clearing vegetation, making good the earth, installing the people counters, as well as the cost of storage space.

The contingency cost is 10% of the above. So: £8450.40 (y).

The in-kind costs total £10,122.00, however this is not included in the VAT, which totals £18,590.90 (x+y).

All of these amounts added-together helps reach our total total of £121,667.40.

23 Are there any outstanding planning or technical issues?

There is no evidence of any outstanding planning or technical issues. Planning permission is not required and relevant specialists have been consulted and formed part of the project planning process.

24 Any other outstanding concerns or issues?

We await information regarding the lease of the land from Fitzwilliam Trust Corporation.

25 How will the project be monitored and evaluated?

Awareness of the refurbished network will be increased via local websites, local businesses and press coverage and the amount of (likely increased) usage will be recorded by the people-counters on access points. Feedback via Facebook and through local papers will aim to evidence satisfaction of users, as well as informal assessments being conducted. The Drainage Board, Env Agency and NYCC will all report on water management, whilst Malton Town Council will report on management and maintenance.

Date: 29.08.2017
