

Eden District Council

**Leader Portfolio
26 April 2011**

Community Fund - Application Decisions

Responsible Portfolio: Leader

Responsible Officer: Director of Policy and Performance

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report outlines the applications that have been received requesting financial support from Eden District Council's Community Fund.

2 Recommendation:

It is recommended that:

- a) The Leader agrees the applications, set out in Table A, which were deferred from the last decision making session held in January 2011.
- b) The Leader considers and makes a decision on the applications that have been received for the April meeting.

3 Report Details

- 3.1 Eden District Council's Community Fund was launched in November 2010 with a budget of £50,000. It was agreed that applications would be considered four times per year providing that there was enough budget left in the Fund.
- 3.2 The initial interest in the Community Fund has been maintained with fifteen applications being made for the second round of decisions. In addition, there has been a wide range of organisations, individuals and groups applying for the fund. This has meant that the initial media launch was successful.
- 3.3 There have also been unexpected benefits of launching the fund. This has included a number of Parishes contacting the Council to access the Fund for village hall improvements. This has enabled them to be pointed in the direction of the Village Hall Grant which will ensure it is fully assigned.

4. Previously Deferred Applications

- 4.1 Table A contains a list of the deferred applications from the January 2011 meeting who subsequently submitted the further required information. These should be determined before the April 2011 applications are considered.

Table A

| Ref | Project | Organisation/Group | Amount Requested | Amount Recommended |
|-----|------------------------------------|--|------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Pad Nine Cocktail Bar | Eden Youth Work Partnership | £5,157 | £4,300 |
| 2 | Highlights Contemporary Craft Tour | Highlights Productions | £2,850 | £2,850 |
| 3 | Interpretation Panels | Ullswater Lake Safety and Rescue Association | £1,577 | £1,577 |

5. Assessing the Applications

- 5.1 In assessing the applications, the criteria that were agreed in the Community Fund Guidance document have been adhered to. On the whole, applicants have made good use of the guidance and constructed their applications according to the specified requirements.
- 5.2 The criteria each application has been assessed against was drafted to enable a wide range of groups to apply. Key criteria when deciding each application have been how the projects support the Council's Corporate Priorities and the Priorities of the Sustainable Community Strategy. It should be noted that ongoing revenue requests would not be supported and careful attention was paid to those projects that clearly demonstrated their future sustainability.
- 5.3 The criteria each application was assessed against is set out below:
- Benefits of Project - Clear area of need
 - Risk Factors
 - Other Contributions/Match Funding
 - Encourages Community Involvement/Participation/Volunteering
 - Contributes to EDC Corporate Priorities
 - Contributes to Sustainable Community Strategy Priorities
 - Contributes to Local Priorities - evidenced in documents such as Community/Parish Plans
 - Addresses Equality Issues
- 5.4 Appendix A contains a list of the applications received and the amount requested alongside an officer recommendation. Where the acronym TBA occurs this means to be agreed.
- 5.5 Appendix B provides an outline of the applications and an assessment against each of the criteria along with an officer recommendation on the application.

6 Policy Framework

6.1 The Council has four corporate priorities which are:

- Housing
- Quality Environment
- Economic Vitality
- Quality Council

6.2 Each of the applications to the Community Fund has been assessed for their contribution towards the Council's four Corporate Priorities. Those with closer links to the Priorities are to be looked on more favourably.

7 Implications

7.1 Legal

7.1.1 Each application must be assessed against the agreed criteria and any other relevant information taken into account when deciding on applications to the Community Fund.

7.2 Financial

7.2.1 In adopting the Corporate Plan 2011-14, the Council confirmed its use of its stated Resource Allocation Categories. These help the Council prioritise the allocation of funding to reflect corporate priorities. The financial implications of any proposal must be consistent with this.

7.2.2 Applicants who are successful in their requests to the Community Fund will only have 90% of the costs met with a final 10% held back until evidence can be provided of having successfully carried out the project.

7.2.3 To date, including agreement of the deferred applications in Table A, £22,292 has been committed. Therefore, the total amount of uncommitted finance available for the April meeting is £27,708. The total of any agreed applications (including the 10% retentions) will not exceed this figure.

7.2.4 There is an annual top-up in July each year subject to: the top-up being the lower of £25,000, and the amount by which the revenue out-turn in the preceding financial year is less than the revised budget and the top-up not taking the fund beyond £50,000.

7.3 Equality and Diversity

7.3.1 The Council has to have regard to the elimination of unlawful discrimination and harassment and the promotion of equality under the Equalities Act, 2006 and related statutes.

7.3.2 How projects intend to address equality and diversity issues is a key consideration in the criteria used to assess whether to support an application or not.

7.4 Environmental

7.4.1 The Council has to have due regard to conserving bio-diversity under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006.

7.4.2 The environmental impacts of projects are considered as part of the criteria when assessing each of the applications.

7.5 Crime and Disorder

7.5.1 Under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 the Council has to have regard to the need to reduce crime and disorder in exercising any of its functions. .

7.5.2 There are no crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

7.6 Children

7.6.1 Under the Children Act 2004 the Council has to have regard to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in the exercise of any of its functions.

7.6.2 If applications involve any element of working with children, the Council will seek evidence of key individuals having undertaken necessary Criminal Records Bureau checks.

7.7 Risk Management

7.7.1 The Council cannot support all applications and there is therefore the potential of negative publicity when applications are refused. This can be somewhat overcome by signposting applicants to more appropriate sources of funding or assistance.

8 Reasons for Decision/Recommendation

8.1 To consider which of the applications to the Community Fund to support.

Ruth Atkinson
Director of Policy and Performance

Governance Checks:

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| Checked by or on behalf of the Chief Finance Officer | ✓ |
| Checked by or on behalf of the Monitoring Officer | ✓ |

Background Papers: Full applications are available in the Strategic Partnerships Section, Town Hall, Penrith, for inspection.

None

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Appendix A

Community Fund Applications

Decision Date: 26.04.11

| Ref | Project | Organisation/Group | Amount Requested | Amount Recommended |
|-----|--|-----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Community Energie Alston Moor | Alston Moor Partnership Ltd (AMP) | £10,000 | TBA |
| 2 | Appleby Station Bike Hire | Appleby Chamber of Trade | £4,450 | TBA |
| 3 | Beauty in the Universe: Camp Kinetic | Beauty in the Universe | £2,400 | £0 |
| 4 | Time Bank – Penrith Hub | Carlisle Eden Mind | £6,084 | TBA |
| 5 | Packs and Tracks Countryside Event | Cumbria Bridleways Society | £500 | £500 |
| 6 | Dufton Recreation Area | Dufton Recreation Area Group | £8,400 +VAT | TBA |
| 7 | Eden Credit Union | Eden Credit Union Study Group | £10,000 | TBA |
| 8 | Eden FM Community Radio | Eden FM Radio | £9,670 | TBA |
| 9 | Swimming Gala 2011 | Hunsonby Swimming Club | £760 | £760 |
| 10 | Lyvennet Community Pub Ltd | Lyvennet Community Pub | £8,000 | TBA |
| 11 | Morland Beck Restoration Project | Morland Parish Council | £1,570 | £1,570 |
| 12 | Phased repair of two masonry overbridges | Northern Viaduct Trust | £7,578 | £0 |
| 13 | KSE 150 th Anniversary Celebrations | Stainmore Railway | £1,318.75 | £1,318.75 |
| 14 | Tebay Recycling Centre | Tebay Parish Council | £2,000 | £2,000 |
| 15 | Brough Castle Historic Weekend | Upper Eden Events | £2,500 | £2,500 |

**Appendix B
Community Fund - Application Summary and Recommendation
Project Title**

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| Community Energie Alston Moor |
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| Decision Date | 26.04.11 |
| Amount Requested (£) | £10,000 |
| Amount Recommended | £TBA |

Aim of the Organisation/Individual

The AMP was originally formed in June 2001 as a result of being allocated European funding to deliver a range of employment related initiatives. The aim of AMP as contained in its 'Memorandum' is to promote the regeneration of Alston Moor and improve the well being of its residents.

AMP has been instrumental in attracting community based funding and assisting a wide of projects for the benefit of the local community. Examples include:-

- Original ERDF funded Programme
- Business with Altitude (an Objective 2 Funded programme to develop a cluster of social enterprises around a hub of collaboration in Alston.
- Community Chest (numerous community based activities including.....)
- Finding an asset (RDPE funded – leads to identifying 'community woodfuel business.
- Environmental Enhancements
- Community Housing Initiatives
- Asset based transfers

AMP sees itself as the 'Partnership of Partnerships' on Alston Moor. Membership is open to all organisations on 'The Moor'. Directors come from a wide variety of local organisations including currently:-
Alston Historical Society; South Tynedale Railway; Cumbria CVS; Sustainable Alston Moor Ltd; Alston Moor Business Association, youth group organised at the Scrان Shed (through Becca England), and Alston Parish Council.

Collaborations and new partnerships continue to be forged. E.g. A new partnership recently formed is with Cumbria Action for Sustainability (Cafs) to elicit help with the woodfuel project. Also with the North Pennines AONB as a funding partner.

Alston Moor Partnership is keen to make sure that it offers the opportunity for all individuals and organisations with an interest in the future of Alston to participate in activities. Open meetings are held quarterly.

Project Detail

AMP has been successful in delivering against targets in all its grant aided projects.

But it has suffered from a boom and bust scenario arising from the use of grant regimes to fund improvements to community life. It suffers because AMP never gets a chance to develop its own capacity from operation of the grant regimes. AMP is anxious to break this cycle and secure their own source of sustainable funding to use for community projects.

During 2010 two consultations were underway: a community action plan and a public consultation to short list six potential projects which might enable the community to generate their own income.

AMP agreed to support a hydroelectricity scheme being developed under the auspices of Sustainable Alston Moor Ltd (SAM) and to keep a watching brief on opportunities for community development of empty buildings. However it felt that a community woodfuel project offered the best combination of benefits.

The community action plan has not yet been finalised, but emerging projects are the development of a marketing strategy for the area, and a co-ordinated approach to interpretation through walks, bridleways, cycle routes, signage etc. Setting up a seasonal market is another aim. Other more challenging tasks are affordable housing, finding a site for allotments, a BMX track and skate park. Support is also required for organisations to achieve their aims including the extension to the pavilion at Tyne Willows, the re-development of Garrigill Village Hall, and the Scran's Sheds youth café. Nenthead is a separate community with big plans including the expansion of the successful community shop.

This application is requesting funding for a part time Community Development Worker to complete a range of actions. Past experience in Eden and elsewhere has shown that the projects listed above are extremely time consuming and in the case of renewable energy notoriously difficult to achieve and sometimes very technical. A mixture of skills is required to 'pull off' the schemes.

**Officer Comments and Recommendation
(Against Criteria)**

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| Benefits of Project - Clear area of need |
| The Project would benefit a wide section of the community and has sustainability at its core. The projects have been identified through significant consultation and appear in the updated Community Plan. |
| Risk Factors |
| There are risks that due to the wide range of projects involved that not all would be completed, careful attention would have to be paid to prioritising activities and monitoring outcomes. |
| Other Contributions/Match Funding |
| Limited match funding has been secured although there is potential for the figure to grow with the group having a good track record of securing and drawing down funding. |
| Encourages Community Involvement/Participation/Volunteering |
| The projects have been identified through significant public consultation and would require ongoing commitment from individuals to achieve successful outcomes. |
| Contributes to EDC Corporate Priorities |
| Contributes to the Council's Corporate Priorities of Quality Environment and economic vitality. |
| Contributes to Sustainable Community Strategy Priorities |
| Contributes to all of the Eden Sustainable Community Strategy priorities. |
| Contributes to Local Priorities - evidenced in documents such as Community/Parish Plans |
| The projects are included in the newly updated Alston Moor Community Plan. |
| Addresses Equality Issues |
| The application does not clarify how it will address equality and diversity issues. |

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| Officer Recommendation |
| It is slightly unclear if the grant is requested for ongoing salary requirements or to successfully complete a range of projects with a sustainable enterprise as its core purpose. There is limited match funding but the group do have a successful history of drawing down funds from a range of sources. If a grant was to be made it would require EDC officer input may be required to monitor the various outcomes as they are numerous. |

Action with Communities in Cumbria Comments and Recommendation(s) (If Project cost is £2,000 or more)

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| Approval with caveat that AMP works with ACT to help them implement a Full Cost Recovery system to further ensure the sustainability of AMP and its ability to deliver projects. |
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Project Title

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| Appleby Station Bike Hire - Appleby Chamber of Trade |
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| Decision Date | 26.04.11 |
| Amount Requested (£) | £4,450 |
| Amount Recommended | £TBA |

Aim of the Organisation/Individual

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| To promote commerce in Appleby and surrounding area and the welfare and well being of businesses and local community. |
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Project Detail

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| <p>Appleby is increasingly becoming a tourist destination and is well served for visitors from the conurbations in Yorkshire by the Settle Carlisle Railway. We are keen to encourage cycling in the area but visitors arriving by train have a problem in that only a maximum of 2 cycles can be carried on each train. Also these cycles have to be booked in advance so visitors are generally dissuaded from bringing cycles to the area.</p> <p>The Eden Valley with its quiet country lanes is seen as an ideal location for cycling and we are keen to encourage this. The District Council has printed cycling guides for the area and National Cycle Routes pass through the area. There is great advantage in visitors arriving by train and travelling in to the surrounding villages as this spreads the economic benefits of tourism to the surrounding communities.</p> <p>Placing <i>electric cycles for hire</i> at the station will encourage visitors to arrive by train, used power assisted cycles to sightsee beyond the town of Appleby. Income generated will supplement the Settle Carlisle Railway development Company (who will handle bookings) and the Appleby Chamber of Trade (who wish to generate local activities such as the Christmas Lights and events). Both organisations support local community initiatives through sponsorship support.</p> |
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**Officer Comments and Recommendation
(Against Criteria)**

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| Benefits of Project - Clear area of need |
| The project aims to increase the tourism offer in and around Appleby and seeks to make the activity sustainable through charging for the hire of bikes. |
| Risk Factors |
| The main risk factor is that the bikes are not used enough and therefore the project would not be sustainable. |
| Other Contributions/Match Funding |
| Some match funding has been raised and an estimate has been made as to the likely amounts of finance that will be raised through the activity. |
| Encourages Community Involvement/Participation/Volunteering |
| The application does not clearly identify this. |
| Contributes to EDC Corporate Priorities |
| Contributes to the Corporate Priority of Economic Vitality. |
| Contributes to Sustainable Community Strategy Priorities |
| Contributes to all of the Eden Sustainable Community Strategy priorities. |
| Contributes to Local Priorities - evidenced in documents such as Community/Parish Plans |
| Strong links to the Heart of Eden Community Plan's aspirations to increase the numbers of tourists. |
| Addresses Equality Issues |
| The application does not clarify how it will address equality and diversity issues. |

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| Officer Recommendation |
| It would have been helpful to have seen the finance potential in evidence within other similar schemes. In addition, it would have been beneficial to see close links with the Appleby Tourist Information Centre as to how the cash raised could have helped support the Centre. It may be beneficial to defer the decision and request a thorough business plan although a delay would miss the summer season. |

Action with Communities in Cumbria Comments and Recommendation(s) (If Project cost is £2,000 or more)

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| Defer, with caveat that they contact ACT who will help them develop a business plan/project plan to help the activity tie in with other activities in and around Appleby. |
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| Beauty in the Universe: Camp Kinetic |
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| Decision Date | 26.04.11 |
| Amount Requested (£) | £2,400 |
| Amount Recommended | £0 |

Aim of the Organisation/Individual

There is more beauty in the universe than anyone can possibly imagine. Have you ever just looked up at the sheer majesty of space? Have you ever wondered?

We are made of stars. Astronomy binds us. For when you hold the hand of another human being, you are clutching stardust. To know the cosmos is to know each other.

In the 18 months we have been operating, we have touched the lives of in excess of 2400 children, young people, families and community members.

We deliver a bespoke package of exciting, fun and informative astronomy education. Everyone; from children to parents, teachers to head teachers, the University of Central Lancashire's Astrophysics Department to Sir Patrick Moore, the Society for Popular Astronomy to Professor Ian Morison at Jodrell Bank, loves what we do.

We deliver, generally, a 6 week programme of extraordinary learning, usually offered as an after school club. We also deliver Stargazing Live evenings for families, Starlight Walks, trips to our local observatory and Camp Kinetic (outdoor pursuits by day, Stargazing by night).

The topics we cover (tailored to any age and ability) include: The Light Fantastic (how the distant light of the universe illuminates the mind) Lunar Schooner (it's not just a Moon); Giant Balls of Gold (The Planets, treasures of knowledge in the sky); The Deepest Space (Deep space objects and the inherent weirdness of space); The End of All Things (The universe's great killer, black holes); The Beginning and The End (Big Bang to heat death, the genesis and death of the universe); A Change of Climate (Astronomers found global warming. Here is how.); U.C.E.T.? (Extraterrestrial life in the local area); The Heart of the Matter (The sun, the heart beat and engine room of the solar system)

The Management Committee is made up of a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. We have an additional 6 voluntary members of the organisation and 1,400 online followers.

Project Detail

A Summer Transitions project for specially selected pupils from Year 6 feeder primary schools to Ullswater Community College.

A day in each school to tutor how to build a pneumatic rocket, then children are set a task of building a rocket which they all bring to the Launch Pad and a competition is held. This is followed by an evening of Stargazing.

A budget of £500 will be split between the schools for them to purchase equipment to build a rocket.

They will be invited to the event, help at the Secondary School along with family members, to launch their rockets. Following this there will be an interactive Astronomy presentation and an evening's observation and stargazing, accompanied by Professor Ian Morrison of Jodrell Bank.

Officer Comments and Recommendation (Against Criteria)

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| Benefits of Project – Clear area of need |
| The project aims to increase interest in one of the branches of science. A clear area of need has not been strongly demonstrated in the application. |
| Risk Factors |
| It would appear the project is particularly focussed on a narrow band of recipients. |
| Other Contributions/Match Funding |
| Very limited match funding has been raised. |
| Encourages Community Involvement/Participation/Volunteering |
| The project is aimed at a narrow age profile and does not appear to require much input from the local community. |
| Contributes to EDC Corporate Priorities |
| Does not contribute to EDC Priorities. |
| Contributes to Sustainable Community Strategy Priorities |
| Does not contribute to Eden Sustainable Community Strategy priorities. |
| Contributes to Local Priorities – evidenced in documents such as Community/Parish Plans |
| N/A |
| Addresses Equality Issues |
| The application does not clarify how it will address equality and diversity issues. |

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| Officer Recommendation |
| An interesting project aimed at a narrow band of people in Eden. Concerns surround the limited match funding for the project and it is not apparent whether there is any financial input from any education providers therefore it is not recommended for approval. |

Action with Communities in Cumbria Comments and Recommendation(s) (If Project cost is £2,000 or more)

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| Reject, ACT could help their project development. |
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| Carlisle Eden Mind - Time Bank – Penrith Hub |
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| Decision Date | 26.04.11 |
| Amount Requested (£) | £6,084 |
| Amount Recommended | £TBA |

Aim of the Organisation/Individual

Carlisle Eden Mind has been supporting people across the Carlisle and Eden Districts who experience emotional distress, mental illness and social isolation for the past 25 years. In recent years we have grown significantly in the Penrith/Eden area and now offer a range of support and services to people with the broad aim of promoting emotional wellbeing and social integration. The support we offer includes advice and information, advocacy, befriending and mentoring, therapy services, supported volunteering, vocational training, conservation volunteering, walking for health, time banking and more. We also run several social enterprises including our Penrith wellbeing centre and cafe 'Five', several charity shops and a training company.

Carlisle Eden Mind will be delivering this project in partnership with Eden Time Bank Association, a 3 year old volunteer run community group currently offering Time Bank hubs at Appleby, Kirkby Stephen. Eden Time Bank currently has over 50 active members.

Project Detail

Time Banks are a powerful community building tool, a way of realizing the wealth of personal assets that our community members possess, a way of highlighting, valuing and facilitating mutual exchange of time, skills and experience that bypasses current traditional service delivery and economic mechanisms. Put crudely it is a time/skills 'swap shop'.

The underlying assumption of Time Banks is that everyone has something of value to offer in their community and to each other, and that every member's time is of equal worth. Everyone joining a Time Bank identifies both the skills and experience they have to offer and ways in which they themselves might need help and support. Members agree to both giving and receiving help and the process is recorded by the 'Time On-line' system which logs all the exchange of time occurring. One hour of time given equals one credit in the Time Bank. Matches of individuals offering time to those requiring support are carefully managed and where appropriate CRB and other protection measures are undertaken.

The Penrith Time Bank Hub will be developed in partnership between Carlisle Eden Mind and Eden Time Bank Association and will aim to create a local Time Bank with an additional focus on supporting people in the Penrith area experiencing isolation or emotional and mental distress (this element of the project is already being piloted at present internally using our own funds, also carrying the benefit of having Time On-Line and other systems developed prior to actual project start).

This application is for the crucial first year's development of a Penrith Time Bank. We aim to recruit approximately 120 members in this first year, forming a viable and sustainable platform for further extension of the project across the broader Eden area. We will also support local organizational membership meaning the Time Bank can also function as a general volunteer brokerage service for such members. The project will run out of Carlisle Eden Mind's Wellbeing Centre, Rowan House, with Drop-in and information sessions running out of 'Five' Minds new town centre café. The grant we are requesting will enable us to employ sessional timebrokers and to establish necessary paper and web based promotional materials.

For more information about Time Banks see <http://www.timebanking.org.uk>

**Officer Comments and Recommendation
(Against Criteria)**

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| Benefits of Project - Clear area of need |
| The Project would benefit a wide range of people throughout Eden. It offers a range of support and services to people with the broad aim of promoting emotional wellbeing and social integration. |
| Risk Factors |
| When assessing the application and the other potential funding sources, it is clear that there is significant support from health providers and yet there doesn't appear to any financial contribution towards the project. |
| Other Contributions/Match Funding |
| Carlisle and Eden Mind are using just under £5,500 of their own funds to support the project and have an application in for Awards for All for just over £9,500. The overall cost of the project is £21,067. |
| Encourages Community Involvement/Participation/Volunteering |
| One of the key aims of the project is to encourage volunteering and increasing community involvement. |
| Contributes to EDC Corporate Priorities |
| There is a limited contribution to EDC Corporate Priority of Economic Vitality. |
| Contributes to Sustainable Community Strategy Priorities |
| There are links to the Eden Sustainable Community Strategy Priorities of Developing a healthy environment and Developing a strong society. |
| Contributes to Local Priorities - evidenced in documents such as Community/Parish Plans |
| Although Penrith does not have its own community plan, Time Banks are a feature of a number of community plans and are widely encouraged. |
| Addresses Equality Issues |
| In the application it states, "Time Bank is an ideal community building tool. It safely facilitates basic kindness and helpfulness in communities. Facilitating friendships and mutual reliance that cut across social, religious, geographic and political divides. A Penrith Time Bank based at Mind will also go a step closer to combating the stigma attached to distress, mental health issues, isolation and difference." |

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| Officer Recommendation |
| A significant request from the Community Fund. Concerns surround where other match funding is coming from - there would appear to be a notable absence of financial input from the health sector. The Council is keen to increase volunteering and has a relationship in existence with Cumbria CVS which is partly to encourage volunteering. Consideration could be given to how the Community Fund could assist with the publicity materials, media promotion and website. |

Action with Communities in Cumbria Comments and Recommendation(s) (If Project cost is £2,000 or more)

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| Defer until project is developed further with match funding secured, or as Officer recommends regards to publicity and promotion. |
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Project Title

Cumbria Bridleways Society - Packs and Tracks Countryside Event

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| Decision Date | 26.04.11 |
| Amount Requested (£) | £500 |
| Amount Recommended | £500 |

Aim of the Organisation/Individual

Created in 1979, the Society aims to preserve and maintain existing bridleways for all users, and to promote easy access to off-road routes away from increasing traffic. Membership is open to all, though most are resident in Cumbria and currently numbers 216. The Society's network of voluntary field officers co-operate with the County Council's Access Team by reporting on the condition of the County's bridleways network. Our website encourages members of the public to join this activity. Last year we organised two pleasure rides and walks open to all.

Project Detail

Packs and tracks is a one-day countryside event at Dalemain, Penrith. It brings together at least 50 organisations who contribute to the conservation and economy of the countryside. It aims to:

- Provide an enjoyable day out, particularly attractive to families
- Create awareness of opportunities for access to the bridleways network
- Develop greater awareness of conservation in the countryside
- Illustrate sustainable management of bridleways
- Showcase local organisations and community groups
- Demonstrate the accessibility of the bridleways network to people with learning disabilities
- Fill a gap in the calendar of events early in the season.

The Grant would pay for:

With cuts in the County Council's Access budget, Cumbria Bridleways Society is seeking to widen interest and involvement in the bridleways network. This requires new leaflets and other promotional material. Packs and Tracks would provide a unique opportunity for the Society to launch this new initiative.

**Officer Comments and Recommendation
(Against Criteria)**

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| Benefits of Project - Clear area of need |
| There is a clear need to keep access to the countryside open to all. |
| Risk Factors |
| No significant risk factors associated with the project. |
| Other Contributions/Match Funding |
| The group is applying for match funding for the project from a range of sources, in addition, previous events have seen healthy financial returns. |
| Encourages Community Involvement/Participation/Volunteering |
| The project promotes community involvement in sustainable conservation. |
| Contributes to EDC Corporate Priorities |
| Contributes to the Corporate Priorities of Quality Environment and Economic Vitality. |
| Contributes to Sustainable Community Strategy Priorities |
| There are links to the Eden Sustainable Community Strategy Priorities of Developing a healthy environment and Developing a strong society. |
| Contributes to Local Priorities - evidenced in documents such as Community/Parish Plans |
| The area is not currently covered by a Parish/Community Plan. |
| Addresses Equality Issues |
| The purpose the money has been applied for is to broaden the participation in the event. In addition, organisations such as Riding for the Disabled will be involved ensuring the event caters for a diverse range of needs. |

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| Officer Recommendation |
| This is evidently a much appreciated event and the desire for the organisers to promote it more widely to increase and broaden the attendees is a worthy cause. Recommended for approval. |

Action with Communities in Cumbria Comments and Recommendation(s) (If Project cost is £2,000 or more)

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Project Title

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| Dufton Recreation Area - Dufton Recreation Area Group |
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| Decision Date | 26.04.11 |
| Amount Requested (£) | £8400 +VAT |
| Amount Recommended | £TBA |

Aim of the Organisation/Individual

The group was formed in July 2010 in response to a petition received by the Parish Council at the Annual Parish Meeting. (Please see submission report for details.)The aim is to provide a recreation area for the young people in the village and their parents and carers. The recreation area could also be used by the many tourists to the village. The group is made up of villagers with a range of ages and backgrounds including two who are also Parish Councillors and who act as a communication bridge between the organisations. Young people make regular contributions to meetings and a subgroup will shortly be formed to act as a consultative forum for the detailed plans.

The group has a formal constitution and bank account with three signatories and has prepared Child Protection and Health and Safety policies for the recreation area.

Since it was formed, members of the group have carried out surveys of the villagers to ascertain the level of support for the project (see appendix in submission for details) and has carried out several fundraising activities. This is a continuous programme of events and involves young people of all ages.

Project Detail

The aim of the project is to provide a recreation area in Dufton. Such an area would provide the necessary play equipment and would also be an area in which the young people of the village could socialise, exercise and develop independence. Parents and carers would be secure in the knowledge that their children were in an environment that had met health and safety requirements and was centrally located. If sufficiently exciting and stimulating equipment could be provided, the children would not become bored and the risk of anti-social behaviour would be reduced.

The funding will be used to pay for play equipment.

**Officer Comments and Recommendation
(Against Criteria)**

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| Benefits of Project - Clear area of need |
| The recreation area will encourage visitors to stay in the village for longer while children use the swings etc and this may encourage them to visit the pub or tea room. |
| Risk Factors |
| The application is for £8400 +VAT. With grants of this size, the Council has made it clear in the Community Fund Guidance that large sums of money - upto £10,000 are only for projects that seek to set up sustainable community enterprises. In a similar vein to the previous application from the Group - it is debateable as to whether this could be classed as a sustainable enterprise. |
| Other Contributions/Match Funding |
| There is significant match funding of the project which wasn't evident in the last application. |
| Encourages Community Involvement/Participation/Volunteering |
| The project does encourage community involvement, participation and volunteering but not on a large scale. |
| Contributes to EDC Corporate Priorities |
| Contributes in a minor way to the Corporate Priorities of Quality Environment and Economic Vitality. |
| Contributes to Sustainable Community Strategy Priorities |
| The project has links to all three of the Sustainable Community Strategy priorities. |
| Contributes to Local Priorities - evidenced in documents such as Community/Parish Plans |
| Dufton is a partner in the Heart of Eden Community Plan and within the Plan there is an action to improve the facilities for young people. |
| Addresses Equality Issues |
| Helps address the issue of providing amenities in rural areas so they are not as disadvantaged compared to their more urban counterparts. |

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| Officer Recommendation |
| The application was refused at a meeting in January 2011. The basic reasoning for refusing the application still stands - the project is not a social enterprise. The larger sums of money are set aside for projects that are more sustainable and help generate finance in the local area. However, the group appear to have raised substantially more money since their last application so consideration should be given as to whether the Community Fund could help with any part of their project. |

Action with Communities in Cumbria Comments and Recommendation(s) (If Project cost is £2,000 or more)

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| Reject, and make it clear that no further applications will be entertained. ACT can help with this project. |
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Project Title

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| Eden Credit Union Study Group |
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| Decision Date | 26.04.11 |
| Amount Requested (£) | £10,000 |
| Amount Recommended | £TBA |

Aim of the Organisation/Individual

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| Eden Credit Union Study Group is a voluntary group that originated in Alston and now aims to create a Credit Union to serve the entire Eden area. The original idea for a Credit Union for Alston was broadened to cover the wider Eden area in order to offer the service to more people and to make the service more sustainable. |
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Project Detail

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| <p>A Credit Union is a community based financial institution that aims to encourage members to save regularly in order that more local people, particularly those that are not able to access mainstream financial services, are prepared in the event of a financial emergency.</p> <p>Credit Unions are open to everyone who lives or works in the areas that they serve regardless of their level of personal household income and are one of the best ways to tackle financial exclusion. Credit Unions are regulated by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.</p> <p>Credit Unions are financial cooperatives owned and controlled by their members. Any financial surplus from a credit union can be returned to those members through a dividend or can be used to contribute to community initiatives in the local area. Sustainability is key to the successful operation of a credit union.</p> <p>Credit Unions work best when people from all sections of the local community become members and commit to saving with and borrowing from their local credit union. This adds to the value of those savings and helps to keep more money circulating within the local economy, contributing to the vitality and well-being of the area.</p> <p>Credit Unions offer an affordable alternative to getting into financial difficulties through taking out high interest loans from doorstep lenders or illegal loan sharks.</p> <p>In addition to this, the Credit Union (and indeed the study group) will encourage community involvement, volunteering and offer training opportunities and employment for local people.</p> <p>The investment would go towards the initial capital requirement of the credit union. In order to ensure the organisation is sustainable, FSA guidance recommends initial start up capital of at least £10,000. Through responsible lending and efficient delinquency processes it is possible (and indeed desirable) to grow this initial investment to further develop and publicise the business and to offer a return to savers and establish the group as a sustainable community enterprise.</p> |
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**Officer Comments and Recommendation
(Against Criteria)**

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| Benefits of Project - Clear area of need |
| The need for a Credit Union in Eden is clear, it will provide a useful point for savers to invest in a locally run institution with the profits used to pay interest and carry out community initiatives. In addition it will provide loans to local people and very reasonable rates of interest - particularly for those who may not have normal commercial routes available to them. |
| Risk Factors |
| EDC would be providing the initial upfront capital requirement as recommended by the FSA. |
| Other Contributions/Match Funding |
| There is some limited match funding. |
| Encourages Community Involvement/Participation/Volunteering |
| The Eden Credit Union project was generated by a community group in Alston. The Steering Group has a large number of volunteers. |
| Contributes to EDC Corporate Priorities |
| Contributes to Eden District Council's Corporate Priority of Economic Vitality. |
| Contributes to Sustainable Community Strategy Priorities |
| Contributes to Eden Sustainability Community Strategy Priorities of Developing a vibrant economy and Developing a strong society. |
| Contributes to Local Priorities - evidenced in documents such as Community/Parish Plans |
| Economic support for communities is a key theme in a number of Community/Parish Plans. |
| Addresses Equality Issues |
| Credit Unions are open to all. |

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| Officer Recommendation |
| An excellent project with clear benefits to the local community. A Credit Union is a social enterprise and as such meets the Community Fund criteria. Supporting the development of a Credit Union is a Key Delivery Action within the Council's Corporate Plan. To this end, the Council has already supported the development with £5,500 from the LABGI, £1,500 from the LSP budget and almost £3,000 of officer time bought from Action with Communities in Cumbria. It may be beneficial to defer the application and request information on plans to raise more match funding from other organisations. |

Action with Communities in Cumbria Comments and Recommendation(s) (If Project cost is £2,000 or more)

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| Defer. The pledge drive has only just started, and there is no clear mandate for a Credit Union yet, as the results can't be collated to see if there is overall support. |
| An application might be on the cards later on in the year if the mandate is proved. |

Project Title

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| Eden FM Radio |
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| Decision Date | 26.04.11 |
| Amount Requested (£) | £9,670 |
| Amount Recommended | £TBA |

Aim of the Organisation/Individual

Registered with Ofcom under the guidelines on 'intent' in June 2010. Eden FM Radio is a growing group of like minded local people with a passion for community radio. As a full-time community station, Eden FM will serve the population of Penrith and surrounding villages and hamlets. It will also be available on the national and global platform as an internet streamed community radio.

Our programmes will appeal musically to a wide cross-section of the population. We will provide local news and events information. The studio will be open and accessible to all corners of the community. Eden FM will offer professional training to volunteers and work experience places to schools, as well as encouraging programme makers to use the facilities. The team includes BBC, CFM, Bay, Lakeland and community radio experience. Financed through a combination of on-air advertising, sponsorship, grants donations and fund-raising events, Eden FM will truly be 'the people's radio in the community'.

Project Detail

Eden FM will be a heart of the community project, short-term we will be building a modular studio and we will be applying for a four week trial RSL license, which we aim to switch on by the 26 November for 28 days. It is our intention to continue on-air 'online' pending further updates from Ofcom with regards to when Eden FM can apply for a full time community license. Interim we have provisionally planned a second RSL in the summer of 2012.

The station will provide access to 'all' local organisations, societies, charities, schools and businesses to tell the community about their work and promote what they do. Everyday, all events each week in the area, will be aired as the radio point will be acting as a focal point for local information as it happens.

Commercially we will offer professional, low cost, effective advertising for the business community in the area. Our proposed packages will include one to suit the micro one person business, bringing them new opportunities to expand or sustain their companies. As a rule of community radio only 40% of revenue can be generated from on-air advertising so funding will be obtained through other activities, sponsorship, events management and grant fund strategy.

To operate a community radio station 365 days a year we need the same equipment as any top tier or commercial radio station. The difference being it's run by the community, for the community and works in the community. As a community based radio station, we will be staffed by volunteers, eventually recruiting part-time staff and all from the community in and around Penrith.

Any funding that can be obtained will be used to contribute towards key IT specialist equipment to run the station, which will be purchased locally.

**Officer Comments and Recommendation
(Against Criteria)**

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| Benefits of Project - Clear area of need |
| Eden FM would provide a valuable means of communicating information within Eden and would also provide valuable work experience in a specialised area. |
| Risk Factors |
| The radio station would have significant competition against national and local radio stations, to be able to develop and secure an audience would be a constant challenge. |
| Other Contributions/Match Funding |
| There appears to be a reasonable amount pledged for the project but very little finance actually 'secured'. |
| Encourages Community Involvement/Participation/Volunteering |
| It is made clear that there would be a significant role for volunteers taking an active part in running the station and the focus of the station would be very much centred on community participation in the project. |
| Contributes to EDC Corporate Priorities |
| Contributes to the Corporate Priority of Economic vitality. |
| Contributes to Sustainable Community Strategy Priorities |
| Contributes to the Sustainable Community Strategy Priorities of Developing a vibrant economy and Developing a strong society. |
| Contributes to Local Priorities - evidenced in documents such as Community/Parish Plans |
| This is not evident in the application form. |
| Addresses Equality Issues |
| It is clearly evident from the application form that all members of the community would be encouraged to become involved in the radio station. |

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| Officer Recommendation |
| The application is for a significant sum and although there is a significant level of pledges there is limited other finance for the project; this is a concern. The longer term aspirations are to employ staff which is obviously a benefit to the local economy. It may be opportune to defer the application to allow the applicant further time to convert the pledges into cash and seek further match funding from a wider range of sources. |

Action with Communities in Cumbria Comments and Recommendation(s) (If Project cost is £2,000 or more)

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| Defer, ACT can support their project development. |
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Project Title

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| Swimming Gala 2011 - Hunsonby Swimming Club |
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| Decision Date | 26.04.11 |
| Amount Requested (£) | £760 |
| Amount Recommended | £760 |

Aim of the Organisation/Individual

Hunsonby Swimming Club has been in existence since 1948 and is run by a committee of local community volunteers. The pool was originally developed to support the young people of Hunsonby and Winskill in learning to swim and prevent accidents in the river Eden. This pool is now a valued community resource with over 200 members from the immediate vicinity and the neighbouring fellside villages.

Project Detail

The Annual Swimming Gala is held on the first weekend of the School holidays, and brings together the local communities surrounding Hunsonby & Winskill, such as Melmerby, Ousby, Langwathby, Culgaith, Little Salkeld, Gamblesby and the other Fellside villages.

Activities include a fancy dress competition, the crowning of the Gala queen, swimming races and an It's a Knockout competition; for which there are trophies donated by local businesses and individuals, cream teas, and rounding off the day a family barbecue.

The Annual Gala brings together the many villagers and local communities, and in the Summer, the swimming pool is the central point of activity in these otherwise very quiet and remote villages. People of all ages attend and the day is designed to offer something for everyone. Families and children take part in the many swimming and fancy dress activities, whilst some of the older population come along for the teas and to watch the children and young people taking part. The day really brings together all ages and encourages everyone to mix in a very social experience.

Although the trophies are donated, they need to be engraved with the winners of the swimming races, and the runners up received small medals. The management and running of the event is the responsibility of the committee of volunteers; who all give their time freely, however we also need to cover the cost of providing the cream teas, the food at the barbecue and in the event of inclement weather we need to have access to the Community centre.

Additionally, due to the severe winter weather we would like to replace the existing Lap fencing panels which are now in a serious state of disrepair. For Health & Safety reasons, it is essential to replace the fencing to ensure the safety and protection of the children and young people as the area in question borders on to a sloping area of land which leads directly down to a fast flowing beck.

We hope that the Herald will provide publicity of the event and we will promote and endorse all sponsors as appropriate.

**Officer Comments and Recommendation
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| Benefits of Project - Clear area of need |
| There is a need to ensure the rural pools generate as much income as possible to keep them going. The Council already provides a level of funding for rural pools. |
| Risk Factors |
| There is a possibility that this application could be considered as a request for double funding the rural pools, however, the event is aimed at the local community generating cash through their own efforts for the pool and publicising their existence to encourage greater usage. |
| Other Contributions/Match Funding |
| There is limited match funding for the project. |
| Encourages Community Involvement/Participation/Volunteering |
| There is significant volunteer time associated with the project. |
| Contributes to EDC Corporate Priorities |
| Contributes in a minor way to the Corporate Priorities of Quality Environment, Economic Vitality and Quality Council. |
| Contributes to Sustainable Community Strategy Priorities |
| The project has links to all three of the Sustainable Community Strategy priorities. |
| Contributes to Local Priorities - evidenced in documents such as Community/Parish Plans |
| Not stated within the application. |
| Addresses Equality Issues |
| The application makes it clear that the event will be open to all. |

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| Officer Recommendation |
| Although the application could be considered as being very close to double funding of rural pools, it is good to witness a community working hard to generate their own finance to keep the facility going. In addition, the event may raise awareness of the facility leading to greater usage and therefore raising of further finance. However, it would be preferable to see the Parish Council also making a contribution to the event. Recommended for approval. |

Action with Communities in Cumbria Comments and Recommendation(s) (If Project cost is £2,000 or more)

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| N/A - under £2,000 |
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Project Title

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| Lyvennet Community Pub |
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| Decision Date | 26.04.11 |
| Amount Requested (£) | £8,000 |
| Amount Recommended | £TBA |

Aim of the Organisation/Individual

The LCP Ltd is a new organization, but it has grown from the work of the Lyvennet Community Trust, which has been established for 18 months and has worked on a number of local initiatives including the provision of social housing in Crosby Ravensworth. We have formed a new Industrial and Provident Society for Community Benefit in order to allow us to receive investment from our member/shareholders. LCP Ltd is looking to purchase the local pub, the Butcher's Arms, which is currently closed and for sale. We aim to run the pub as a community hub, providing a range of services to all sections of the community including a shop, library, internet access and accommodation.

Project Detail

Our plan is to buy the freehold of the Butcher's Arms Public House in Crosby Ravensworth and reopen it as a traditional Cumbrian pub, selling local ales from local brewers, good quality food (also using local suppliers) and providing a venue for traditional pub sports and past times, local events and celebrations, music and culture. It is also planned to run a shop from the premises selling basic supplies and local produce (eggs, milk and fruit and vegetables). The Society that we have formed will own the land and buildings and we will agree a lease with a tenant to run the licensed business. We will set terms for the tenant that make it an attractive proposition, but which also ensures that the Society receives a benefit (through increased rent), as the business becomes more profitable, and which also requires the tenant to provide for community events, celebrations and cultural and social activities.

Crosby Ravensworth has a village hall, but no other shop, post office, or any public facility. The re-opened Butcher's Arms will fill this void and be a meeting place, the centre of the social life for all the villages in the Lyvennet Valley and also be a thriving business. There is a post office in the next village, Maulds Meaburn and our proposal is to provide a shop at the Butcher's Arms but only add a post office to this provision in the event of the Maulds Meaburn post office closing.

We are seeking a grant to pay for the costs of converting the three first floor letting rooms into en suite accommodation. This will make the rooms far more attractive to potential guests and help to create a viable and sustainable business. We intend to raise the bulk of the finance to purchase the building through a community share issue, but we are seeking grant aid and/or loans from a number of sources to supplement this.

**Officer Comments and Recommendation
(Against Criteria)**

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| Benefits of Project - Clear area of need |
| Project clearly benefits the local community. |
| Risk Factors |
| The group may fail to secure all the necessary finance to buy the pub. |
| Other Contributions/Match Funding |
| There is significant financial support pledged by the local community and the group are applying for a range of grants. Importantly, the money pledged is beginning to be converted into actual 'cash in the bank' which is encouraging. |
| Encourages Community Involvement/Participation/Volunteering |
| There is significant community buy in for this project and it has also been highlighted as a vanguard priority in the Big Society Agenda. |
| Contributes to EDC Corporate Priorities |
| Contributes to the Council's Priorities of Economic Vitality and Quality Environment. |
| Contributes to Sustainable Community Strategy Priorities |
| Contributes to the Priorities of: Developing a vibrant economy and Developing a strong society. |
| Contributes to Local Priorities - evidenced in documents such as Community/Parish Plans |
| The project is an integral part of the Lyvennet Valley Community Plan. |
| Addresses Equality Issues |
| Supports the Council's desire to provide a range of services throughout the District ensuring rural areas are not disadvantaged. |

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| Officer Recommendation |
| This is the second application that has been made for the project. Concerns were raised last time about the ability to translate pledges into cash which had yet to happen. In this application it is clear that the pledges are being turned into actual cash. The money being requested this time would be to contribute towards making the upper floors into letting bedrooms to make the entire project more sustainable. If the project was considered for approval, careful consideration would need to be given as to what level of funding could be agreed and for what purpose. |

Action with Communities in Cumbria Comments and Recommendation(s) (If Project cost is £2,000 or more)

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| Reject. They need to own the freehold before anything further can be planned, and the deadline is fast approaching. |
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Project Title

Morland Beck Restoration Project

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| Decision Date | 26.04.11 |
| Amount Requested (£) | £1,570 |
| Amount Recommended | £1,570 |

Aim of the Organisation/Individual

We are a Parish Council, committed to administer statutory requirements and serve the community.

Project Detail

Flood damage has destroyed the weir, washed away banks and deposited so much gravel and stone debris in the mill race and river bed that small islands have formed and blocked the normal water flow to the detriment of wildlife and the future of the mill race itself.

Our project is to restore the weir, river bed, mill race, and river bank in order to maintain normal flows of water down the river and the mill race to its pre flood status, thus preserving this important part of our heritage. We want to reinstate, and enhance, the habitat of the endangered White Clawed Crayfish to help preserve, and increase their numbers.

We aim to conserve a better environment for all aquatic life, as well as the many other insects and wildlife that live in or around this watercourse.

The historic weir and mill race were created to divert water from the river and provide a steady flow of water all year to the mill, but they also provide the ideal habitat for the endangered white clawed crayfish.

The white clawed crayfish are a UK and Cumbria biodiversity plan species.

We would like the community to participate in the project, especially the school children, so they can be made aware of the importance of repairing and conserving these areas now and in the future.

We are requesting funding to help us employ a contractor to reinstate the weir, repair and secure the riverbank to prevent further erosion, and to clear gravel and stone debris from the river bed.

**Officer Comments and Recommendation
(Against Criteria)**

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| Benefits of Project - Clear area of need |
| The Project would benefit a limited section of the local community. |
| Risk Factors |
| There are risks that without the project going ahead the area could be subject to further erosion. |
| Other Contributions/Match Funding |
| The Parish is applying for significant finances from a range of sources and has also contributed from its own finances. |
| Encourages Community Involvement/Participation/Volunteering |
| The project does encourage community participation and one of their aims is to increase the number of volunteers helping with the project - particularly children from the local primary school. |
| Contributes to EDC Corporate Priorities |
| Contributes in a minor way to the Council's Priorities of Economic Vitality and Quality Environment. |
| Contributes to Sustainable Community Strategy Priorities |
| Contributes in a minor way to all three of the Eden Sustainable Community Strategy Priorities. |
| Contributes to Local Priorities – evidenced in documents such as Community/Parish Plans |
| There is no evidence within the application to support this. Morland does not appear to have a Parish Plan/Community Plan. |
| Addresses Equality Issues |
| There is no information provided in the application that would support equality issues. |

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| Officer Recommendation |
| This is a significant project which requires a great deal of finance from various sources. The application to EDC's Community Fund is for a relatively conservative sum and is aimed and would be used for education and tourism purposes. If a grant is recommended it would be essential to set out that the grant is conditional on all the other funding being agreed. |

Action with Communities in Cumbria Comments and Recommendation(s) (If Project cost is £2,000 or more)

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| N/A - under £2,000 |
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Project Title

Phased repair of two masonry overbridges - Northern Viaduct Trust

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| Decision Date | 26.04.11 |
| Amount Requested (£) | £7,578 |
| Amount Recommended | £0 |

Aim of the Organisation/Individual

Restoration and preservation of three historic listed viaducts and associated track beds as footpath for posterity. Established 1989. No general membership - trustees only.

Project Detail

Phased repair of two masonry overbridges to ensure continuing public safety on 'Northern Viaduct Round' public footpath.

The works will ensure continued safety and enjoyment by community and visitors including disabled access.

The project was identified from consulting an engineer who stated that work should be phased over three years to ensure continuing safety and integrity of structures. An informal visitor survey in mid December revealed 83 users in under two hours.

**Officer Comments and Recommendation
(Against Criteria)**

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| Benefits of Project - Clear area of need |
| The amenities provided make a contribution to the local economy. |
| Risk Factors |
| The project relies heavily on grants and funding searches. The Community Fund will invest larger amounts in areas that it considers are social enterprises and sustainable. The application unfortunately does not demonstrate this. |
| Other Contributions/Match Funding |
| There is significant match funding of the project. |
| Encourages Community Involvement/Participation/Volunteering |
| There are a large number of volunteers involved in the project. |
| Contributes to EDC Corporate Priorities |
| Contributes in a minor way to the Corporate Priorities of Quality Environment and Economic Vitality. |
| Contributes to Sustainable Community Strategy Priorities |
| The project has links to all three of the Sustainable Community Strategy priorities. |
| Contributes to Local Priorities - evidenced in documents such as Community/Parish Plans |
| Not stated within the application. |
| Addresses Equality Issues |
| The application makes it clear that the needs of disabled people have been taken into account in their activities. |

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| Officer Recommendation |
| The application does not make it clear how the grant will make the activity more sustainable. In addition, the application would appear to be part of a rolling programme of funding applications which is perfectly reasonable in essence but concerns arise as to how their activities will be made sustainable in the future with less grant monies being available. It is not recommended the grant application is supported. |

Action with Communities in Cumbria Comments and Recommendation(s) (If Project cost is £2,000 or more)

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| Reject. This is a project that would be funded by CWMET. |
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Project Title

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| KSE 150th Anniversary Celebrations - Stainmore Railway |
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| Decision Date | 26.04.11 |
| Amount Requested (£) | £1,318.75 |
| Amount Recommended | £1,318.75 |

Aim of the Organisation/Individual

Our organization was formed in Summer 2000 and has the following Mission Statement:

'The Company aims to restore Kirkby Stephen East (KSE) station as a steam / diesel Railway Heritage Centre offering access to the general public and providing an educational resource and training facility relating to preserved railway operation'.

KSE was a key location on the legendary railway over Stainmore Summit between Penrith / Tebay and Darlington. The station closed in January 1962 and was converted into a Bobbin factory - this went into receivership in 1990 and the site fell derelict.

Over the last 10 years, volunteers have worked to turn a derelict building and heavily contaminated site into a Heritage Centre. This has involved removing approx. 7,500 tonnes of contaminated waste, fly-tipped waste on the land following closure of the Bobbin factory, and carefully dismantling a large wooden building lagged with asbestos (which had been erected by the previous owners) in order to provide a visitor car park. Much of the station building has been restored, locomotives and coaches purchased, track laid etc. The project formally opened to the general public at Easter 2009 and, in 2010, the volunteers organised a full events programme including a Model Railway Show, Steam Rally, Classic Car Rally etc which were very well attended by the local community. This year is the 150th Anniversary of the opening of the railway and KSE - a major celebration is planned and we intend to reintroduce a steam-hauled passenger train service from the station after an absence of almost 50 years.

The Company currently has approx 250 shareholders and a pool of approx. 50 working volunteers who, over the last 10 years, have contributed almost £1,000,000 in volunteer labour to the railway scheme. A further £300,000 has been made available by private individuals to purchase locomotives, track etc and the shareholders have raised a further £90,000 through the purchase of £10 shares in the Company.

Project Detail

August 2011 sees the 150th Anniversary of the opening of KSE station and the railway over Stainmore.

We have recently been fortunate to obtain a 'Your Heritage' grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) to organise a series of free Exhibitions during the summer months, a major free Festival over the August Bank Holiday weekend and a winter Local Talks series for 2011-12 (a copy of the application to the HLF is attached).

It is our intention to use the HLF grant, in part, to bring in historically relevant locomotives, coaches and other rolling stock for the Festival. This will undoubtedly be a significant event in the Upper Eden Valley with many thousands of visitors expected from all over the UK thus giving a considerable boost to the local economy. It will also provide many volunteering opportunities, involve numerous local community groups and will witness the first passenger train to leave the East station in almost 50 years. In addition, in collaboration with the Cumbria Wildlife Trust and the Northern Viaduct Trust, a free vintage bus service will transport visitors to Smardale and Merrygill so that they are able to view a number of the magnificently restored viaducts, there will be a re-enactment of the 'Cutting the First Sod' ceremony (involving two Local Amateur Dramatics Groups and the Kirkby Stephen Town Band), a production by the local Grammar School children, an ex-employee's reunion with Family History Group members taking Oral Histories etc.

However, in order for this event to proceed as planned, it is crucial that a steam-hauled passenger train service is able to operate and, to do this, we need to complete the trackwork to a suitable standard which satisfies Her Majesty's Railway Inspectorate. Thus, this grant application is for stone ballast and specialist rail fittings to enable us to undertake the remaining work (The total requirement has been split equally with an application to Cumbria Community Foundation - Grassroots Grants scheme).

**Officer Comments and Recommendation
(Against Criteria)**

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| Benefits of Project - Clear area of need |
| The grant would go towards ensuring part of the track is serviceable for the future so similar events could be staged. Tourism is of key importance to the local economy and this project clearly supports increasing visitor numbers. |
| Risk Factors |
| No significant risk factors associated with the project. |
| Other Contributions/Match Funding |
| There is significant grant funding attached to the project in both grants and volunteer time. In addition, the Town Council is also making a contribution. |
| Encourages Community Involvement/Participation/Volunteering |
| A significant part of the success of the project has been down to the commitment of a large number of volunteers. |
| Contributes to EDC Corporate Priorities |
| Contributes to the Corporate Priorities of Quality Environment and Economic Vitality. |
| Contributes to Sustainable Community Strategy Priorities |
| There are links to the Eden Sustainable Community Strategy Priorities of Developing a vibrant economy and Developing a strong society. |
| Contributes to Local Priorities - evidenced in documents such as Community/Parish Plans |
| Increasing tourism in the Upper Eden area is a key feature of the Upper Eden Community Plan. |
| Addresses Equality Issues |
| There is no information provided which demonstrates how equality issues will be addressed. |

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| Officer Recommendation |
| There is substantial match funding available for this project. The end product is a highly sustainable tourism product for the area. It is recommended that the full grant be issued. |

Action with Communities in Cumbria Comments and Recommendation(s) (If Project cost is £2,000 or more)

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Project Title

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| Tebay Recycling Centre Tebay Parish Council |
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| Decision Date | 26.04.11 |
| Amount Requested (£) | £2,000 |
| Amount Recommended | £2,000 |

Aim of the Organisation/Individual

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| The aims of the Parish Council is to try and fund small projects by match funding, in the last eight years we have built two playgrounds, drained our playing field, repaired various footpaths and planted trees. |
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| The project is to extend our recycling centre due to it being very well used. The area we propose to extend is 306 square metres of concrete with curb to the front. The funds will pay for the excavation of the area to level and laying of concrete and curb to the front. |
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**Officer Comments and Recommendation
(Against Criteria)**

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| Benefits of Project - Clear area of need |
| The Project would benefit the communities of Tebay and Orton. |
| Risk Factors |
| No risk factors identified from the report. |
| Other Contributions/Match Funding |
| Significant grant funding has already been agreed from the County Council and Tebay Parish Council has agreed to fund £3,000 which is a significant sum from a Parish Council. |
| Encourages Community Involvement/Participation/Volunteering |
| This is not demonstrated from the application but it would appear the current site is very well used by the local community. |
| Contributes to EDC Corporate Priorities |
| Contributes to the Corporate Priority of Quality Environment. |
| Contributes to Sustainable Community Strategy Priorities |
| There are minor links to the Eden Sustainable Community Strategy Priority of Developing a healthy environment. |
| Contributes to Local Priorities - evidenced in documents such as Community/Parish Plans |
| Tebay and Orton are not currently covered by a community plan, however, extensions and improvements to community recycling facilities are a familiar aspiration in a number of community/Parish Plans. |
| Addresses Equality Issues |
| There is no information available in the application which states how equality issues are addressed by the project. |

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| Officer Recommendation |
| The recycling officer has been contacted about the community fund application and is supportive of the bid and stated that the facilities were currently very well used. In addition, a hard standing area would be easier to maintain and provide better access for the collection vehicles. It is recommended the application is approved. |

Action with Communities in Cumbria Comments and Recommendation(s) (If Project cost is £2,000 or more)

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| No further comments. |
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Project Title

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| Upper Eden Events – Brough Castle Historic Weekend |
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| Decision Date | 26.04.11 |
| Amount Requested (£) | £2,500 |
| Amount Recommended | £2,500 |

Aim of the Organisation/Individual

To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Upper Eden Community Plan area and the immediate neighbourhood the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants, namely to organise annual events, festival and associated entertainments in the Upper Eden Community Plan area. Full membership shall be open to inhabitants of The Upper Eden Community Plan area and the immediate neighbourhood.

The organisation ran its first event at Brough Castle on the 31st July last year, attracting 1100 people to its Roman Day.

Project Detail

The Upper Eden Events committee would like to support the running of a further event in Upper Eden at the end of July 2011. This will be the renamed the Brough Castle Historic Weekend.

Historic Weekend - on the back of the success of last years event UE events will be running a 2011 event at the Castle, this time over a two day period on 23rd & 24th July. The reason for the two day event is to attract a historic re-enactment group to the event, who will set up a medieval village situation for the entire weekend. The event would also like to offer all of the activities that it offered last year, but over both days. Due to the change of weekend, the event will only be hosting the Farmers Market on the Sunday to avoid clashes with other local markets. To enable this event to run we would like to purchase a commercial marquee, which could be used for future events and also be hired out to other events to earn revenue for our organisations. The cost of this marquee would be £900 quotes have been received and attached. The organisation would also like to request a further £800 towards the cost of the falconry display at the event for a two day period and £800 to cover the fee for the Re-enactment group to come to the event for the entire weekend. The re-enactment group in particular represent enormous value for money as this is a group of volunteers, who will come and recreate an entire historic village for the weekend, they will dress in traditional clothing and live for the entire weekend using traditional practices. The event will become a living museum for the weekend. Their fee is to cover their expenses for the weekend.

**Officer Comments and Recommendation
(Against Criteria)**

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| Benefits of Project - Clear area of need |
| The project aims to increase the tourism to the area which will in turn have a positive financial benefit for the nearby businesses - particularly the accommodation providers and local cafes and businesses. |
| Risk Factors |
| The event will be free although attendees will be encouraged to purchase a programme. Not charging for the event is a risk because the event will have to find other ways to raise money to make the event more sustainable for future years. |
| Other Contributions/Match Funding |
| There is limited match funding for the project. |
| Encourages Community Involvement/Participation/Volunteering |
| The event will be run by volunteers in the local community. |
| Contributes to EDC Corporate Priorities |
| Contributes to the Corporate Priority of Economic Vitality. |
| Contributes to Sustainable Community Strategy Priorities |
| There are links to the Eden Sustainable Community Strategy Priorities of Developing a vibrant economy and developing a strong society. |
| Contributes to Local Priorities - evidenced in documents such as Community/Parish Plans |
| This activity is directly linked to the Upper Eden Community Plan aspiration to increase tourism in the area. |
| Addresses Equality Issues |
| There is no information available in the application which states how equality issues are addressed by the project. |

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| Officer Recommendation |
| There was excellent attendance at last year's event and spanning the event over two days will hopefully increase visitor numbers further. Using some of the grant to purchase a marquee would go some way to guarding against inclement weather as it would provide at least a covered area for activities to continue. There are concerns surrounding the sustainability of the event due to not charging admission, however, hiring out the marquee to other groups may provide a decent revenue stream to help deliver the event for future years. It is recommended the bid is accepted. |

Action with Communities in Cumbria Comments and Recommendation(s) (If Project cost is £2,000 or more)

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| Approve, with caveat that they work with Act to develop their business plan to ensure sustainability. |
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