

Appendix 1: Community Re-investment Projects Fund 2017/18 Summary of Applications and Assessments

Applicant	Ivybridge Town Council		
Project	Cinema for Ivybridge		
Amount Requested	£58,748	Total Project Cost	£65,748
Project summary	To upgrade the existing cinema facility, offering modern equipment including projectors, sound system, screen and lighting, to increase the ability to offer a wider range of films (notably new films) and more often.		
Assessment Criteria	Score (1-3)	Officers' Comments	
Community Need	3	A survey from December 2017 indicates that the Watermark Centre is a valued community resource, particularly for older people with respect to arts and culture. Under 30 year olds currently make up under 8% of use of the Centre, however the vast majority of respondents to surveys indicate that if the cinema could show mainstream/blockbuster films soon after their release date, that they would start to use the cinema/use it more often. (Some 30% of the 445 respondents to the survey do not use the Centre at present).	
Community Support	3	The project is clearly supported through the Neighbourhood Plan, and by a Town Centre Retail and Leisure study. Evidence of support for the application has been provided from local businesses, reflecting a desire to increase footfall into the town, and diversify the town's leisure offer.	
Provides/Improves Community Infrastructure	3	The project will provide a modern cinema facility (high resolution, digital, surround sound including accessibility for those hard of hearing or visually impaired). The existing equipment is basic (more akin to a large PowerPoint projector, screen and sound system). The new system would be able to show theatrical releases (films shown before they are released on DVD to the general public) sent digitally direct from the film distributors which is where the main potential income lies.	
Deliverable	3	The project does not require planning permission/building regulations, and the Town Council are owners of the building and hold the relevant cinema licences and insurance.	
Value for Money	2	Ivybridge Town Council have committed £7,000 to the project. The Town Council have invested heavily in the Watermark Centre leading up to and since its opening in 2008. Since opening, there has been no further external funding towards the Centre, with the Town Council continuing to invest capital and revenue into the Centre.	
Lasting Impact	3	Investment in the cinema would assist with the long term sustainability of the Centre, with extra income generated being reinvested into the building and services, including replacing aging equipment,	

		general maintenance and modernisation. The extra income would also help support development plans including supporting an extension to provide increased arts/performance facilities.
Conclusion	The Watermark Centre is clearly an important facility for Ivybridge, in terms of providing local services and attractions for the town. A modern cinema would assist with the sustainability of the Centre, and also the vibrancy of the town, offering an alternative to travelling to the Plymouth cinema, not least for young people and those for whom accessing a vehicle/public transport is difficult. It is noted that there is significant development underway within Ivybridge and Ugborough, and the Centre is likely to become even more important as part of the offer of the town centre.	
Total Score	17	Recommended Grant Amount £40,303

Applicant	Loddiswell Parish Council		
Project	Playground for Loddiswell Primary School		
Amount Requested	£7,000	Total Project Cost	£13,893
Project summary	<p>To create a playground at the new primary school which is currently being built in Loddiswell.</p> <p>There is insufficient funding to create the playground as part of the school build, and the village play park is across a main road (which would require staff to assist in walking children to the playground and supervision – resulting in only use at lunch hours).</p> <p>The new school will have spaces for 120 children aged 4-11, and the aspiration is for a playground within the school grounds which can be used regularly and safely during the school day.</p>		
Assessment Criteria	Score (1-3)	Officers' Comments	
Community Need	3	Regular daily access to a playground is an essential part of a primary school child's development.	
Community Support	3	The existing school, governors and parents are fully behind the project and the children have been involved in the design.	
Provides/Improves Community Infrastructure	3	The project would provide infrastructure, play equipment typically having a lifetime of c.15 years.	
Deliverable	3	The Parish Council propose to match fund the grant, and permissions are in place for the playground within the school premises.	
Value for Money	2	The contribution would be matched by the Parish Council, and the school will subsequently own and maintain the equipment.	
Lasting Impact	3	The benefits to schoolchildren would be significant, at an important stage of their development.	
Conclusion	This is clearly a project which would be of great benefit to the children attending the new primary school, play being integral to children's development. Typically projects within the confines of a school premises are not funded through District Council funds (given that generally it is considered that		

	<p>provision of facilities within a school grounds is the responsibility of the County Council), however it is noted that this is New Homes Bonus funding, intended to meet community infrastructure needs where communities have been subject to major developments (and Loddiswell has had over 70 dwellings built within the village in the last few years), and clearly the playground will be used by children residing in Loddiswell throughout the school week.</p> <p>There is a substantial play park within Loddiswell (Butts Park) which is in relatively close vicinity to the location of the new school, however is separated from the site by a main road, which is clearly a significant limiting factor in the level of use that school children could make of the facility.</p> <p>On the acceptance that despite being within a school grounds, the provision of a playground as part of a school is not the primary responsibility of the County Council (i.e. provision of a playground is not part of DCC's statutory duty), then this would be an eligible application, and one which is recommended for full support.</p>		
Total Score	17	Recommended Grant Amount	£7,000

Applicant	Ugborough Village Hall		
Project	Village hall roof refurbishment		
Amount Requested	£20,000	Total Project Cost	£37,000
Project summary	Replacement roof of failing existing roof (which has broken tiles, rotten fascias and soffits and leaks in several locations).		
Assessment Criteria	Score (1-3)	Officers' Comments	
Community Need	3	The hall is well used as the main venue in the village for groups, meetings, events and parties.	
Community Support	3	Consultations with the user groups and through the Neighbourhood Plan have highlighted the importance of the hall as the hub for the village, and the roof replacement in particular has been highlighted as requiring attention. Local user groups have donated funds to the cause.	
Provides/Improves Community Infrastructure	3	The project would provide an entire replacement roof.	
Deliverable	3	Planning permission is not required, and the match funding is secured.	
Value for Money	2	£10,000 has been secured from the National Lottery (Awards for All) with the remainder comprising contributions from user groups, and the halls own funds.	
Lasting Impact	3	The replacement is anticipated to provide 25-50 years of integrity to the roof.	
Conclusion	This is a straightforward project, in so much as it is a replacement roof, however the importance of village halls within rural villages should not be underestimated, and the		

	requirement to maintain their integrity is vital to sustain community life.		
Total Score	17	Recommended Grant Amount	£20,000

Applicant	Totnes Skate park		
Project	Replacement Totnes skate park		
Amount Requested	£57,650	Total Project Cost	£200,000
Project summary	A replacement skate park in Borough Park, enlarging the footprint, improving the variety and quality of features and making it more appealing for a wider age range.		
Assessment Criteria	Score (1-3)	Officers' Comments	
Community Need	3	The existing skate park is of limited interest to serious/older skaters, and inaccessible to younger children. The facility is not of particularly good quality, and is dated. There is a limited amount of provision for youths in Totnes, and a much improved skate facility would be a great asset for the young people of Totnes.	
Community Support	3	Young people have been vocal in their dissatisfaction with the existing design. They have attended community events and raised some funding towards skate facility improvements. Through Facebook young people have engaged with the design process, and a number of older-teen skaters (and their parents) have formalised a group (Totnes Skatepark Community) which supported by local SHDC and TTC Members are seeking to realise the project.	
Provides/Improves Community Infrastructure	3	The existing facility is outdated and does not meet the needs of skaters. A community led design would offer a much needed facility for the town, and experience elsewhere has shown that such a facility will be well used and respected by skaters.	
Deliverable	1	The project is at a relatively early stage. Planning permission is required, detailed design, and funding. It is likely to be a process that could take up to 2 years. SHDC officers are supportive of the proposal.	
Value for Money	3	Whilst a lot of work will be required to raise match funding, any CRPF grant would draw in a significant amount of match funding (to date there is around £20,000 secured, most notably and recently a commitment of £13,200 by Totnes Town Council). It is expected that the appointed designers/contractors will provide considerable expertise in assisting the group secure funding.	
Lasting Impact	3	Concrete skateparks are easy to maintain and durable. The facility would have a long lifetime.	
Conclusion	This is a vital project for the youth (and a few slightly older residents) of Totnes. Whether this is the correct time to commit funds is perhaps the question, not least given that planning permission will be required, and there is a significant amount of funding to source. Some funding has been secured,		

	and the commitment of £13,200 by TTC is a clear commitment at the town level to this project. It is recommended that the Council follow this lead and demonstrate local support, which in turn will carry weight with regional/national funding sources, even if the project takes some time to deliver.		
Total Score	16	Recommended Grant Amount	£31,000

Applicant	Marlborough Parish Council		
Project	Marlborough Village Hall carpark		
Amount Requested	£15,000	Total Project Cost	£45,000
Project summary	The project would create 52 additional parking spaces including 4 more disabled spaces, incorporating a safer one-way system through the carpark, and also improved and level access for disabled visitors to the hall.		
Assessment Criteria	Score (1-3)	Officers' Comments	
Community Need	2	The hall is well used, with regular bookings and events, in addition to use of the pitch by Kingsbridge and Salcombe Football Clubs. Due to the limitations of public transport locally, the applicant advises that many visitors need to use their car to reach the site.	
Community Support	2	There is clear support for the site and facilities in general, and formal survey/consultation has supported the drive to improve the village hall facilities. Support is not unanimous – it is noted that the planning application has attracted a significant number of objections, namely relating to the loss of amenity grassland to the south of the hall – this area being referred to as used for family picnicking and informal recreation, and also to a perceived excessive carpark for the occasional event/weekly football match. Evidence of support from user groups and local Members has been provided.	
Provides/Improves Community Infrastructure	2	The project would create 52 additional parking spaces including 4 more disabled spaces, incorporating a safer one-way system through the carpark, and also improved and level access for disabled visitors to the hall. (It is noted that an overflow carpark was previously created adjacent to the hall on a reinforced grass area however use of this area is dependent on the state of the ground). This clear provision of new community infrastructure is offset by the loss of an area of amenity area.	
Deliverable	3	A planning application has been submitted. The remaining funding is in place to deliver the project.	
Value for Money	3	The remaining £30,000 has been secured from s106 funding from the Alston Gate Phase 1 development. It is noted that there is no contribution from user or local groups (although there have been several recent facility improvement projects so this has not	

		been counted against the applicant in the score attributed to this criteria).	
Lasting Impact	3	The project will assist with the viability of the village hall (not least because it is commonly the large, high income bookings which require more car parking space) and associated facilities which include a play area, skate park, tennis courts, football pitches, as well as informal recreation. The project will also has the added benefit of reducing congestion and inappropriately parked vehicles elsewhere in the village when the existing and limited onsite parking is full.	
Conclusion	It is clear that this project would benefit the whole village in terms of easing inappropriate parking/congestion at peak times of use of the hall (events, football matches). This is offset to some degree by concern from some in the community about the loss of the amenity grass to the south of the hall. Nonetheless, given the clear importance of the facility to the community (and further afield), the merits of the project are recognised in the recommended grant.		
Total Score	15	Recommended Grant Amount	£10,000

Applicant	Blackawton community shop		
Project	Shop relocation project		
Amount Requested	£34,545	Total Project Cost	£42,000
Project summary	Following closure of the village shop and Post Office, in 2012 Blackawton secured Lottery funding for a new community shop in a portacabin. Planning permission for the portacabin will expire in 2018. A premises has been found with an offer of a long lease, which offers a larger floor area and an opportunity to provide more community services such as a seating area and book swap, as well as an opportunity to formalise the Post Office offer (which was lost in December). The project is for the fit-out of the new premises.		
Assessment Criteria	Score (1-3)	Officers' Comments	
Community Need	3	The nearest alternative shop 4 miles away in Strete or 3 miles to the nearest petrol station convenience store in Halwell and the nearest supermarket is 5 miles away. Public transport offers one bus per day running to Dartmouth as school transport, during school term time only, therefore there is significant isolation for those without vehicles. In addition to the store, it is intended to provide a social space to act as a community hub with small seating area, shelving for secondhand books, notice board and internet provision.	
Community Support	2	Since opening in 2012, the shop has had an active volunteer networks (some 40 volunteers) and steering group (10 members)	
Provides/Improves Community Infrastructure	3	The project will fit-out the new premises, and offer an enhanced facility over the existing portacabin,	

		with more community benefits than a straightforward shop.
Deliverable	3	Planning permission has been obtained, evidence of a signed lease would be a condition of grant.
Value for Money	1	Whilst there is some £7,000 of match funding included within the application form, this is in-kind funding (covering moving of shop contents to new premises, and decoration).
Lasting Impact	3	Whilst the lease is not yet signed, a letter of intent has been provided from the building owner indicating an intention to provide a lease of at least 15 years for the premises.
Conclusion	The benefits of the project are clear, and support is merited, however it is considered that a reduced offer will still be of benefit with respect to facilitating the internal works, whilst not compromising the delivery of the proposed new shop by not committing the full amount requested (e.g. some existing equipment will be able to be used).	
Total Score	15	Recommended Grant Amount £20,000

Applicant	Slapton Community Shop		
Project	Village community shop		
Amount Requested	£5,597	Total Project Cost	£5,597
Project summary	Equipment, fixtures and fittings for a temporary community shop (due to open on Feb 3 rd , 2018) to open within a week of the closure of the existing commercial village shop.		
Assessment Criteria	Score (1-3)	Officers' Comments	
Community Need	3	This is an isolated village, no longer on a bus route, the nearest 2 shops are 2.5 miles away (and both are for sale). Village surveys show a local desire for a facility providing a shop, café, internet, post office, and delivery service.	
Community Support	3	The current shop owners are retiring and the community has come together to raise funds and support for a new shop. There is clear community support.	
Provides/Improves Community Infrastructure	2	Whilst the shop is temporary, the fixtures, fittings and equipment (comprising fridge and freezer) have been chosen with the expectation that they will be transferable to any longer term permanent facility.	
Deliverable	3	Funds have been raised for the temporary shop, and it is due to open on Feb 3 rd , 2018.	
Value for Money	2	This is a 100% grant and accordingly not good value for money, however this is against a backdrop of the community raising almost £30,000 from donations towards the shop in the last 12 months.	
Lasting Impact	2	Whilst the shop is temporary, the fixtures, fittings and equipment (comprising fridge and freezer) have been chosen with the expectation that they will be transferable to any longer term permanent facility.	
Conclusion	This is a well-supported community project, clearly shown through the speed in which the community has come together,		

	their success in raising funds for the temporary shop, and the willingness of the community to volunteer to staff the shop. (It is noted that Cllr Foss committed £500 from the Member SCLF to the temporary shop project in November).		
Total Score	15	Recommended Grant Amount	£5,597

Applicant	Totnes and Bridgetown Parochial Church Council		
Project	Windows of opportunity		
Amount Requested	£55,386	Total Project Cost	£265,824
Project summary	<p>The church acts as a general community asset, and is used for a wide range of activities (including parent and toddler group, tai chi, bowls, bands, Pilates, support groups, martial arts, and a community café).</p> <p>The project will replace a number of window which were replaced after a fire in 1976, At that time an economic option was followed for softwood frames which have since rapidly deteriorated, allow ingress of water (and may be unstable – engineers have deemed the work urgent). These would be replaced with steel frames.</p> <p>The project also includes creation of a new kitchen on the ground floor (supplementing an existing first floor kitchen) and two toilets (one of which will be for disabled access) – this is required to meet the changing requirements of the ground and first floor bookings</p>		
Assessment Criteria	Score (1-3)	Officers' Comments	
Community Need	3	The church (and community space) is the only major community facility in the Bridgetown area of Totnes and has a variety of sized rooms and kitchen facilities. The facility accommodates a wide range of activities for all ages.	
Community Support	3	Clear evidence of community support (from the wide range of user groups) has been provided.	
Provides/Improves Community Infrastructure	3	The project would address a serious issue with the windows which if not addressed would lead to knock on internal issues.	
Deliverable	3	Planning permission has been secured, if he application was supported in full, there would remain a shortfall of funds of c.£25,000.	
Value for Money	3	This is a large application, however there is significant match funding already secured towards the project (including £145,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund).	
Lasting Impact	3	The windows would have a long lifetime, addressing the existing poor quality windows which had reportedly been the most economic option (and not fit for the long term) at the time of installation.	
Conclusion	Projects within places of worship are not generally supported with Council funding pots – the guidance for the CRPF notes that projects which promote religious beliefs will not be supported. It is considered however that this project is eligible, due to the building acting as a key community facility for the whole community as shown by the variety of groups which use		

	and support the facility. As the only such community facility in Bridgetown, it is considered both reasonable and worthwhile to support this project with CRPF funding, not least given that the Bridgetown area is currently subject to significant levels of residential development. It has been confirmed in writing by the applicant that they place no restriction on which groups or individuals can book the facility, regardless of their religious orientation or beliefs – i.e. the bookable facilities are open to all.		
Total Score	18	Recommended Grant Amount	£20,000

Applicant	Newton and Noss Parish Council		
Project	Pedestrian safety improvement project		
Amount Requested	£10,000	Total Project Cost	£10,000
Project summary	The project seeks to make improvements to a deteriorating steps on a section of public footpath. The project also seeks to install 'Wigwags' (flashing light units) on Parsonage Road to improve the safety of pedestrians and children near to the Primary School, particularly at school drop off and collection times.		
Assessment Criteria	Score (1-3)	Officers' Comments	
Community Need	1	NNPC report that a lady slipped and broke her leg on one of the steps at the end of 2017 due to their uneven nature. With respect wigwags, DCC Highways have advised that there is no budget available for new signs at this location. They acknowledge that Parsonage Rd could qualify as a busy road during school drop off and collection times, where driver's attention can be fully occupied, and they support installation of Wigwags if a source of external funding can be found.	
Community Support	2	The Neighbourhood Plan recognises a need for well-maintained path network in the Parish.	
Provides/Improves Community Infrastructure	2	The project includes 17 new granite sett steps and kerbstones, and wigwag lighting	
Deliverable	3	NNPC own the steps, and DCC have approved in principle the wigwags – the project should be deliverable without issue.	
Value for Money	1	The project is seeking 100% funding with no element of match funding.	
Lasting Impact	2	The steps will require regular maintenance to ensure they do not become slippery, and this is dependent on DCC PROW budget, with no indication that the PC are taking on this responsibility.	
Conclusion	The project seeks to improve safety adjacent to a local school, whilst not seemingly a priority for DCC, it is acknowledged that it could qualify as busy at drop off/collection times, and DCC have approved the principle of wigwags. The step improvements would reduce likelihood of pedestrian accidents associated with use of a footpath. Whilst worthwhile projects,		

	neither score particularly highly, and they do not have any locally raised match funding, or clearly evidenced community support/need.		
Total Score	11	Recommended Grant Amount	£0

Applicant	Yealmpton and District Recreation Association		
Project	Athletic club refurbishment		
Amount Requested	£32,233	Total Project Cost	£32,233
Project summary	Extension of an existing hard surface carpark, and replacement of an existing poor condition 2.4m fence between the bowling green and cricket pitch (for safety).		
Assessment Criteria	Score (1-3)	Officers' Comments	
Community Need	3	The site is well used (cricket, football, rifle, and bowling), with a total membership of the 4 clubs of some 250 members of all ages. The site is clearly well used. The applicant advises that the carpark is a victim of the success of the site, in terms of its limited size and quality.	
Community Support	1	No evidence of community/user group support has been provided.	
Provides/Improves Community Infrastructure	2	The existing carpark at the site comprise part hard surface, part grass. The project would hard surface the existing grass parking area, and mark out the entire carpark. An existing deteriorated (rusted with holes) 2.4m fence between the bowling green and cricket pitch which is partly for security and partly safety would be replaced.	
Deliverable	2	The project has landowner permission, and does not require planning permission. Funding is the only restricting factor.	
Value for Money	1	The applicant has applied for the full amount.	
Lasting Impact	2	Long terms benefits of 20 years are cited, however it is noted that the current lease with the landowner has 10 years to run (the applicant is currently negotiating for an extension, and there is no indication at present to indicate that it would not be forthcoming).	
Conclusion	This site is an important resource for local formal recreation, and is well used. The case for investment in the carpark and evidence of support was not strong enough to warrant commitment of funds.		
Total Score	11	Recommended Grant Amount	£0

Applicant	Yealmpton Parish Council		
Project	Yealmpton park re-investment bid		
Amount Requested	£48,647	Total Project Cost	£50,647
Project summary	New play equipment for the Stray Park site (leased by SHDC from the Kitley Estate).		

Assessment Criteria	Score (1-3)	Officers' Comments	
Community Need	1	The site did not score poorly in terms of quality on the recent Play Audit for the Joint Local Plan (i.e. one of those that needed urgent investment). The equipment is proposed to benefit children aged up to 14.	
Community Support	2	Letters of support were received from the Youth of Yealmpton Organisation and friends of the Primary School.	
Provides/Improves Community Infrastructure	3	The project would add to the variety of equipment on offer at the park.	
Deliverable	3	SHDC hold the lease and would support additional equipment, (subject to agreement of detail, including further quotes)	
Value for Money	1	There is s106 funding of £2,128 allocated towards improvement of play equipment at this site. Additional equipment would create additional maintenance liability for the Council.	
Lasting Impact	2	The equipment would have a lifetime of around 15 years (although maintenance would likely be required to timber within that timescale), with ongoing maintenance falling to SHDC.	
Conclusion	This facility has not been flagged up by SHDC officers as one requiring short term investment (when compared against some other poorer quality SHDC play spaces). While there is certainly scope for improvement, officers would wish to see proper consultation with local people with respect to proposed equipment (and indeed with SHDC officers).		
Total Score	12	Recommended Grant Amount	£0

Applicant	North Huish Parish Council		
Project	North Huish Defibrillator fund		
Amount Requested	£2,500	Total Project Cost	£2,500
Project summary	This project has not been assessed, as the CRPF criteria sets a minimum application size of £5,000.		
Total Score	N/A	Recommended Grant Amount	£0

Applicant	Brixton Parish Council		
Project	Reducing speed in our village		
Amount Requested	£2,640	Total Project Cost	£2,640
Project summary	This project has not been assessed, as the CRPF criteria sets a minimum application size of £5,000.		
Total Score	N/A	Recommended Grant Amount	£0