

Committee	COUNCIL MEETING
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Sport England Grant

Background

The Rugby Club applied for a Sport England grant of £3000 at least a year ago, in order to be able to finish the building works at the pavilion. This has not progressed smoothly. It was originally managed through the Rugby Club and Cllr David Hume, who is Secretary of the Courtaulds Sports Ground Management Committee. When the grant application process appeared to have stalled and David became seriously ill, he approached the Town Clerk to assist him, in particular in identifying the documents needed to support the application. The Clerk has been in slow correspondence with Sport England since August 2018. It transpired only recently in January 2019, that Sport England is not happy to see the application coming from the Rugby Club.

The specific issue is that Sport England require that the security of tenure is in the same legal name as the applicant organisation. A governing document, bank account and accounts also need to exist in that name. Currently we have been unable to resolve this with either Halstead Templars Rugby Club or the Management Committee.

The Town Council as an organisation would be considered a statutory authority and therefore the only additional supporting documentation needed would be a copy of the Council's Safeguarding Policies. Sport England would also need copies of contracts between the Courtaulds Sports Ground Management committee and the clubs which use the ground regularly. This is to indicate that those clubs have tenure. In addition, Sport England have asked for 3 quotes from contractors in order for the grant to be awarded, and have asked that HTC expedite this on behalf of the Rugby club /CSGMC.

CSGMC decided at their meeting on 29 January that it would be dishonest to apply for the grant for the work which has already started, but a more pressing need has arisen for a new boiler. Sport England have said that they could potentially pay a grant to CGSMC to fund 75% of the work for the boiler.

Recommendation: that HTC agrees to be the applicant for the grant on behalf of CSGMC, that HTC goes out to tender for 3 applicable quotes, that HTC contracts the work upon agreement of HTC members to the contractor, and that HTC claims the balance back from CSGMC.



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Town Clerk