

Report to	Marlborough Area Board	Agenda Item No.14b
Date of Meeting	12 April 2011	
Title of Report	Community Area Grants	

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 2 applications seeking 20011/12 Community Area Grant Funding:

Avebury Community Shop - £2,407

Ramsbury and Aldbourne Bowls Club - £971

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. 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 for why this should justify an exception to the criteria.
- 1.3. The emphasis in the Coalition Government's Localism agenda supports the ethos of volunteering and community involvement. With this in mind Community Area Grants should be encouraged from and awarded to community and voluntary groups.
- 1.4. Area boards will not consider applications from town and parish councils for purposes that relate to their statutory duties or powers that should be funded from the local town/parish precept. However this does not preclude bids from town/parish councils, encouraging community projects that provide new opportunities for local people or those functions that are not the sole responsibility of the town/parish council.
- 1.5. Grant applicants are required to show evidence of fund raising to contribute to their project costs.
- 1.6. Officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, although the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on the area board.
- 1.7. Funding applications will be considered at every area board meeting.
- 1.8. All applicants are encouraged to contact Charities Information Bureau who is working on behalf of Wiltshire Council to support community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils to seek funding for community projects and schemes both from the Area Board and other local and national funding sources.
- 1.9. 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.
- 1.10. The 2011/2012 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 2011/12• Marlborough Community Area Plan 2004/14
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2. **Main Considerations**

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2011/12 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. The funding contained within this report forms the first round of funding during 2011/12.
- 2.3. Future rounds will be considered as follows:
 - 21 June 2011 (deadline for applications – 9 May)
 - 6 September 2011 (deadline for applications – 25 July)
 - 1 November 2011 (deadline for applications – 26 September)
 - 7 February 2012 (deadline for applications – 19 December)

3. **Environmental & Community Implications**

- 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 board's budget allocated to the Marlborough Area Board.
- 4.2. Marlborough Area Board has been allocated a 2011/2012 budget of £45,472 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor-led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2010/2011 budget is £13,779. This leaves a total budget of £59,251 for the 2011/2012 budget.
- 4.3. If the grant requests detailed in this report are awarded, Marlborough Area Board will have a balance of **£55,873**.

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 Inclusion 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'.

8. Officer Recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	Avebury Community Shop	To purchase and install an Electronic Point of Sale (EPOS) system.	£2,407

8.1.1. It is recommended that Avebury Community Shop is awarded £2,407 towards the costs of purchasing and installing an Electronic Point of Sale system in the community shop, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

8.1.2. Officers are of the opinion that the application meets grant criteria 2011/12.

8.1.3. This application demonstrates direct links to the 2004-2014 Marlborough Community Plan in the following sections: to address the closure of key facilities in local areas such as post offices and shops (section 1.8), to provide local employment opportunities (section 1.5) and to provide tourism products to improve the existing provision (section 1.6).

8.1.4. This project demonstrates links to Wiltshire Council's priorities in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire that aim to help local communities develop their own priorities and build a strong and vibrant voluntary sector.

8.1.5. The project has strong support from the parish council who believe that the shop is good for residents who don't have transport, reduces carbon emissions created by those who do have cars because they can walk to the shop, supports local produce growers and suppliers, serves other parishes who don't have their own shop, provides a focal point in the village for community spirit / a meeting place and the tourists benefit greatly in the summer from a fresh supply of ice-cream.

8.1.6. If the area board decides not to fund these improvements, the number of linked system components, e.g. scales, card machine, the community shop can purchase will be reduced.

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8.2.	Ramsbury & Aldbourne Bowls Club	To purchase special junior sized bowls to encourage 6-16 year olds to participate in the sport.	£971

8.2.1. It is recommended that Ramsbury and Aldbourne Bowls Club is awarded £971 for the purchase of special junior sized bowls to encourage 6-16 year olds participate in the sport.

8.2.2. Officers are of the opinion that the application meets grant criteria 2011/12.

- 8.2.3. This application links to the 2004-2014 Marlborough Community Plan under the following sections: to use leisure facilities to engage young people to have a sense of belonging and pride of place (section 8.7) and to increase numbers of young people engaging in activities (section 8.8).
- 8.2.4. This project demonstrates a link to Wiltshire Council's priorities in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire that aims to build 'resilient communities' with high social capital through people feeling socially included, to encourage communal activities and events that bring different age groups together and to promote healthy lifestyles.
- 8.2.5. The Ramsbury and Aldbourne Bowls Club are active fundraisers who raise 23% of their running costs through year-round special events.
- 8.2.6. This project is supported by the parish council who believe that this initiative links to the Parish Council Youth Committee's strategy to find more activities for young people in the village.
- 8.2.7. This project provides an opportunity for young people completing their Duke of Edinburgh awards for which 'learning a new skill' is a requirement.
- 8.2.8. The project provides an opportunity for the young players to mix with older members helping to bring greater cohesion between the age groups in the village.
- 8.2.9. If the area board decide not to fund the project, the purchase of the junior sized bowls will be dependent on when the club has spare funds, delaying the provision of the junior activity.

9. Summary of Community Area Grant Funding 2010/11

- 9.1. The area board awarded a total of £29,819 in community grants. This enabled projects totalling **£95,894** to take place in the Marlborough Community Area.

Division	Organization	Area Board Grant	Total Project Cost
Aldbourn and Ramsbury	Aldbourn Festival Committee	£1,250	£2,500
	Aldbourn Parish Council	£773	£773
	Aldbourn Scout and Guide Supporters	£1,738	£3,475
	Aldbourn Website Group	£3,490	£6,980
	Baydon Cricket Club	£515	£515
	Baydon Parish Council	£2,977	£6,000
	Ramsbury Allotment Association	£697	£697
	Ramsbury Neighbourhood First Responder Team	£3,400	£8,000

	Rambury and Axford Parish Council	£2,217	£4,437
Marlborough East and West	Marlborough Town Council	£5,000	£48,000
	Marlborough Apple Day	£709	£709
	We Love Marlborough	£861	£2,123
	Marlborough Area Development Trust	£1,391	£4,090
West Selkley	Kennet Valley Hall Association	£1,000	£1,000
	Kennet Valley Hall Association	£2,000	£4,794
	Winterbourne Monkton and Berwick Bassett Parochial Church Council	£810	£810
	Little Dragons Pre-School	£991	£991

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Grant application – Avebury Community Shop Appendix 2 Grant application – Ramsbury and Aldbourne Bowls Club
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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