

Report to	Pewsey Area Board
Date of Meeting	9 January 2012
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider three applications seeking 2011/12 Community Area Grant Funding, together with agreeing a retrospective payment via the delegation to Community Area Manager and two Councillor Initiatives.

1. Pewsey Puddleducks Nursery & Children's Centre – to create a garden for the entrance to the Children's Centre/Puddleducks. Seeking **£444**. Officer recommendation approval.
2. Wilton Windmill Society – The production of education materials (electronic and hard copy) as well as a DVD. Seeking £1,720. Officer recommendation to approve **£1,660** as only 50% of the project costs can be funded.
3. Marden Diamond Jubilee Committee – to purchase and install a Jubilee Clock for the Village Hall. Seeking £1,521. Officer recommendation to approve **£1,460** as only 50% of the project costs can be funded. .

Delegation to Community Area Manager for urgent spending between meetings

Payment of **£8.00** to the chairman of the Shadow Community Operations Board (Campus Pewsey) for the purchase of laminated materials. Retrospective approval required.

Councillor Initiatives

A request by Councillor Robert Hall for funding for the provision of a path to link the Woodborough Social Club car park to the Woodborough CofE Primary School, coloured surfacing on carriageway pavement linking two sections of footway outside BT exchange, minor resurfacing works to the carriageway and a new enhanced informal crossing point linking to new footpath through field. Seeking **£10,167**

A request by Councillor Jerry Kunkler for funding for the provision of transport to take older people to activities at Meadow Court, Pewsey; this is an idea that has been developed due to the closure of the Evergreens club which has sadly closed after 50 years. Leonard Cheshire has agreed to open up Meadow Court and its activities to older people who live anywhere in the Pewsey community area. Seeking up to **£1,500**.

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 fifth is contained in this report the remaining will take place on;
 - 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 and including the two councillor initiatives, Pewsey Area Board will have a balance of £5,545

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 (pew.11.015)	Pewsey Children's Centre/Puddleducks Nursery	to create a garden for the entrance to the Children's Centre/Puddleducks which will include a learning environment	£444

- 8.1.1. Recommend to award £444 as the application meets the grant criteria 2011/12.
- 8.1.2. The project demonstrates links to the Community Plan Community Plan:-
- improving the built environment
 - supporting healthy lifestyles
 - broadening learning
 - supporting parents
 - after school activities
- 8.1.3. The applicant is a partnership between Pewsey Children’s Centre, Extended Services and Puddleducks Nursery. The organisations are providing match funding through additional staff time required for the project and a small cost of 50 pence per child weekly fee. The total project cost is £926.
- 8.1.4. The costs of the project are for the cost of tools, seeds, plants, learning resources, a compost bin, signage and staff time. More than 100 people and children will benefit from the project.
- 8.1.5. The project is to create a garden for the entrance to the Children’s Centre. This will become an area that will invite children and their parents to learn about the natural environment. This will be a collaborative venture, including children from Pewsey Primary and Pewsey Vale Schools so that children of all ages can learn from each other. The local community will also be involved to offer expert advice.
- 8.1.6. If the Area Board did not fund the project it is unlikely it will go ahead due to lack of available resources between the organisations.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2 (Pew.11.016)	Wilton Windmill Society	Education Programme - Materials including a DVD, website, IT equipment and materials and artifacts	£1,720

- 8.2.1 Recommend to award £1,660 as the application meets the grant criteria 2011/12 – this is slightly less than the amount requested due to the criteria stating that up to 50% of the total project cost can be funded.
- 8.2.2 The application demonstrates links to the Community Plan as follows:-
- Education – Support primary and secondary schools
 - Culture – provide insight into the history of the windmill and local area
 - Countryside and Environment – all aspects
- 8.2.3 The applicant is the Wilton Windmill Society, a not for profit organisation with a management committee of 7
- 8.2.4 The project is for the purchase of a PC Screen and software, the production of materials, printing and DVD, a secure website, costumes and artefacts. There will

be new facilities at the Windmill (a 'shepherd hut' is being purchased) which will enable the society to extend and improve education services to primary and secondary schools in diverse areas such as geography, history, food and nutrition, art, engineering and sustainable food production. The new hut is being installed in the spring of 2012.

8.2.5 The total cost of the project is £3,320 – the Society will fund the remainder from its reserves. The reserves are quite healthy but the cost of the Shepherd Hut is £19,000, and reserves are required for maintenance which can be expensive.

8.2.6 If the Area Board did not fund the project the education programme could not go ahead until the following year once the Society has raised the necessary funds. This would delay the opportunity of using the facilities for the benefit of the wider community with the schools and to be able to launch it with the new facilities would have a much bigger impact.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3 (pew.11.017)	Marden Diamond Jubilee Committee	To purchase and erect a Jubilee Clock	£1,521

8.3.1 Recommend to award £1,460 as the application meets the grant criteria 2011/12. This is slightly less than the amount requested due to the criteria stating that up to 50% of the total project cost can be funded.

8.3.2 The project demonstrates links to the Community Plan Community Plan:-

- Support for arts and crafts
- Local focus – gives local pride to people in the village – sense of pride and belonging

8.3.3 The applicant is The Marden Diamond Jubilee Committee. The Parish Council have agreed to contribute £350, as has the Marden Village Trust, and the Marden Village Hall (total contributions £1,050). The remaining match funding is expected to be raised by a sponsored bike ride. The total project cost is £2,921.

8.3.4 The costs of the project are for the Clock, fitting, and electrical work.

8.3.5 The project is to mark Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee with a Clock on the Village Hall. This is an ideal opportunity to leave a lasting legacy for future generations in Marden. Marden Village Hall Committee has undertaken to provide ongoing maintenance and running costs.

8.3.6 If the Area Board did not fund the project the committee would have to carefully reconsider the project and try and source alternative funding.

8.4 Councillor Initiatives - Background

8.4.1 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.

8.4.2 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.

8.4.3 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

8.5 Officer Comments

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5.1	Cllr Brigadier Hall	The provision of a path to link the Woodborough School Social Club Car Park to the Woodborough Church of England Primary School , coloured surfacing on carriageway pavement linking two sections of footway outside BT exchange, minor resurfacing works to the carriageway and a new enhanced informal crossing point linking to new footpath through field	£10,167
<i>Note: this is one element of a larger scale scheme which requires a further £11,000 – the supporting evidence documentation relates to the whole scheme.</i>			

8.5.2 Outcome:

- The significantly increased safety of both children and parents gaining access to Woodborough School twice daily
- The improvement of vehicular traffic speed and behaviour in the immediate vicinity of the school
- Improved relationship between the school and the residents, specifically in Smithy Lane

8.5.3 The Pewsey Community Area Traffic Group (CATG) have given authority to Councillor Hall and the Woodborough Road Safety Group to bring this application to the Pewsey Area Board (a recommendation which was approved by the Area Board 7 November 2011), due to their being insufficient funds left in the CATG budget for this scheme.

8.5.4 The parish council is providing funding towards white lining and layout improvements

at the social club car park. Safety has been a concern for sometime which is of greater concern since the child fatality in March 2010.

8.5.5 This issue has been raised with the Pewsey Area Board and can be tracked under issue number 1957. Congestion around the school has been a long standing issue which can be verified by the local Police and the School. Highway safety has also been a longstanding concern and is listed in the Pewsey Community Area Plan (pages 16 and 18).

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8.6	Cllr Kunkler	Funding for transport costs for older people in the community area to access activities at Meadow Court – this is a pilot project for one year	Up to £1,500

8.6.1 Outcome:

- The provision of activities for older people
- To make Meadow Court available to the wider community
- The removal of the barrier of transport

8.6.2 Since the closure of the Evergreens group for older people which has been meeting monthly for 50 years it came to the attention of the Health and Social Care Forum that there is a lack of activities for older people. A barrier to taking part in activities is transport. Leonard Cheshire and Aster have agreed that Meadow Court facilities and activities can be made available to older people from the community area. Leonard Cheshire have agreed to facilitate the transport needs of people. The funding will allow people's transport needs to be met during the pilot stage of this project. In the future it may be necessary to charge a small fee but until the project has run it is not yet known what the demand will be, or where the participants will be travelling from.

8.6.3 Lack of appropriate facilities and opportunities for people who are socially isolated is a concern raised through the Pewsey Community Area Plan together with Care for older people, care for vulnerable people, activities for older people and lack of daycare/social provision in rural villages for the elderly (pages 12, 13, 14).

Appendices – Grant application forms and councillor initiative application forms and supporting documentation (available to view online at <http://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=177&MId=5361&Ver=4>)

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

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