

ITEM NO. 11

Report to	Pewsey Area Board
Date of Meeting	10 January 2010
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of the Report

To ask Councillors to consider 11 applications seeking 2009/10 Community Area Grant Funding

Officer recommendations

1. Great Bedwyn Youth Group– award £2,000 towards setting up the group which includes staffing. Conditional upon the rest of the funding being obtained.
2. Grafton Parish Council – award £170 towards a volunteer run community news publication.
3. Pewsey Parish Council – award £2,500 towards moving existing play equipment from a small area to a new larger site including safety fence.
4. Chirton Parish Council – award £240 towards seven kissing gates on footpaths in Chirton and Marden. Conditional upon the rest of the funding being obtained.
5. Ham Parish Council – award £736 towards the replacement of five styles with self closing gates.
6. Manningford Memorial Hall – award £1,000 to replace white goods in the kitchen.
7. Coronation Hall, East Grafton – award £870 towards the provision of technology and assistance to people in the parish who don't have access to IT or who need training.
8. Rushall & Charlton Village Hall –award £1,000 towards a replacement boiler in the kitchen and dryers in the toilets.
9. Easton Royal Village Hall – award £1,000 towards the re-wiring and refurbishment of the electrical system.
10. Manningford Parish Council – award £950 towards the installation of village gates at three sites to slow down traffic

11. Pewsey Environmental Action Team “PEAT” – it is recommended that the group re-submit an application to the Area Board at a future date.

1. Background

- 1.1 A single and simple application process was accepted by the Implementation Executive on 13 May 2009 for use during 2009/10. Appendix 1 contains the Community Area Grants Pack, which has been developed and includes details of the grants process and criteria.
- 1.2 Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to the Area Boards by the Leader of the Council (13 May 2009). Under the terms of that delegation Area Boards must operate within the policies set by the Leader and /or the Council. The Council has adopted an Area Grants policy, with funding criteria, to which the Area Boards must adhere.
- 1.3 In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any recommendation of an Area Board that was contrary to the funding criteria would need the approval of the Leader, the appropriate Cabinet Member or the Cabinet.

2. Main Considerations

- 2.1 Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2009/10 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed before 31 March 2010.
- 2.2 There are three rounds of funding during 2009/10. The first was on 21 September, the second 9 November and the current one, 11 January 2010. If there is any funding remaining the Area Board will consider applications at the last meeting of the year on 29 March providing everything is in place for the project to commence immediately.

3. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

- 3.1 Community Area Grants will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Pewsey Area Board.
- 4.2 If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Pewsey Area Board will have £588 remaining

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 There are no specific Legal implications related to this report.

6. HR Implications

6.1 There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

7. Equality and Diversity Implications

7.1 Community Area Grants give all local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.

7.2 Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within the following recommendations

8. Officer recommendation

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	Great Bedwyn Youth Group	Funding towards setting up the group, CRIB checks, rent, insurance, staffing, equipment etc.	£2,000

8.1.1 It is recommended that Great Bedwyn Youth Group is awarded a grant of £2,000 on condition that the provisional funding identified from other sources is confirmed.

8.1.2 This application meets the grant criteria 2009/10.

8.1.3 This project demonstrates a link to the Pewsey Community Plan on page 23 (5.9). The provision of a youth club will provide somewhere for young people to go and with something to do. There are currently problems at the train station so this will have immediate benefit.

8.1.4 The application meets Wiltshire Council priorities through engaging with local people, increasing numbers of people involved in volunteering, encouraging people to make lifestyle changes, improve young people's participation in positive activities. It also contributes to the ambition of resilient communities.

8.1.5 The applicant is a non-profit making organisation which has a constitution and the group will be open to all young people aged 11-19 in the parish of Great Bedwyn and the surrounding smaller villages. The Parish Council is providing £1,000 towards the project.

8.1.6 The project is for the start up of the youth group in a rural area in which young people are reliant on public transport or parental support to access any facilities available in nearby towns. The youth group will provide a new and needed

opportunity for a social meeting place for young people in a supervised and safe environment. It will also provide new challenges and opportunities and life skills such as first aid, cooking, mechanical maintenance etc.

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8.2	Grafton Parish Council	Community News – a volunteer run news publication - intend in future to cover costs from advertising and grants.	£170

8.2.1 It is recommended that Grafton Parish Council is awarded a grant of £170 towards the community newspaper's printing costs.

8.2.2 This application meets the grant criteria 2009/10.

8.2.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan page 12 – access to information, particularly for people who are socially isolated.

8.2.4 The application links with Wiltshire Council priorities. It increases number of people involved in regular volunteering, improves people's participation in positive activities, improves business productivity through innovation, and improves the local area through intergenerational activities. It also contributes to the ambition of resilient communities

8.2.5 The applicant is Grafton Parish Council who are providing 50% match funding for this project.

8.2.6 The project is to produce and publish a free monthly community newspaper to provide a way of communicating news and plans for activities in the Parish, updates from the School, Parish Council and other community groups. The School and other active groups societies and clubs will be involved in the content, production and distribution of the newspaper. Businesses will be able to advertise in future editions.

8.2.7 There are approximately 400 households within the parish who will receive the newspaper, as well as groups and businesses.

8.2.8 Alternative options were looked at through approaching the editorial team of the bi-monthly parish news to see if it could a) be published monthly b) be a free newspaper delivered to the whole community (rather than just those who paid for it), and c) change the format so it included more information to include more about what was going on in the Parish. The Parish News team were unable to change their current format, charging structure or frequency which resulted in the idea for the community newspaper.

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8.3	Pewsey Parish Council	Operation Lift Off – Phase 1 - to move existing play equipment from a small area to a new larger site including the installation of a safety fence around the new play zone	£2,500

8.3.1 It is recommended that Pewsey Parish Council is awarded a grant of £2,500 to enable them to move existing play equipment to a new large site.

8.3.2 This application meets 2009/10 grant criteria.

8.3.3 This application has links to Pewsey Community Plan –page 26 – lack of activities for young people).

8.3.4 This is part of a larger project which links with many of Wiltshire Councils priorities and it has received playbuilder funding. The project will engage with local people to find out their priorities; increase number of local people involved in volunteering, encourage people to make lifestyle changes, improve young people's participation in positive activities, increase number of people who feel safe in their community, improve local area through intergenerational activities, reduce perceptions of antisocial behaviour.

8.3.5 The applicant is Pewsey Parish Council who are contributing £5,000 towards the overall project.

8.3.6 The overall project includes new equipment for teenagers who are currently underserved in Pewsey. It will provide an area that encompasses all age ranges and genders and the number of beneficiaries are immeasurable. The play equipment for young people will be moved from Robina Close to the new site at Broomcroft Road.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4	Chirton Parish Council	To install seven kissing gates on footpaths in Chirton and Marden	£240

8.4.1 It is recommended that Chirton Parish Council is awarded £240 to install seven kissing gates on footpaths in Chirton and Marden with a condition that

the provisional funding identified from other sources has been confirmed.

- 8.4.2 This application meets the grant criteria 2009/10.
- 8.4.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan on page 26 – improvements to sports, play and leisure facilities and page 35 – green lanes/rights of way.
- 8.4.4 The application links with Wiltshire Council priorities:- Engage with local people to find out their priorities and work with them to deliver solutions, increase number of local people involved in regular volunteering, encourage people to make lifestyle changes, improve adult participation in sport, and improve young people's participation in positive activities
- 8.4.5 The applicant is Chirton Parish Council in partnership with Marden Parish Council. The Parish Councils are matching the funding.
- 8.4.6 The project will replace stiles which have restricted access to the footpaths – by replacing seven stiles with kissing gates the footpaths will be able to be used by parents with younger children and the elderly.
- 8.4.7 The whole community will benefit as everyone will be able to access the footpaths.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5	Ham Parish Council	To replace five stiles with self closing gates	£1,000

8.5.1 It is recommended that Ham Parish Council is awarded £736 towards the installation of five self-closing gates

- 8.5.2 This application meets the grant criteria 2009/10.
- 8.5.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan on page 26 – improvements to sports, play and leisure facilities and page 35 – green lanes/rights of way.
- 8.5.4 The application links with Wiltshire Council priorities:- Engage with local people to find out their priorities and work with them to deliver solutions, increase number of local people involved in regular volunteering, encourage people to make lifestyle changes, improve adult participation in sport, and improve young people's participation in positive activities
- 8.5.5 The applicant is Ham Parish Council who will cover the labour costs.

- 8.5.6 The project is for the replacement of stiles with gates to make more accessible circular rights of way walks from the village.
- 8.5.7 The Officer recommendation is for a reduced grant to that which has been asked for due to the difference in labour costs of this and Chirton Parish Council's application. The Officer suggests a compromise with a labour cost of £15 per hour which reduces the total project cost to £1,472.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.6	Manningford Memorial Hall	To replace white goods in the kitchen	£1,000

8.6.1 It is recommended that Manningford Memorial Hall is awarded a grant of £1,000 for the purchase of new white goods for the kitchen.

- 8.6.2 This application meets 2009/10 grant criteria.
- 8.6.3 This application doesn't demonstrate a specific link to the Pewsey Community Area Plan but it is recognised that village halls are part of the fabric of local communities, and a vital resource for local people for recreation, social events, meetings etc, much of which is included in the Pewsey Community Area Plan. Village halls help to facilitate many of the objectives of the Plan.
- 8.6.4 The application links with Wiltshire Council priorities through engaging with local people, increasing numbers of people involved in volunteering, encouraging people to make lifestyle changes, improve young people's participation in positive activities, improve adult participation in sport, improve local area through intergenerational activities and the increased uptake of energy efficiency and renewable energy measures. It also contributes to the ambition of resilient communities
- 8.6.5 The applicant is the Manningford Memorial Hall which is a non profit organisation managed by trustees.
- 8.6.6 The project is to purchase a new cooker, fridge and dishwasher. The village hall is the only facility within the village and the equipment will not only improve the environment for existing users but will also attract more bookings. It is important that the village has a focal point to retain community spirit. The village has 750 residents who regularly use the hall as well as 2000 potential hirers in the surrounding area.

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8.7	Coronation Hall East Grafton	To provide technology for those in the parish who do not have access or who need training	£870

8.7.1 It is recommended that Grafton Parish Council is awarded a grant of £870 towards the provision and training of technology for parishioners who currently do not have access.

8.7.2 This application meets the grant criteria 2009/10.

8.7.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan page 12 – access to information, particularly for people who are socially isolated.

8.7.4 The application links with Wiltshire Council priorities. It increases number of people involved in regular volunteering, improves people's participation in positive activities and improves the local area through intergenerational activities. It also contributes to the ambition of resilient communities.

8.7.5 The applicant is the Coronation Hall who are providing 50% match funding for this project.

8.7.6 The project is to provide IT equipment in the new Memorial Hall together with volunteer support to help people to use it.

8.7.7 The elderly residents of the parish will be the primary users, and they will be helped to use the equipment by volunteers. The service will also be available to small voluntary clubs and groups if they need any help in producing notices, posters or mailshots. It is thought that 40 or so people and groups will use the service.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.8	Rushall & Charlton Village Hall	To replace the boiler in the kitchen with a wall mounted one and replace dryers in the toilets	£1,000

8.8.1 It is recommended that Rushall & Charlton Village Hall is awarded a grant of £1,000 for the purchase of a new boiler and hand dryers for the toilets.

8.8.2 This application meets the grant criteria 2009/10.

- 8.8.3 This application doesn't demonstrate a specific link to the Pewsey Community Area Plan but it is recognised that village halls are part of the fabric of local communities, and a vital resource for local people for recreation, social events, meetings etc, much of which is included in the Pewsey Community Area Plan. Village halls help to facilitate many of the objectives of the Plan.
- 8.8.4 The application links with Wiltshire Council priorities through engaging with local people to find out their priorities, increasing numbers of people involved in volunteering, encouraging people to make lifestyle changes, improve young people's participation in positive activities, increase the number of people who feel safe in their community.
- 8.8.5 The applicant is Rushall & Charlton St Peter Village Hall which is a non profit organisation managed by a committee.
- 8.8.6 The village hall is used regularly for meetings and groups/events by the wider community. The village hall is the hub of the village alongside the school. It is a meeting place for local people to attend. There is a good community spirit within both villages.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.9	Easton Royal Village Hall	Re-wiring and refurbishment of village hall electrical system	£1,000

- 8.9.1 It is recommended that Easton Royal Village Hall is awarded a grant of £1,000 towards the re-wiring and refurbishment of the village hall electrical system.
- 8.9.2 This application doesn't demonstrate a specific link to the Pewsey Community Area Plan but it is recognised that village halls are part of the fabric of local communities, and a vital resource for local people for recreation, social events, meetings etc, much of which is included in the Pewsey Community Area Plan. Village halls help to facilitate many of the objectives of the Plan.
- 8.9.3 The application links with Wiltshire Council priorities through engaging with local people to find out their priorities, increasing numbers of people involved in volunteering, encouraging people to make lifestyle changes, improve young people's participation in positive activities, increase the number of people who feel safe in their community.
- 8.9.4 The applicant is Easton Royal Village Hall who are providing £2,500 towards the project.

8.9.5 The project is to re-wire and refurbish the electrical equipment in the hall to meet EC regulations.

8.9.6 The village hall is the focus of village life. The hall holds facilities for approximately 80 people. It is widely used by the local community inside and outside the village and by groups including pre-school. At least 2000 people will benefit by continuing use of the hall.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.10	Manningford Parish Council	The purchase of gates at three sites incorporating existing 30mph signs to slow down traffic	£950

8.10.1 It is recommended that Manningford Parish Council be awarded £950 towards the purchase of three gates

8.10.2 This application meets the grant criteria 2009/10.

8.10.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Pewsey Community Area Plan on page 17 (driving and speed on C class roads) and 18 (village lanes of Manningford and Sharcott being used as rat runs) and 19 (Vehicular speed within villages)

8.10.4 The application links with Wiltshire Council priorities through the increase in the number of people who feel safe in their community

8.10.5 The applicant is Manningford Parish Council

8.10.6 The project is for the installation of gates at three sites – it is felt that these types of village gates can slow vehicles down. They can also improve the look and feel of a village.

8.10.7 There are many families who use the road to access the playground – all residents will benefit as the speed of traffic causes distress to local people.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.11	PEAT (Pewsey Environmental Action Team)	Start up and launch funding	£1,000

8.11.1 It is recommended that the applicant be asked to work with Wiltshire Council's climate change officer and re-submit an application to the Area Board at a future date.

8.11.2 This application meets the grant criteria 2009/10. However, the group does not yet have an action plan that explains what the group is intending to do. The advice of the climate change officer is that she is happy to work with the group to help them produce a robust plan.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Community Area Grant Criteria Appendix 2 Grant application –Great Bedwyn Youth Group Appendix 3 Grant application – Grafton Parish Council Appendix 4 Grant application – Pewsey Parish Council Appendix 5 Grant application – Chirton Parish Council Appendix 6 Grant application – Ham Parish Council Appendix 7 Grant application – Manningford Memorial Hall Appendix 8 Grant application – Coronation Hall East Grafton Appendix 9 Grant application – Rushall & Charlton Village Hall Appendix 10 Grant application – Easton Royal Village Hall Appendix 11 Grant application - Manningford Parish Council Appendix 12 Grant application - PEAT
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2009/10• Pewsey Community Area Plan
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