

NEW APPLICATION

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**NEW APPLICATION FOR RATE RELIEF UNDER SECTIONS 43 AND 47 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
FINANCE ACT 1988 FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2007/08 AND 2008/09**

Applicant's Name: Bridgtown Community Centre **Account Ref:** 101111539

Property Address: Community Centre, Orbital Plaza, Bridge Street, Bridgtown, Staffs, WS11 0DQ

Registered Charity: Yes – 1119919

Occupation Date: 1 September 2007 **NEW APPLICATION**

Relief Claimed: Mandatory and Discretionary **Period:** 1/9/07 – 31/3/08
1/4/08 – 31/3/09

Use of Property: Community Centre

Main Objectives: To provide facilities for the benefit of the residents of Bridgtown and the neighbourhood, which are in the interest of education and social welfare for recreation leisure time with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

Financial Situation: As at: N/a **£**
Surplus (Deficit) 9,651.02
Reserves 9,651.02

Previous Relief Granted: **Mandatory** - 0%
Discretionary - 0%

Rates Payable:	2007/08	2008/09
	£	
Full charge	3,359.12	6,006.00
Less Mandatory Relief (80%)	<u>2,687.30</u>	<u>4,804.80</u>
Discretionary consideration	671.82	1,201.20
Less 10% if granted		
NNDR Pool (25%):	83.98	150.15
General Fund (75%):	<u>251.93</u>	<u>450.45</u>
Rates payable:	£ <u>335.91</u>	£ <u>600.60</u>

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Supporting Information:

Bridgtown Community Centre is a registered charity which has been set up in order to manage the Community Centre at Bridgtown for the benefit of the local community. .

Various activities / functions are carried out at the Community Centre by a variety of organisations such as:

- Meetings
- Parties
- Staffordshire County Council – Parent and child meetings

As the Community Centre is new and the activities / functions carried out there are still being developed, it is intended that the Centre will be used in the future for community projects, performing arts, social events and educational activities.

In addition, the Centre is available for private hire and is advertised in the local press and on the notice board. Hire of the premises is encouraged to all voluntary groups and hire charges are offered at a minimum rate to these organisations. Hire charges are £15.00 per hour but can vary depending upon the usage.

The principal source of income for the Community Centre is via grants together with charges collected for the private hire of the Centre.

Comments:

As Bridgtown Community Centre has only been operating since 1 September 2007, full audited accounts are not available; however, a balance sheet has been provided in support of their application.