

Ryedale Grant Schemes 2017/18

Project Appraisal Form

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

2 **Ref No:** S106-015

3 **Applicant Organisation & Project title** Ampleforth Village Hall, Facilities Improvement

3 Previous Applications to RDC

Ref No	Project	Successful	Amount	Date

4 Total Cost of Project £10,645.00

5 Grant Aid Requested £10,645 % Intervention 100

6 Date site / organisation visit completed 31/07/17

7 Type of scheme Capital Revenue

Organisation

8 Is the organisation well managed?
Very well managed. It is a registered charity.

9 Is the organisation financially sound?
Yes. Money used through hiring the hall is used to maintain a high standard of provision to the Community, and has on going contingencies in place.

10 Is the organisation reflective of the community it services?
Yes. It provides facilities that are not available in the village, and appeals to all age groups. They aim to provide the best facilities for the people of Ampleforth, to make sure it is inclusive, welcoming and continues to be a community asset that is enjoyed and appreciated by everyone.

11 Can the organisation manage and deliver the project?
Yes. A very hands on volunteer committee. They will rely on user feedback from current users, and hope new user groups will book the hall, and for there to be an increase in private functions. It has fabulous facilities already and this project will help to define the village hall as one of the best in its category.

12 Have the needs and aspirations of the community served been taken into account?
Yes. A questionnaire/survey was used at the Village Welcome meeting, which was held last November. It was very well attended by new as well as old residents to the village. Opinions were sought and discussed before making plans for the project.

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?

Ampleforth and surrounding area.

14b Which communities of interest are affected?

All groups/ages and abilities are included.

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

Yes. The need for these new facilities were highlighted in the questionnaire and survey that was handed out at the Village Welcome meeting and at the Parish Council meetings.

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

It is very well supported by the community as seen in the response to the questionnaire, through the Parish Council meetings, and by the many and varied groups and organisations that use the hall including the local schools.

17a Is a robust project plan in place?

Yes. They need to modernise the facilities and provide an attractive venue for all residents, by envisaging a community library with audio and conventional books; a computer and printing facilities, Wi Fi to be made available in the hall with the supplying of a new internet connection.

An updated audio-visual provision will enhance the facilities and widen its attraction to all age groups especially to the younger members of the community as it will include an amplified sound system with a fixed projector and drop down screen. A loop system will aid those with a hearing disability. The purchase of cafe style tables are hoping to widen the flexibility and function options.

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 objectives are to improve and modernise the village hall amenities, to make it attractive to all age /ability groups, and provide facilities not available in the village. To entertain and educate the community, and enhance the user

experience.

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

Yes.

20 Is the funding package verified?

Yes. It is very well established, and there is no reason why it should not continue to be in use for many years to come.

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. Although no specific fund raising in mind at the present time, the village hall is carefully managed by the volunteers, and the hiring out of the hall funds is carefully budgeted to cover expenses.

22 Comments on the financial situation

Healthy. Have thought of the hall's future viability. They are very pro-active and forward thinking in their plans.

23 Are there any outstanding planning or technical issues?

No

24 Any other outstanding concerns or issues?

No

25 How will the project be monitored and evaluated?

It will be monitored by user feedback, the use of the hall for more private functions and by new groups/organisations using the facilities.

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

Yes. The village hall is the main hub and an integral part of the village, used by numerous clubs/societies and schools. Many of the village activities are held here. The project is to ensure the future success of not only the village hall, but also the other groups that are received and welcomed by the village hall.

It is a fantastic facility, with good disabled/baby access/toilets, lovely features such as the flooring in the entrance and the hall with a good layout for all types of events, as witnessed on my site visit.

27a Comments from Ward Member consultation

To be tabled until received.

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

No PC meeting held in August so comments to be tabled until received.

Recommendation from assessing officer

28a Award the Grant Yes No
