

Report to	Melksham Area Board
Date of Meeting	9 th October 2013
Title of Report	Community Funding

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 4 Community Area Grant applications, 1 Councillor led initiative and the last tranche of Melksham Community partnership funding.

1. Community grant applications

Application	Grant Amount	Officer Recommendation
Applicant: Broughton Gifford Village Magazine Project Title: Broughton Gifford Village Magazine Replacement Laptop	499	
Applicant: Poulshot Village Hall Project Title: New Poulshot Village Hall damp extraction system	2187	Approval
Applicant: Broughton Gifford Friendship Club Project Title: New Age Kurling Set	408	Approval
Applicant: Broughton Gifford and Holt Scouts Project Title: Broughton Gifford Scout Hut Replacement Doors	500	Approval

2. Councillor led initiative

Councillor Jon Hubbard seeks £1, 162 to develop a community clean up project in Melksham, enabling local working groups to arrange for local clean up sessions by providing them with resources to undertake the project independently.

3. Partnership Funding

To award the Melksham Community Area Partnership £3,917 for Core Funding and for the consultation for Kings Park Coach Park of £60.35

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 recommendation of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria would need the approval of the Leader, the appropriate Cabinet Member or the Cabinet.
- 1.3. 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.
- 1.4. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.5. Melksham Area Board has been allocated a 2012/2013 budget of £56,737 capital for community grants, and £14,492 revenue for community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. .
- 1.6. A decision has been made in 2012/2013 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.
- 1.7. The 2012/2013 funding criteria now stipulates that only Capital funding is available and the criteria and application forms are available on the council's website (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards)

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2012/13• Melksham Community Area Plan
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2012/13 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. There will be 2 further rounds of funding during 2013/14. The next Area Boards take place on 11th December and 12th February 2014

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 Melksham Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Melksham Area Board will have a balance of £50,072 Capital for Grants and Revenue of £1,221 for Grants.

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, 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	Applicant: Broughton Gifford Village Magazine Project Title:	Broughton Gifford Village Magazine Replacement Laptop	£499

- 8.1.1. The officer recommends this application is awarded, however there may be an opportunity to reuse a laptop provided from Wiltshire Council.
- 8.1.2. The Village Magazine is produced by a small team of five and is distributed free of charge to all 450 households in the village. Its annual running costs of some £2,500 are met by advertising charges, small annual donations from the Parish Council, the village church, etc, pub quiz nights and an annual appeal to villagers for donations. The Magazine is produced on a laptop computer. The current

model was bought many years ago and suffering from irreparable hardware failures, desperately needs replacing.

- 8.1.3 The project addresses equality and inclusion issues, enabling equal access to the local community to the Magazine..
- 8.1.4 Should the Area Board make a decision not to fund the project the project will be delayed as further funding will need to be sought
- 8.1.5 The application meets the criteria for community area grants 2013/14
- 8.1.6 The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan – greater inclusion for all
- 8.1.7 Broughton Gifford Magazine is a not- for- profit organisation.
- 8.1.8 The project addresses equality and inclusion issues, enabling access for all members of the local community.
- 8.1.9 Should the Area Board make a decision not to fund the project the project will be delayed as further funding will need to be sought

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
9	Broughton Gifford Friendship Club	New Age Kurling Set	408

- 9.1.1. Officer recommends the application is awarded –
- 9.1.2. New Age Kurling is an adapted form of Curling that can be played on any indoor flat surface, suitable for able bodied and disabled players of any age or ability and a great teaching aid. The set complies with UK government guidelines for exercise and bringing sport into schools. This set will become a village resource, available to other groups in the village, i.e. school, youth club, scouts.
- 9.1.3. The application meets the grant criteria 2012/13
- 9.1.4. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan with regard to supporting community activities
- 9.1.5. The application does not meet a locally agreed priority however does give equal access to all members of Broughton Gifford community
- 9.1.6. The applicant is a not for profit organisation.

9.1.7. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project the project will need to find funding elsewhere.

Ref	Applicants	Project proposal	Funding requested
9.2.	Poulshot Village Hall	New Poulshot Village Hall damp extraction system	£2187

9.2.1. Officer recommends the application is awarded

9.2.2. The Hall has no damp course and suffers significant rising damp and condensation problems. These problems result in acute discolouration and fungal growth on internal walls. of internal walls. Technical Officer: Carol Southall, Village Hall and Community Buildings Advises that this village hall was originally built as a school around the 1850s. It is a small village with this being the main hub of community life. If the hall is not improved quite quickly they will be unable to use it safely

9.2.3. The application meets the grant criteria 2012/13

9.2.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan: ensure inclusion of all and raise the community spirit.

9.2.4. The application meets locally agreed/area board priorities

9.2.5. The applicant is a not for profit organisation.

9.2.6. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project the project will need to find more funds to progress

Ref	Applicants	Project proposal	Funding requested
9.4	Broughton Gifford and Holt Scouts	Broughton Gifford Scout Hut Replacement Doors	£500

9.4.1 The officer recommends this application is awarded The rear double doors to the Broughton Gifford Scout hut are rotten and need replacing. These are fire doors

9.4.2 The application meets the criteria for grants 2013/14

9.4.3 The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan - promoting activities for young people

9.4.4. The applicants are a not-for-profit organisation.

9.4.5. The project addresses equality and inclusion issues

9.4.6. Should the Area Board make a decision not to fund the project the project will be delayed as further funding will need to be sought

	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Ref 9.5	Melksham Community Area Partnership	Core Funding for Partnership activities and the consultation for the kings street coach park	£3917+ £ 61. £3978 inTotal

9.5.1 To ask Councillors to award £3917 to the Partnership for core funding and also for the King Street Coach Park Consultation - (Envelopes - £11.35 16/09/2013 - 2nd Class Stamps £30.00 17/09/2013 - Printing at FotoStop £19.00 20/09/2013 Total: £60.35)

9.5.2. The Partnership can seek funding for up to £9998 for core funding to facilitate the work of the partnership in the Community of Melksham. They were awarded £2748 in June 2013 and £3,333 in July.

9.5.2 Planned Aspirations for the coming year for the Partnership include:

Green Cap – ensuring MCAP is as environmentally friendly as possible in all of its activities and actions

Outdoor Cap – Continue to support MCAP's Transport theme group's work establishing walking trails and promoting walking in the area

Art Cap – Evaluate current exploitation of Rural Arts Wiltshire and Pound Arts and identify ways to increase uptake

Old Cap – Evaluate current exploitation of University of the Third Age in the Melksham Community Area and work to extend it where appropriate

Flat Cap – Address the issue of isolation and hard to reach groups by leafleting those living in social housing in new communities such as the Snowberry Lane development and establishing what their needs and aspirations are.

9.3.1 Officer recommends the application is awarded.

Ref 9.6	<p style="text-align: center;">Applicant</p> <p>Councillor Jon Hubbard</p>	<p>Project proposal</p> <p>Community Clean Up Project Community Plan identifies littering as a serious problem. This initiative allows communities to take ownership of creating local solutions to this problem</p>	<p>Funding requested</p> <p>£1162</p>
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9.6.1. The issue of littering is consistently raised by local communities as a cause of public concern. This scheme is designed to allow the communities themselves to play a part in helping solve this problem. The Area Board is being asked to fund the cost of setting up 10 teams of local volunteers to agree to run a Community Clean-up Scheme in their local area.

Each team will have a specific geographical area which they will take responsibility for, with an agreed regular cycle of litter picks taking place. In exchange, the Area Board will supply each team with a set of kit that they can use. As each team will have its own kit, they will be in control of as and when they undertake their litter picks, thereby minimising the administrative overhead.

Appendices:	Application Broughton Gifford Village Magazine Application Poulshot Village Hall Application Broughton Gifford Friendship Club Application Broughton Gifford and Holt Scouts
	Application Councillor Led Initiative Community Clean up
	Partnership Plan Annual Report and Draft Workplan 2013 —14 Budget and Accounts

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

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