

Report to	Pewsey Area Board
Date of Meeting	4 July 2011
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider two applications seeking 2011/12 Community Area Grant Funding

1. Burbage Village Hall, roof replacement, seeking £2,500 officer recommendation – approval.
2. Vale of Pewsey Holiday Club in association with Puddleducks Nursery, Carnival Holiday Club, seeking £1,760, officer recommendation – approval.

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. 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 (15 April 2011). 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. 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.
- 1.6. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.7. 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.
- 1.8. 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.
- 1.9. 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• Pewsey Community Area Plan
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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. There will be six rounds of funding during 2011/12. The second is contained in this report the remaining will take place on;
 - 5 September 2011
 - 7 November 2011
 - 9 January 2012
 - 12 March 2012

3. Environmental & Community Implications

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 a balance of £38,701.

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 (015)	Burbage Hall	Replacement Roof	£2,500

8.1.1. The Officer recommendation is for approval as the application meets the grant criteria 2011/12.

8.1.2. The project demonstrates links to the Community Plan Community Plan – as follows:

2.11 Support for voluntary organisations, community groups and small businesses. *A facility for their usage.*

3.1 Lack of appropriate facilities and opportunities for people who are socially isolated. *A self-help Group for sufferers of depression use the Hall.*

3.6 Care for older people. *Many Groups associated with the elderly use the Hall as a venue for their events.*

3.15 Activities for older people. *As above*

5.9 Diversionary activities for young people. *The Hall is a venue for a Youth Club.*

6.6 Lack of activities for young people aged between 8 years to 12 years. *As above.*

6.7 Improving sports, play and leisure facilities. *The Hall has changing rooms and a football pitch which are used by young people.*

6.8 Diversionary activities for young people. *Youth Club and as above.*

6.13 The need for more people in communities to engage in volunteering. *Provision of a venue for volunteer groups.*

6.15 Support for Arts and Crafts. *Local artists use the Hall for exhibitions and demonstrations.*

7.3 Anti-social behaviour. *Youth Club provision and Sports facilities.*

8.3 Energy Conservation. *The new roof will significantly reduce the Hall's energy consumption and CO₂ footprint – and also remove an asbestos hazard.*

8.1.3. The applicant is Burbage Village Hall which is a registered charity. The Hall Committee is contributing £15,200 in match funding. Hills Waste are contributing £12,500.

8.1.4. The project is to replace the 40+ year old roof on the village hall. The current roof contains low grade asbestos and is at the end of its design life cycle, it is leaking and causing damage to the hall's interior. The total project cost is £31,000

8.1.5. The village hall is a well used and tangible asset to the village of Burbage and also its surrounding communities and it is used to host a variety of events, meetings, clubs and activities.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2. (014)	Vale of Pewsey Holiday Club in association with Puddleducks Nursery	Carnival Holiday Club	£1760

8.2.1. The Officer recommendation is for approval as the application meets the grant criteria 2011/12

8.2.2. The application demonstrates links to the Community Plan Page 23 – 5.6 Need to support parents in their parenting; Page 25 – 6.2 Build links between rural parts of the area and Pewsey village. Page 26 – 6.6 Improve activities for young people aged between 8 and 12. Page 27 – 6.13 More opportunities for people in communities to be engaged in volunteering.

8.2.3. The holiday club will be managed by the Extended Services Coordinator and run in association with Puddleducks Nursery – it is a not for profit organisation with 11 people involved in the management of the project. The planning will be carried out by the school councils from each primary school which means it will be a club designed by the children for the children.

8.2.4. The project is for a holiday club which will be open to any child of primary school age during the month of August 2011. The main purpose of the club will be to design and build a float that will represent the schools in the Pewsey Carnival September 2011. The club will provide childcare. There will be a charge to attend but a 50% subsidy will be available to families on low incomes using the economic hardship criteria if the free time project. This would allow access to a full day at the club for £15. The local area is limited in childcare options during the summer holidays so this would be a welcome and much needed service, as well as having the outcome of a carnival float. 20 to 30 children are expected to participate.

8.2.5. The total cost of the project is £15,660. The group have applied to Awards for All for £3000, the remainder of the funding required will be obtained from charging. Pewsey Carnival is providing insurance and a float.

Appendices – Grant application forms (available to view online at <http://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=177&MId=5358&Ver=4>)

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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