

Application for Financial Assistance (Historic Buildings Grants) from the Conservation and Heritage Fund.

Purpose of report

To consider an application for financial assistance towards the cost of the repair of the following building of special architectural and historic interest.

Old School Hall, (Formerly St Thomas' Sunday School), Congleton Road, Mow Cop (Ref: 11/13001/HBG)

The building is a Grade II Listed Building adjacent to the Church of St Thomas in Mow Cop. It is now run by the residents for community uses. The building was awarded a small Historic Building Grant of £512 towards the cost of roof repairs in 2011. Later in the year another grant of £600 was given to help deal with the damp problems and restore 2 of the side leaded windows on the side elevation. The group now want to open up and reinstate the 2 other windows on the other gable elevation.

The work is estimated as costing £1,225.

Financial Implications

There is sufficient funding to meet this grant application at just over £69,000 in the fund, which allows for commitments.

Conclusions

This grant application meets all the Council's criteria for the repair and restoration of the heritage asset. The views of the Conservation Advisory Working Party will be reported to the Planning Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Conservation Advisory Working Party recommends that Planning Committee approve a grant of £245 for the Old School, Congleton Road, Mow Cop, subject to the appropriate standard conditions.