

Appendix C

PLEASE STATE THE LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE YOU ARE APPLYING TO:	Loton and Tern Local Joint Committee		
1. PROJECT TITLE :	Court insulation and refurbishment		
2. LOCATION OF PROJECT ACTIVITY:	Shrewsbury Squash and Racquetball Club, Sundorne Castle, Uffington, SY4 4RR		
3. PROJECT START DATE:	01/07/10	4. COMPLETION DATE:	30/08/10
5. APPLICANT DETAILS:			
Name of Organisation or Group	Shrewsbury Squash and Racquetball Club		
Name of Key Contact			
Contact Address			
Postcode			
Telephone			
Email			
6. TYPE OF ORGANISATION:	Non profit making voluntary sports club		
7. REGISTERED CHARITY/CO NO.:			
8. VAT NO.:			

9. BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS	
Bank Name	
Bank Address	
Bank Account Name	
Bank Account No.	
Bank Sort Code	

10. PROJECT DESCRIPTION
<i>Include the overall purpose and aims of the project and the main activities.</i>
<p>The Squash Club was founded in 1973 when Shrewsbury Rugby Union Football Club arranged a loan to enable the Squash Club to build self contained and serviced Squash Courts.</p> <p>Over the years, the Club has produced many players representing Shropshire and, in addition to its playing traditions, has funded charitable tournaments to enable the Club to donate significant sums to local Charities.</p> <p>However, since the formation of the Club, the popularity of Squash as a sport has ebbed back and forth with the result that it has occasionally been difficult to fund essential maintenance programmes to keep the accommodation up to the standards expected by fastidious squash players and to maintain Charitable donations.</p> <p>In addition, the drastic rise in fuel costs have eroded meagre annual savings originally set aside each year for the essential tri-annual court refurbishment.</p> <p>The Club has an honourable tradition of fielding four teams in the County Squash leagues and also in hosting County and Inter-County tournaments; it has taken the initiative in promoting racquetball as an extension to squash players skills and to extend the opportunities to play both squash and racquetball to greater numbers of players.</p> <p>It is essential both from the Health & Safety point of view and the straightforward business of playing squash and racquetball that courts and facilities are maintained to a high standard. Courts MUST provide measured and accurate "bounce" of ball with sprung floors which respond to players and which do not have any safety or trip hazards.</p> <p>Should the facilities decline in standard, players will be either lost to the Club or lost to the Sport; such a situation is only avoidable by carrying out essential maintenance and refurbishment.</p> <p>The Club has met in extraordinary AGM and in Committee to put in place a continuing strategy to ensure the future of the Club and the Sport in Shrewsbury; the key to that is offering more frequent playing opportunities and the recruitment of members, but the key to recruitment of members is providing warm, hospitable, clean and well presented courts</p>

which play accurately and consistently.

Our Courts have been inspected by Courtmasters Ltd, a nationally renowned company of Squash court specialists and together, the Club and Courtmasters, have drafted a programme of Investment, Insulation and Refurbishment of the Club facilities to improve playing conditions and drastically reduce energy consumption thus further raising playing standards at the Club and continue our recent success in increasing Player numbers.

Accordingly, it is intended to install highly efficient polyisocyanurate insulation in the roof spaces in order to significantly reduce energy consumption and free up future resources to invest in other parts of the building.

This would be the first phase followed up by a further 5 phases to be carried out as funding permits within the current financial year.

The Complete phases are :-

1. Insulation of Roof spaces.
2. Repair , refurbishment and redecoration of Courts,
3. Replacement of heating system with more energy efficient equipment.
4. Replacement of existing windows with new Category "A" uPVC windows.
5. Refurbishment of Showers.
6. Remedial redecoration throughout.

11. NEED AND DEMAND:

What is the evidence that justifies the project activities? To what extent is the project needed? Detail any consultation you have undertaken. What is the scale of demand for the project activities? Does demand vary across the area of benefit, or by different groups of people?

Shrewsbury Squash and Racquetball Club has continued to provide playing opportunities for all, irrespective of age, gender etc, despite the ebb and flow in the numbers of players in the County and, since recent recruitment initiatives is still running successfully but find that [mainly due to increased fuel costs], revenue is falling short of the capital required for the essential tri-annual refurbishment.

If the Courts [and associated facilities] are not maintained to the required England Squash standards then playing revenue will fall away and [eventually] the Club could close.

Until now, the Courts have been maintained as the best in the County providing opportunities for the highest levels of both Squash and Racquetball to be played; consequently the Club has been used to host County, Inter-County and exhibition International play.

The Club is mindful that it must help itself and to this end a number of differing membership and pay as you play initiatives have been put in place along with initial off court improvements.

These have achieved measure of success and have resulted in an increase in membership which must be retained and built upon. We have established, through wide interclub and membership consultations, that continued physical improvements in the Club facilities are key to retaining and growing membership numbers; retaining membership numbers remains the key to widening our Community participation schemes by identifying more volunteers to train as coaches and to host better and more frequent free open days to bring both Squash and Racquetball to more people.

We have seen from the evidence of our open day in February that the demand is there if we can identify the volunteers to staff those occasions.

12. ADDED VALUE

In what ways will the project be additional to what is already being done?

Clearly the initial added value comes from making each pound of income work harder and produce more; by significantly increasing the roof insulation and raising its "U" value from 2.6 w/m²deg C to a much more efficient 0.24 w/m²deg C it is calculated that as much as 33% of the Club's Annual electricity bill could be saved and re-allocated to membership recruitment and, after further investment in the building fabric, added value will accrue from larger membership numbers.

Any grant towards the projects listed will assist in underwriting and adding emphasis to our recent initiative in kick starting membership growth; membership growth will give the Club added value to increase its Charitable and Community activities and allow the Club to continue to be available to any who would like to participate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In respect of added value in playing terms, the investment in the playing surfaces will enable the Club to increase its participation in County League squash by increasing our teams from four to five.

In addition it will underwrite our commitment to hosting and running the inaugural summer County Racquetball Leagues which are scheduled to start in June as a direct result of our initiative in organising and hosting the Inaugural County Racquetball championship in February 2010

13. FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Please complete the table on the next page, giving as much detail as possible on the costs and funding required for your project activity.

14. APPLICANT CERTIFICATION:

I am applying on behalf of my organisation to the Local Joint Committee for financial assistance. I confirm that the information supplied above is correct to the best of my knowledge and enclose the Minutes from the meeting that approved the bid or letter of support from the Chairman of the group or organisation. I have read and understand the LJC Financial Procedure Notes and confirm acceptance of their requirements

SIGNATURE:

POSITION: **DATE:**

FINANCIAL INFORMATION: to be completed by all applicants

Project Costs: List anticipated items of expenditure below	£	
Insulation of roof spaces	3000	
Refurbishment of playing surfaces	3500	

Replacement energy efficient heating	2000	
Replacement windows and draught lobby	1750	
Refurbishment of showers	1000	
Remedial decoration	1000	
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	12250	
Project Funding: List anticipated project income or grant funding (including LJC Grant applied for) and any contributions in kind.	£	Confirm status of funding eg: Secured/unconfirmed/applied for etc
LJC Grant Application	3250	Applied for
Club funds	2750	Secured
Members pledges	2000	Secured
Other grant applications	4250	Applied for
TOTAL PROJECT FUNDING (should equal total project costs)	12250	
Please confirm how much funding you are seeking from the Local Joint Committee?	3250	
<p>Depending on budget pressures the Local Joint Committee may need to consider a reduced offer of funding. Please describe what the impact on your project activity would be if less funding were available.</p>		