

Decision taken by:

**Ward Member for Hythe –
Councillor Malcolm Dearden**

Subject:

Hythe & Saltwood Sailing Club (HSSC)

Executive/non-executive decision: Non-executive

Date decision taken:

11 February 2019

Name and address of applicant(s):

Louisa Spice
Marine parade
Hythe
Kent
CT21 6AW

Name and description of project:

New and Improved Weather Station – the purchase of a flag pole, weather station and webcam for improved vital weather data.

DECISION:

To provide funding of £500 to the above project.

Reason for decision:

The data we get from our weather station is vital in planning races and training sessions and the current system is now outdated and needs replacement. Having accurate data on windspeeds, directions and potential storms etc allow us to ensure our members are always safe on the water. The current system no longer provides accurate data and we have advised that it needs replacing.

UPDATE – 22 MARCH 2019 – *Cllr Dearden has agreed for funding to be diverted towards the purchase of a new boat.*

Every March we have regular maintenance days where the club volunteers get together and get the club and equipment ship shape for the summer season. At last weeks session we

discovered that one of our rescue boats seems to be damaged beyond economical repair – this is bad news as without the rescue boat we can't race or run training sessions, which we are due to start up in early April.

At our Committee meeting last night we discussed the progress with the weather station and flag pole and as these items have not yet been purchased I suggested that I ask if you would consider us being able to divert the grants you provided us with away from the flagpole and weather station and towards the purchase of a new rescue boat which will set us back in the region of £3-4,000. I am sure you can understand that this has to be a priority for us, over the weather station and flagpole.

Declarations or disclosable pecuniary interest/any other significant interest:

None

The decision set out above was made by me.

Signed:

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11 February 2019

**Councillor Malcolm Dearden
Hythe**