

Ryedale Grant Schemes 2017/18

Project Appraisal Form

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

Ref No: S106-011

2 **Applicant Organisation & Project title** Norton Community Library, Busy Bees Garden

3 Previous Applications to RDC

Ref No	Project	Successful	Amount	Date
EC125	Refurbishment of site - Successful - £5000.00 - 2016			

4 **Total Cost of Project** £1587.08

5 **Grant Aid Requested** £1462.08 **% Intervention** 92

6 **Date site / organisation visit completed**

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

Organisation

8 **Is the organisation well managed?**

Yes, the management group contains between 10-14 members who are residents of Norton. They are supported by the Library Service, NYCC Stronger Communities Manager, and Coast and Vale Community Action (CaVCA).

9 **Is the organisation financially sound?**

Yes. Bank statements have been provided which prove this.

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

Yes.

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

Yes. Based on the structure of the management and the willingness of workers/volunteers, as well as the support from NYCC and CaVCA, and also taking into account the work done following previous grant applications - I am of the opinion that the project can be delivered.

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

Yes, a survey was conducted. There were majority votes for both garden space and outdoor seating. This project directly delivers on the ideas/requests of the

public consultation.

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?

Norton
Malton

14b Which communities of interest are affected?

Local community.

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

Yes. There is a lack of garden space in the locality, which this would provide.

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

Yes, a survey was conducted (and has been provided as part of the business plan document). There were majority votes for both garden space and outdoor seating. This project delivers on the ideas/requests of the public.

17a Is a robust project plan in place?

Final decisions are yet to be made on the intricacies of the garden and its 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?

There is a lack of public open space in Norton and particularly in the locality of the library. Current users of the library, as well as those nearby who were surveyed, have indicated that they would recommend/enjoy the additional benefits of garden space.

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

Yes.

Mr Mullins has clearly spent a significant amount of time surveying local businesses. A document has been submitted which reveals the varying prices offered by local businesses for the wanted items. Due to the fact that all suppliers are local to the area, I have suggested that - in certain cases - the more expensive/better quality items are included in the grant request.

The local fundraising (match funding) would comprise approximately 8% of the total, and there is confidence from Mr Mullins that this can be achieved. The information on the bank statements would also suggest that this is achievable.

20 Is the funding package verified?

Yes. Funding would be provided almost entirely by RDC, with local fundraising comprising the rest of the moneys required.

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?

Yes. An overall business plan has been provided for Norton Hive. It proposes future developments, such as a cafe, of which this garden is one element. There is a group of 10-14 passionate local people who manage the library, with support from various organisations.

22 Comments on the financial situation

None.

23 Are there any outstanding planning or technical issues?

No.

24 Any other outstanding concerns or issues?

Further clarity will be required regarding the intricacies of the garden and its maintenance.

25 How will the project be monitored and evaluated?

Feedback from users
Observations of how much it is used.
How much attention is afforded to the upkeep.

26 Do you deem this project to be viable and deliverable?

Yes.

27a Comments from Ward Member consultation

Cllr Di Keal: "I would definitely support this application. Norton town council members are supportive of the greening and improvement of the Commercial Street area and this falls into this area. It seems like a natural extension of the work that volunteers have already carried out creating Norton Hive and a great project that will benefit local people and improve the streetscene."

27b S106 Public Open Space and Flood Grants Only: Comments from Parish / Town Council consultation

Norton TC: "Council are satisfied that this application meets the criteria for funding, and that it will benefit not only the clients of Ryedale Sight Support and the Library, but the community as a whole. Support the application."

Malton TC: Members support this application and are satisfied that the project meets the criteria for funding. The project will benefit the wider community, including hard to reach groups.

Recommendation from assessing officer

28a Award the Grant Yes No

28b Level of award £1462.08 100%

28c Conditions:
a. Standard Grant Conditions

b. Keep records of hours worked by volunteers and make these available to Ryedale District Council for monitoring purposes

c. A project plan detailing the final designs for the garden and its maintenance will be made available to Ryedale District Council prior to the

completion of the project

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