

Report on	Community Lending Libraries
Date of Meeting	6 th July 2022
Reporting Officer	Kieran Gordon, Assistant Director Health, Leisure & Wellbeing
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	No	x

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To seek Council approval to grant permission for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tullymeadow Community Group and Men's Shed, Augher to erect a community lending library in Augher Playpark Newmills Wildlife Gardening Club to erect a community lending library in Newmills Community Space.
2.0	Background
2.1	Community Lending Libraries have become a popular local resource. Also known as "little free libraries", they offer communities and families a chance to share their used books with others. They provide an efficient way to clear out old books, and it provides books to other readers who may not have easy access to reading materials.
2.2	Community Lending Libraries can further promote a sense of community and conversation. The act of reading can ultimately be both social and transformative. It regularly ignites new conversations and new social movements.
2.3	The Libraries will be an excellent new community facility for the areas of Newmills and Augher. They aim to bring people together within the community space and to have a positive impact on the health and well-being of local people whilst also installing a sense of civic pride and social inclusion for all ages and abilities.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Newmills Wildlife Gardening Club are seeking permission to erect a classic 'old style' red telephone box on Council owned land on the Brackaville Road. A local business owner has kindly donated the telephone box. The Community group will run and manage the lending scheme (bring a book, borrow a book) at no expense to Council.
3.2	The Tullymeadow Community Group and Men's Shed are seeking permission to erect a lending library within Augher Playpark. The community group will develop the library and will run and manage the lending scheme (bring a book, borrow a book) at no expense to Council. Exact location to be agreed with Council Officers on site.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: There are no financial costs associated with this project.

	Human: There are no Council human resources implications associated with this project.
	Risk Management: Considered in line with relevant policies and procedures. Both groups have indicated they accept that management, maintenance and liabilities of the structures are not the responsibility of Council but rather themselves and proposal is to capture this in the form of a written agreement before any structure is placed on council land.
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None anticipated at this juncture.
	Rural Needs Implications: None anticipated at this juncture.
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members are recommended to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) approve the installation of Community Lending Libraries in Newmills, Brackaville Road, and Augher Playpark, Knockview, via an appropriate written agreement.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix A – Example of a Community Lending Library structure

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