

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (HISTORIC BUILDINGS GRANTS) FROM THE CONSERVATION AND HERITAGE FUND

Old School Hall, (Formerly St Thomas' Sunday School), Congleton Road, Mow Cop
(Ref: 12/13001/HBG)

Purpose of Report

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

Recommendation

That the Committee approve a grant of £245 for the Old School, Congleton Road, Mow Cop, subject to the appropriate standard conditions.

The building is Grade II Listed and situated 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 residents' 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. At the agreed contribution rate (in the case of a Listed building up to 20% of the costs, and no more than £10,000) this would indicate that a grant of up to £245 could be appropriate.

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 Conservation Advisory Working Party has considered this application and recommends to the Planning Committee that a grant of £245 be offered subject to the appropriate standard conditions.