

Report to	Trowbridge Area Board
Date of Meeting	20 January 2011
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 5 applications seeking 2010/11 Community Area Grant Funding

1. Trowbridge Phoenix Badminton Club - to buy new nets and posts – requested £851
2. North Bradley Peace Memorial Hall – to carry out a project development study for renewable energy – requested £765
3. Hilperton Village Hall – improvements to men’s toilet facilities - requested £2,775
4. Lavender Fields Residents Association – setting up an interactive website – requested £212
5. Trowbridge Town Football Club – to fund coaching courses – requested £1,687

Total Amount requested = £6,290

1. Background

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Community Services (27 February 2010). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance for funding.
- 1.2. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any decision of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria and/or the officer's recommendation would need to demonstrate that the application in question has a wider community benefit, and give specific reasons as to why this should justify an exception to the criteria. In accordance with the Area Board Grants Guidance officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, however, the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on this Area Board.
- 1.3. Trowbridge Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £77,592 for community area grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. To date £57,762.93 has been allocated from this budget. Plus £1,050 has been returned to the Area Board from an under spend in a 2009/10 grant to West Ashton Village Hall, plus a £257 community grants under spend (2009/10).
Community area grants allocated so far this year:
 - Southwick Playing Field – £5,000 for the construction of a tarmac path around the playing field
 - Newtown School – £2,300 to upgrade changing facilities and provide temporary cover over the outdoor swimming pool
 - Newtown Area Residents Association – £930 to provide security lighting at Bond Street Buildings to increase community safety.
 - North Bradley Peace Memorial Hall – £993 for energy saving and security equipment
 - Friends of Trowbridge in Bloom – £5,000 for a participatory programme of events
 - Hilperton Village Hall – £3,253 to upgrade toilets to include fitting of disabled toilet.
 - West Ashton Village Hall - £5,000 for the creation of a small meeting room attached to the village hall to provide additional useable space.
 - Larkrise Community Farm - £4,000 for the construction of a barn to store animal feed.
 - Trowbridge Town Council - £4,980 for Trowbridge Christmas Lights Extravaganza event.
 - Trowbridge Westbourne Sports Club -Tennis Section - £734 to purchase equipment to increase junior membership & offer competitive opportunities for children in the local community.
 - Trowbridge Town Football Club - £2,446 for the purchase of training and match equipment for the youth, girls and adult football club teams.

This gives a current remaining total of £21,136.07 available to allocate.

- 1.4. A decision has been made in 2010/2011 that paper copies of funding applications will no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce volume of paper used. However, the application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council web site and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.5. The 2010/2011 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2010/11• Trowbridge Community Area Plan• Local Agreement for Wiltshire
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2010/11 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. There will be one further round of funding during 2010/11. Decisions will be made at the Area Board meeting on 17th March 2011. The deadline for applications is 6 weeks prior to the Area Board meeting

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 Trowbridge Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Trowbridge Area Board will have a balance of £14,846.07 remaining in its budget.

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 section 8 – “Officer Recommendations” where appropriate.

8. Officer Recommendations

The full applications are available at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards

Applicant 8.1	Project summary	Funding requested
Trowbridge Phoenix Badminton Club	To buy new nets and posts to increase participation of juniors	£851

- 8.1.1. The applicant meets the grant criteria 2010/11.
- 8.1.2. The application demonstrates indirect links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan Theme 3 Culture including leisure, recreation, heritage & the arts & Theme 6 Lifelong Learning
- 8.1.3. The application demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambition “Building Resilient Communities.”
- 8.1.4. The applicant is not contributing any other funds towards the overall project but does only hold a small amount of reserves.
- 8.1.5. The applicant states that if the project is not awarded the full amount it would also decrease their capacity to cope with those juniors they hope will be generated by the work they are doing with the Community Badminton Network and the two schools they are associated with, John of Gaunt and St Augustines.
- 8.1.6. **It is recommended that a grant of £851 is approved**

Applicant 8.2	Project summary	Funding requested
North Bradley Peace Memorial Hall	To carry out a project development study for renewable energy	requested £765

- 8.2.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria 2010/11
- 8.2.2 The application demonstrates a link to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan Theme 4 Environment inc countryside and land
- 8.2.3 The application demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambitions “Building Resilient Communities,” & “Protecting the Environment”
- 8.2.4 The applicant has raised over £2,000 funding towards the project
- 8.2.5 The applicant states if they do not receive the funding requested the project would not be able to continue.
- 8.2.6 **It is recommended that a grant of £765 is approved**

Applicant 8.3	Project summary	Funding requested
Hilperton Village Hall	Improvements to men's toilet facilities in the hall	£2,775

- 8.3.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria 2010/11
- 8.3.2 The applicant demonstrates no specific links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan.
- 8.3.3 The application demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambition "Building Resilient Communities"
- 8.3.4 The applicant is contributing 50% towards the project
- 8.3.5 The applicant states if they do not receive the funding requested the project would be delayed and may have to be cancelled.
- 8.3.6 **It is recommended that a grant of £2,275 is approved with the condition that the applicant does not apply to the Area Board for further funds towards the refurbishment of the village hall's toilet facilities.**

Applicant 8.4	Project summary	Funding requested
Lavender Fields Residents Association	To set up an interactive website to improve two way communication with local residents	£212

- 8.4.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria 2010/11
- 8.4.2 The applicant demonstrates links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan Theme 2 Housing & Built Environment
- 8.4.3 The application demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambition "Building Resilient Communities."
- 8.4.4 The applicant has provided some of its own funds towards the project
- 8.4.5 The applicant states that if the funding is not awarded the project would be completed but more difficult savings would have to be made
- 8.4.6 **It is recommended that a grant of £212 is approved.**

Applicant 8.5	Project summary	Funding requested
Trowbridge Town Football Club	To fund 29 managers and coaches to attend required FA courses to maintain and progress the standard of coaching to the youth and girls teams, and to comply with the requirements expected of an FA Charter Development Club.	£1,687

- 8.5.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria
- 8.5.2. The applicant demonstrates a link to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan Theme 3 Culture including leisure, recreation, heritage & the arts
- 8.5.3. The applicant demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambitions "Building Resilient Communities" & "Lives not Services"
- 8.5.4. The Club has had to invest most of its finances into refurbishment and replacement

of the changing rooms and other facilities at Woodmarsh which has meant that little or no resources are available to ensure that the standard requirements in terms of coaching qualifications, First Aid and Child Protection are being met in terms of quality of coaching and professionalism.

8.5.5. The applicant is providing match funding for the bid

8.5.6. The applicant states if funding is not awarded the club would be unable to sustain a high quality of training and playing of football across its present range of gender and age groups. There would also be a real risk that the FA would withdraw the Charter Development Club status that it presently holds, this would include the removal of teams from all league football.

8.5.7. **It is recommended that a grant of £1,687 is approved**

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Grant applications
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