

Date of Meeting	17 November 2008			
Title of Report	Chippenham Area (3) Community Area Awards Funding Distribution 2008/2009			
Link to Corporate Priorities	Partnership Working			
Public Report	YES			
<p>Summary of Report</p> <p>To ask Members to consider 2 applications with recommendations for funding from the 2008/09 Community Area Award Scheme.</p> <p>Officer Recommendations</p> <p>To agree funding distribution of the Area 3 Community Area Awards budget based on the agreed criteria for 2008/2009:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chippenham Movie & Video Club - Award £1,100 from the project budget towards the cost of purchasing new audio & video equipment to present films of daily life in & around Chippenham, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31st March 2009. 2. Castle Combe Parish Council - Award £3,764 from the Streetscene budget towards the refurbishment of two playgrounds to ensure compliance with safety standards & improve access, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31st March 2009. 				
Financial Implications	Legal Implications	Community & Environmental Implications	Human Resources Implications	Equality & Diversity Implications
YES	NONE	YES	NONE	YES
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1 Introduction

- 1.1 This report considers 2 applications for 2008/2009 Community Area Award funding and, where appropriate, links them to issues and priorities identified in the Chippenham and Villages Community Area Plan.
- 1.2 Appendix 3 provides details of the distribution of awards so far in 2008/9 to assist Members when distributing grants across the whole community area.

2 Funding Levels

- 2.1 Following the funding awards granted at the third funding round on 22 September 2008, the Area 3 Committee has the following balances in the community areas awards budget.
- Capital £0
Revenue £0
Streetscene £3,424
Project Budget £1,440
- 2.2 Members are reminded that the streetscene budget can be utilised for any projects that improve the physical environment or streetscene. The project budget has been provided from in year savings and can be spent on projects of either a capital or revenue nature.
- 2.3 The requests for funding on this agenda would if approved exhaust the Committee's budgets for the 2008/09 year.

3 Options and Options Appraisal

Ref.	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Total Project Cost	Funding Requested
3.1	Chippenham Movie & Video Club Appendix 1	Purchase new audio & video equipment to present films of daily life in & around Chippenham	Capital from project budget	£2,200	£1,100 (50%)

- 3.1.1 **Chippenham Movie & Video Club - Award £1,100 from the project budget towards the cost of purchasing new audio & video equipment to present films of daily life in & around Chippenham, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31st March 2009.**
- 3.1.2 This application largely meets the 2008/9 funding criteria. These require that at least 75% of the Community Area Award budget be allocated to applications demonstrating links to the Community Plan for Malmesbury and the Villages. The remaining 25% will be available for those schemes that fall outside of the Plan but remain important for local communities.
- 3.1.3 Chippenham Movie & Video Club was formed in 1961 and currently has around 20 members of all ages and filming abilities and the group clearly promotes membership is open to all, irrespective of whether or not the individual owns a cine or video camera.
- 3.1.4 The fundamental aims of the club are to promote the development of film & video making skills by amateurs. The group often documents daily life in and around Chippenham, as well as special events such as the Millennium Celebrations, the Queen's visit in 2001, and the modernisation of the town centre.

- 3.1.5 The group is also involved in converting extremely rare 1924 cine footage from the Westinghouse archives onto DVD, thus helping to preserve the history of Chippenham.
- 3.1.6 The clubs current presentation equipment is of poor quality and does not allow the group to present their films to larger audiences. The group often receives requests from other community organisation to film memorable events for prosperity; one of these events is the forthcoming repair of the Proscenium Arch at the Neeld Hall.
- 3.1.7 A decision to fund this project would show a commitment to supporting one of the areas smaller organisations, but by doing so will reach the wider community through them presenting their works publicly. Further details are set out at Appendix 1.

Ref.	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Total Project Cost	Funding Requested
3.1	Castle Combe Parish Council Appendix 2	Refurbishment of two playgrounds to ensure compliance with safety standards & improve access.	Capital (Streetscene)	£7,760	£3,880 (50%)

- 5.1.1 **Castle Combe Parish Council - Award £3,764 from the Streetscene budget towards the refurbishment of two playgrounds to ensure compliance with safety standards & improve access, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31st March 2009.**
- 3.1.2 This application largely meets the 2008/9 funding criteria and demonstrates a direct link to the Community Area Plan. This is demonstrated on under Culture and Leisure where it refers to 'Insufficient outdoor sports facilities and playing fields' and targets 'Small outside areas of informal recreation needed for young children and teenagers in housing estates and villages. Play areas need to be recognised and maintained'.
- 5.1.2 Castle Combe Parish Council regularly monitors the playgrounds within their parish to ensure compliance to safety standards and also benefit of an annual inspection by the Royal Society for Prevention of Accidents.
- 5.1.3 The surface at the Upper Combe playground is showing marked signs of deterioration and needs to be replaced in all areas where a fall from equipment could occur and cause injury. The Lower Combe playground requires grass protection mesh to improve access since the surrounds become extremely muddy in adverse weather conditions.
- 5.1.4 The Parish Council sought views of all parishioners regarding the priorities of various potential projects and playground improvements were a common feature of their responses.
- 5.1.5 The installation of grass protective meshing will ensure users both villagers and visitors to the playground can access the facilities with safety and ease. The replacement of the rubber safety surfacing will ensure that the playground is fully in accordance with the revised BS EN safety standards.
- 5.1.6 A decision to fund this project would show a commitment to the safety of young people within the Castle Combe Parish and visitors to the playgrounds. Further details are set out at Appendix 2.

4 Timescales

- 4.1 Funding can be drawn down by successful applicants when all award criteria have been met (e.g. match funding is in place) and on confirmation that the project which funding has been awarded to will proceed in the next 3 months. **All funding awards must be paid to the recipient prior to 31st March 2009 - it is the recipients responsibility to ensure this condition is met. Failure to do so will result in the award being withdrawn.**

5 Financial Implications

- 5.1 Distribution of awards must fall within the Community Awards budget allocated to Area 3 Committee as set out in Section 2 of this report.
- 5.2 Members will need to be satisfied that awards granted in the 2008/09 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed before March 31 2009.
- 5.3 An award of £3,764 can be made to Castle Combe Parish Council if the £340 balance from the project budget is added to the £3,424 in the Streetscene budget.

6 Community and Environmental Implications

- 6.1 All of the awards can be directly linked to priorities identified in the Chippenham and the villages Community Area Plan.
- 6.2 Awards made by Area Committee to successful applicants will contribute to the continuance and/or the improvement of cultural, social and community activity and well-being in the Community Area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent on the individual project.

7 Equality & Diversity Implications

- 7.1 Community Area Awards give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.
- 7.2 An Equality Impact Assessment for the Community Area Awards has been undertaken and copies are available on the Council's website.

Appendices:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appendix 1 - Application from Chippenham Movie & Video Club• Appendix 2 – Application from Castle Combe Parish Council• Appendix 3 – Summary of awards
Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report:	Community Area Award Funding Criteria 2008/9 Corporate Plan - Play Strategy 2007-2012 Chippenham and Villages Community Plan 2005 - 2015

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