

# Appendix F: Officer Summary of Eligible Applications

## Carbon Emission Reduction/ Locking up Carbon

### Cottenham Parish Council

Who are they?	Parish Council
What is the proposal?	Installation of additional 33 solar PV roof panels and a battery system.
Comments:	<p>The project will build on the existing array of 30 Solar PV panels on the roof of the village hall (constructed in 2021 to latest energy conservation standards). The additional Panels and 3-Phase battery system will allow the Village Hall to use more than the currently estimated 12-21%. This will maximise the carbon savings (an estimated 4,590kgCO<sub>2</sub>e pa) and stand them in good stead for future projects which may demand electricity. The £15,000 will be matched by the parish council and apply to the local Community Action Fund for additional funding of £6,000. Multiple groups will benefit from the project including Guides and music groups. Visibility of the project and advertisement through the newsletter, website, Facebook and the Fen Edge Festival will demonstrate leadership in carbon reduction. Ownership of the site and an estimated Village Hall life expectancy of 50 years will ensure its longevity and previous construction experience within the group gives confidence in deliverability.</p>
How much requested?	£15,000.00
Score (%)	80

### Cottenham Community Centre

Who are they?	Manage the Community Centre for the residents of Cottenham and the local area.
What is the proposal?	Installation of additional 33 solar PV roof panels and a battery system.

Comments: The project will further reduce the centre's carbon footprint by 2,269kgCO<sub>2</sub>e pa and energy costs which can be redirected to community activities for the multiple groups which use the centre. Thus, it will inspire Community Centre volunteers to install panels where cost savings are publicised, the panels are visible and drop-in sessions are held. The group has already added roof and internal wall insulation, replaced their gas boiler with an efficient condensing model, and added double glazing, LED lighting and infra-red panels. The group has received independent expert advice and builds on 12 years of experience in improving the centre's energy efficiency. The project will raise grant funding of £9,000 and provide the remaining funding from their own reserves. The 38 years remaining on the lease will outlast the life expectancy of the panels.

How much requested? £15,000.00

Score (%) 78

### **Milton Community Centre and Recreation Grounds (MCC)**

Who are they? A Community Centre with multipurpose large hall, meeting rooms, self-contained annex, recreation grounds, outdoor football and cricket field, pavilion, youth building, basketball court, football pen, and play area on second site, and football pitches and flexible modern multipurpose centre and pavilion on third site.

What is the proposal? Addition of solar battery storage to complete initial works providing immediate use of the 35 panel solar PV array.

Comments: Previous work to improve the energy efficiency of the community centre (including heat capture, solar panels and insulation) and previous experience in energy management forms the basis of this project. Advice from solar companies has been sought to find a solution to reduce grid usage as far as possible and will reduce carbon emissions by 879.25kg CO<sub>2</sub>e pa. The centre provides facilities for the community so the installation will benefit residents, as well as wider information on energy saving being shared through Facebook, radio and local

news outlets. The long-term lease of the buildings from Milton Parish Council, and the involvement of committed trustees and volunteers will ensure the project's longevity. Although the parish council is not able to provide funding, MCC will provide £1,200 of the project cost, and management and volunteer hours.

How much requested? £13,296.00

Score (%) 71

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What is the proposal? Replace inefficient lighting with energy efficient and modern LED lighting at MCC Main Building interior and exterior and interior at Sycamores Youth Building.

Comments: Some lighting has already been replaced with LED lighting, and energy saving measures have resulted in savings of between 30-50%. The project will save an additional 617kgCO<sub>2</sub>e pa. This will improve the facilities for the residents and the scheme will be shared with different audiences through local news outlets, radio, mailing lists, Facebook and direct users of the buildings including the Youth Building. Previous project experience in energy and carbon emission saving work will ensure deliverability. The land is leased to the Community Centre and the group will fund £2,000 of project costs, although the parish council is unable to provide part funding.

How much requested? £6,847.00

Score (%) 69

## **West Wickham Village Hall**

Who are they?	Provide a venue for meetings, recreation and leisure time occupation.
What is the proposal?	To install 20 solar PV panels and battery storage to supply power for infra-red heating system.
Comments:	The organisation intends to install solar PV and battery storage to supply their infra-red heating panels and upgraded LED lighting. This will be delivered through the Solar Together Cambridgeshire Scheme. The project will deliver a carbon reduction 1,510kgCO <sub>2</sub> pa. It will benefit the community, reducing hire costs. The work will be shared through the village newsletter and 'Village Voice' which is often picked up more widely. The parish council are unable to part-fund the project, but the remaining £9970.40 will be funded by the Village Hall Committee's own reserves. The buildings are leased from the parish council.
How much requested?	£4,000.00
Score (%)	68

## **Hardwick Parish Council**

Who are they?	Parish council
What is the proposal?	A project to install two small bike sheds and set up an e-bike rental scheme for the Hardwick community.
Comments:	The project will reduce carbon emissions by avoiding those otherwise produced by car travel (200kgCO <sub>2</sub> pa based on previous ride data). It will also reduce emissions where trails of the e-bikes result in users purchasing their own (17,000kgCO <sub>2</sub> pa – own calculations). The project builds on a growing network of E-bikes within the district, funded through the ZCC Grant, in collaboration with Cambridge Electric Transport. Co-benefits include improving air quality, encouraging healthier lifestyles, and taking advantage of new Cambourne / Cambridge cycleways. There is the potential for long-lasting behaviour change and wider

engagement through the Hardwick Climate Action Group, Facebook page, and Village Eco event. The site is owned by the parish council, which has previously delivered carbon reduction projects, however, they are unable to financially contribute to the project.

How much requested? £5,292.00

Score (%) 68

### **Fowlmere Recreation Ground and Village Hall**

Who are they? Village Hall and Recreation Ground

What is the proposal? To replace the remainder of lighting in the Village Hall with LED as recommended on the first ZCC application by PECT.

Comments: Consideration has been given to reducing energy consumption by removing heating controls and external LED upgrades. Expert independent advice has been provided by PECT, which advises that the carbon emission reduction will be 1,189kgCO<sub>2</sub> pa. The energy cost reduction will benefit community groups who use the space including local sports clubs, craft groups, dance groups, Farmer's Markets and blood donor sessions. The project will be reported in the local Newsletter and on Facebook. As the building is vested with the Charity Commission, the changes will be sustainable and embedded into the maintenance of the building. The group will fund the electrician costs of £444.00.

How much requested? £2,000.00

Score (%) 62

### **Harston Village Hall Trust**

Who are they? Community centre for the use of all Harston residents, provides rooms and facilities for a wide range of activities, meetings, social events.

What is the proposal? As part of essential ongoing works, they will replace defective rendering around the building and add a layer of 100mm thick insulation to improve thermal efficiency.

Comments: The application will build on measures previously taken to improve the thermal efficiency of the building (including double glazing, thermal insulation, replacement of a gas boiler to an efficient model, fitting radiators with thermostats and installing heating timers). The Trust will provide £22,044 to strip and replace the current rendering, and through the additional funding add the layer of thermal insulation. This will increase the building's longevity and reduce future running costs, providing users with a warmer hall for activities. The project will be publicised on the website and shared through the newsletter. Although the Trust is unable to quantify the carbon reduction, it will reduce gas consumption. The land is vested in the Charity Commission. The parish council is unable to provide part funding, but the Trust has applied for help from the Rugby Cement Fund.

How much requested? £8,956.00

Score (%) 62

### **Hope Against Poverty CIC**

Who are they? Hope Against Poverty CIC provides support to people including those from BAME communities to be free from poverty and improve their lifestyles and wellbeing.

What is the proposal? The project will collect surplus food from local supermarkets and other outlets and allow the community to access free healthy food through the existing Cambourne Community food project.

Comments: The project will have an indirect impact, reducing methane emissions, however, no estimation of carbon reduction has been provided. Strong additional value will be seen by the wider community through food waste reduction, access to sustainable, nutritious and affordable food, and reducing food packaging. It will also connect

with local service providers and public sector organisations including Cambourne Community Hub, Cambourne Town Council, Papworth Trust and Cambridge Sustainable Food. The project will deliver food parcels, plan to start a delivery service, and will run an environmental awareness course. However, the project intends to use a diesel / petrol vehicle for the delivery. The parish council has not been contacted to provide part-funding, but the project is seeking additional funding through the Cambridge Community Fund.

How much requested? £ 4,700.00

Score (%) 61

### **Cambridge and District CAB**

Who are they? They provide free advice to anyone who needs it.

What is the proposal? To install 42 solar PV panels and improve the energy efficiency where possible.

Comments: The panels will be installed on their owned building within Cambridge City; given that the CAB serves South Cambridgeshire residents, their application is eligible. The proposal estimates carbon savings of 2,391.13kgCO<sub>2</sub> pa which will benefit the multiple charities who utilise the building, however, no previous actions to reduce emissions have been undertaken and the group do not have any prior experience of similar projects. It will be shared through a website and social media. Individuals helped by the charity will benefit, as well as those with whom they share the building through cost reduction. Although it will not receive parish council part funding, the group will project match funding of £15,000 from their own reserves. It is noted that the charity has not sought funding from City Council.

How much requested? £15,000.00

Score (%) 60

## Landbeach Village Hall Charitable Trust

Who are they?	They run and maintain Landbeach Village Hall
What is the proposal?	Installation of a solar PV array on the roof of the Village Hall
Comments:	The project provides carbon emission savings of 1,423kgCO <sub>2</sub> pa in conjunction with ongoing projects including an LED lighting upgrade which so far have reduced energy consumption by 30%. The project will save £1,646 pa. It will be shared through the village website, the Facebook page, and through general visibility. Ownership of the building and previous experience with a domestic solar installation give confidence in deliverability and sustainability. The Charitable Trust and parish council are unable to provide part funding.
How much requested?	£14,035.13
Score (%)	59

## Community Engagement on Climate Change

### Cambridge Carbon Footprint

Who are they?	A local charity who centres their approach on what climate action means to people in their everyday lives – in terms of their beliefs, values and capabilities to make real change. They aim to reach everyone, regardless of previous engagement with the issues or situation in life.
What is the proposal?	The Net Zero Now programme is designed to fast track our move to net zero emissions by building a local network of climate leaders to deliver carbon reduction activities, events and communications that engage people of all backgrounds. It will train and recruit 40 climate leaders in 20 new villages in South Cambridgeshire, equipping them with the tools and confidence to deliver climate action in their community and refine the programme. 12 graduate climate leaders will be supported through the project.

Comments: The project will directly engage communities on climate change, delivering a training event for at least 60 attendees. Wider benefits include encouraging communities to plan for, act on, and communicate climate change in a rural context, building resilience. It will be shared through social media and ongoing publicity, the course page having been viewed 186 times and the video resources approximately 300 times. Previous successful delivery of the training course, as well as the inclusion of an evaluation report and training resources provide confidence in the deliverability of the project. It will work with organisations including the Repair Cafe Network, Transition Cambridge, 3G3S etc. The application details how it will ensure the longevity of previous and current training, developing a network, providing 1-1 and group training and supporting graduate climate leaders. The project will not receive parish council part-funding but has £10,000 additional grant funding.

How much requested? £15,000

Score (%) 91

### **Cambridge Sustainable Food**

Who are they? A charity which aims to create a fairer, sustainable food system which supports the community and the environment, building skills and knowledge around healthy and sustainable food. They run festivals, events and activities ranging from Cambridge's Pumpkin Festival to cookery workshops and participatory Holiday lunches. The organisation also works with networks and alliances to foster community solutions to food insecurity.

What is the proposal? To build on their existing work with food hubs in Harston and Gamlingay to develop examples of how sustainable, climate friendly foods and behaviour change can be embedded into community action whilst reaching those that would normally be marginalized from this type of work i.e., those on low incomes.

Comments: The organisation demonstrates previous experience of delivering long-term behaviour change with high levels of engagement (32,000 reached through website, 2,500 on Facebook, 3,128 on Twitter, 2,119 on Instagram). Co-benefits include reducing food waste (the projects currently save 35 tonnes pa) and carbon emissions and improving physical and mental health. It considers equality and accessibility, delivering food to vulnerable individuals; each hub will hand out 8 different recipe kits and books to 200 people. Collaboration with other organisations (including 5 new businesses), volunteer hours and in-kind senior management hours provides additional value. The project will be long-lasting and benefit wider communities through the Pumpkin Festival (aiming to reach 400 people), and the commitment of Climate Pledges and a toolkit for audiences, working with 20 new volunteers and other organisations (e.g., food hubs) to embed this work further. The parish council is unable to provide part funding, but they will provide in-kind volunteer hours to the value of £10,602 and management time of £2,295.

How much requested? £11,318.00

Score (%) 87

**Sheddit!**

Who are they? Sheddit! is a community organisation that organises activities for local people aimed at reducing social isolation and promoting opportunities for social engagement, skill sharing and building friendships. Projects promote sustainability through recycling, reuse, sharing and reducing consumption of materials.

What is the proposal? The project is to build a mobile Library of Things that visits Swavesey and surrounding villages to loan equipment and tools to people. It will be a self-sustaining and mobile facility. The second stage is to equip the trailer as a community shed that will share skills and reduce social isolation.

Comments: The project will promote a circular economy and culture of re-use in the direct, and wider community (approximately 2,000 people) using social media, leaflets, a website and magazines. It will provide co-benefits, tackling social isolation, encouraging wellbeing through volunteering (at least 10), providing affordable tools, and developing skills. An estimated 50 people a month will benefit. It will use learnings from a similar project in Totnes, from previously running a Men's Shed and will link with repair cafes. Although the parish council cannot provide part-funding, the project will provide £2,800 through the trailer and equipment and further contributions through delivering an app-based booking system and other measures.

How much requested? £14,131.00

Score (%) 84

### **Let's Cook**

Who are they? A social enterprise which provides training and support for communities to run cooking activities for children, young people and adults.

What is the proposal? 30 representatives from 10 community-facing settings will attend a one-day training event. Attendees will be equipped with the skills, knowledge and confidence to deliver practical cookery sessions with their own beneficiaries with a focus on reducing avoidable food waste.

Comments: The project will deliver behaviour change around food waste and provide wider community benefits. These include improving physical and mental health, reducing food waste, tackling food poverty, improving diets, food management and skills confidence and forming social connections. It will empower people in 10 community settings (10 leaders and 20 volunteers) to run their own activities through recruiting volunteers, delivering a one day train the trainer course and develop food waste reduction videos tying into campaigns such as 'Love

Food Hate Waste'. The project will be publicised through local events, radio, newspapers and social media. The settings will deliver 5 cookery sessions and one community event (attended by approximately 240 participants) as well as encouraging Climate Pledges, ensuring the project's sustainability. Evidence of deliverability is provided through the successful outcomes of similar projects such as in Merseyside where 161.64 tonnes food waste was diverted resulting in a, 85 tonne CO<sub>2</sub> reduction. The project cannot provide part funding but will contribute 480 volunteer hours.

How much requested? £15,000.00

Score (%) 83

### **Sustainable Northstowe**

Who are they? A community group which works on projects and events to help residents reduce waste, share resources and educates them about a wide range of sustainability related topics including plastic free, food waste and the climate emergency.

What is the proposal? Funding to secure projects, events and engagement with the community for the next 3 years. They aim to create a website to showcase events and projects, plus gain funding to be able to hire rooms for talks/workshops.

Comments: The project directly engages the community (and wider) on climate change, working with different groups of a range of ages bringing in local information. The group expects to engage 1000 individuals through events such as the Super Sustainable Saturday, tying in with campaigns such as Plastic Free July, and Great Big Green Week. Topics will include waste reduction in collaboration with the Community Pantry, and a circular economy. The website will provide a tangible and lasting resource. The group has previous experience of delivering sustainability themed events and will work with groups such as Northstowe Horticultural Association and Sustainable Oakington and Westwick. They have not yet

contacted the parish council and cannot provide other part-funding.

How much requested? £2,480.00

Score (%) 81

### **Oakington C of E Primary**

Who are they? The PSA connects staff, parents and the wider community, coordinating fundraising events to enhance the educational and social environment at the school.

What is the proposal? Working together as a community with their local sustainability & neighbourhood groups the project will deliver educational environmental activities including habitat creation through wildflower planting, bat & bird box making, tree planting & extracurricular clubs providing environmental engagement at school to inspire future generations to act on climate change.

Comments: The project will provide activities which directly engage the community on the environment and biodiversity. It will host educational workshops, walks, recycling workshops, litter picks and art sessions. It will forge links with other groups such as Sustainable Oakington and Westwick and Trees Are Good CIC, schools and residents. The group will share their work at Oakington Village Day, accessing 800 people, with 300 to make a difference in their own lives (own estimations). The project considers equality and accessibility and will deliver a long-lasting impact, educating future generations and providing tangible assets through the orchard and wildflower meadow. Previous project management and environmental experience provides assurance of deliverability. Neither the group nor the parish council can contribute part funding.

How much requested? £4,958.99

Score (%) 80

## Great Shelford Parochial Charities

Who are they? The Charities provides accommodation for "persons resident in the area of the Parish of Great Shelford, at low rents according to their means". The Charities also provides grants and makes donations in support of local organizations and good causes.

What is the proposal? Funding is sought to complete the planting with 20 wild cherry trees and installation of 156 biodegradable sapling guards such that all plastic guards are removed.

Comments: The project will engage the residents and community (of 5,000 people) on nature and the environment through the allotment and community garden and orchard. Co-benefits include promoting mental health and wellbeing and reducing carbon emissions through tree planting (an estimated 300 tonnes throughout the trees' lifetime). It will publicise the project and involve volunteers including schools and local groups such as the scouts, considering accessibility and inclusivity by engaging the local nursing home to create a sensory garden. The ownership of the land and previous experience of developing the space will ensure the sustainability of the project. Although the parish council is unable to part-fund the project, the Woodland Trust, Tree Council and Great Shelford Co-op will provide monetary and in-kind funding. Additionally, all planting will be undertaken by volunteers.

How much requested? £3,462.98

Score (%) 71

## Babraham Parish Council

Who are they? Parish council

What is the proposal? The project will follow on from the parish council's community forest garden project (funded through the ZCC Grant), aiming to inspire others by creating three short 'How To' videos that document the early stages,

important things to consider, and get started on their forest garden journey.

Comments:

The project will indirectly engage the community on climate change, allowing (approximately 100) parish councils, community groups and interested others to act based on their learning. The project will have indirect co-benefits resulting from the actions taken in response to the project which would be long-lasting and sustainable. The application would benefit from further consideration on how to share the videos more widely and engage the community and wider in a face-to-face capacity. The project has previously received part-funding from the parish council on other elements of the project and hope to secure future funding from the Babraham Research Campus.

How much requested? £4,500.00

Score (%) 71

### **A10 Corridor Cycle Campaign**

Who are they?

A community group which promotes improvements to active travel schemes (e.g., improved cycling and walking infrastructure) and raises awareness of active travel routes and options.

What is the proposal?

This project will encourage active travel by providing 12 high quality Sheffield cycle stands in two locations to facilitate more local trips by bicycle, and to raise the profile of everyday cycling within the village.

Comments:

The project will achieve community engagement by enabling sustainable travel for short journeys, accessing 1,500 residents, and users of the village shop and pub and responding to a clear need (150 members of the groups who regularly access these facilities). It will provide additional value through reducing carbon emissions and promoting active transport, working closely with the charity Camcycle. They have previous experience delivering cycling facilities and are involved in the Melbourn Greenway design. The project could benefit

from detailing how they could further encourage cycling, and from part-funding.

How much requested? £1,353.60

Score (%) 65

### **Northstowe HA**

Who are they? The Northstowe Horticultural Association seeks to develop and maintain a local space for residents of Northstowe and surrounding area to enjoy.

What is the proposal? To buy a long-lasting accessible composting toilet for the site for users of the allotments and community garden.

Comments: The project will engage the community indirectly by enabling greater involvement with the space where members of the community can spend more time there. It will encourage water savings, food waste and food mile reduction, healthy eating and plastic use through the wider work and donate extra produce to the food bank and Community Pantry. 200 people will make a difference and 500 people will be exposed to the work, however, no calculation has been provided to justify this. The group do not have previous project experience and are not able to provide part-funding.

How much requested? £14,000.00

Score (%) 59