

Report to	Melksham Area Board
Date of Meeting	26 October 2011
Title of Report	Area Board Projects

Purpose of Report

To consider the following Area Board Project Bid:

- **Cllr Petty** has applied for **£569.90** to repaint the 'antique gas' street lights in Canon Square, Church Walk and Church Street in Melksham

1. Background

1.1 In addition to the Community Area Grant Scheme, Area Boards may wish to use a proportion of their funding for projects which fall outside the criteria of the Community Area Grant Scheme. These projects would be initiated by Area Board members for consideration and approval by the Area Board.

1.2 As stated in the Cabinet report:

In considering requests the Area Board will need to bear in mind the impact this will have on the amount of funding available to support applications from local community groups and organisations.

1.3 The Cabinet Report stated that any project initiated by a Councillor outside of the Community Grants system must have the approval of the Area Board and should clearly set out one or more of the following:

- Evidence of community need
- Clear links to the community plan
- Evidence that it addresses an on-going issue that has been logged via the Community Issues System

1.4 If the community grants funding is awarded in line with officer recommendations, Melksham Area Board will have a balance of **£31,991**. This means there is sufficient funding to grant all of these area board projects with a remaining total of **£31,344**.

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Draft Melksham Community Plan
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2. Main Considerations

2.1. Councillors will need to consider whether the application meets one or more of the following:

- Evidence of community need
- Clear links to the community plan
- Evidence that it addresses an on-going issue that has been logged via the Community Issues System

3. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

3.1. Area Board Project bids 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. Funds allocated must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Melksham Area Board.

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 Implications relating to individual grant applications, if applicable, are outlined within section 8 “Officer Comments”.

8. Officer Comments

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	Cllr Petty	Repainting the 'antique gas' street lights in Canon Square, Church Walk and Church Street in Melksham.	£569.90

8.2 Outcome: Improving the image of this conservation area of the town, increasing the perception of Melksham for visitors, tourists and residents

Appendices:	Appendix 1: Application from Cllr Hubbard Appendix 2: Application from Cllr Petty
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