

Appendix B Cast Study 2

The T&CCLO was contacted by the Clerk of & T&CC who wanted to renovate a memorial garden. They had been awarded £10K in grant funding from the REACH resilient communities capital grant scheme, on the condition that the project be completed by the end of January 2026.

Initially they were going to use a Mini digger in the construction of the proposed pathway, which they had been advised by the Planning Department would require planning permission as it constituted engineering works.

The T&CC refuted the need for permission and mid concerns that obtaining the required planning permission would cause a delay and risked the completion taking place by the end of January 2026, which would have resulted in the grant offer being withdrawn.

The T&CCLO worked with the Clerk, the REACH Team and Planning, the result of which was that the contractor that the T&CC had engaged agreed to use a turf cutter instead of a mini digger. This was deemed as Permitted Development rights afforded to Local Authorities, (including town and community councils) to carry out construction, maintenance and improvement works, thus enabling the project to be completed within an agreed extension.