

Item 18

Report to	Southern Wiltshire
Date of Meeting	29/05/2014
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

1. Purpose of the report:

To ask Councillors to consider the following applications seeking funding from the Southern Wiltshire Area Board.

Application	Grant Amount
Applicant: Nomansland Sports Association Project Title: Skate Park and Sports Facilities	£5000.00
Applicant: Landford Parish Council Project Title: Refurbishment of Sports Pavilion	£2774.50
Applicant: Alderbury High Street Allotment Association Project Title: Defibrillators for the parishes of Alderbury and the Grimsteads.	£2250.00
Applicant: Alderbury Bowls Club Project Title: Alderbury Bowls Club - Clubhouse Upgrade	£5000.00
Total grant amount requested at this meeting	£15024.50
Total amount allocated so far	£0

The budget available for 2014 – 15 is:

Capital: £37,335.35

Revenue: £6,589

Total available if all above grants approved (Capital)	£22310.85
Total available if all above grants approved (Revenue) - £1500 for Community Awards	£5089

2. Main Considerations

Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2014/15 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.

Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Cabinet member for Communities, Campuses, Area Boards, Leisure, Libraries and Flooding. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance 2014/2015.

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.

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.

3. The applications

Applicant: Nomansland Sports Association Project Title: Skate Park and Sports Facilities	Amount Requested: £5000.00
<p>This application meets grant criteria 2014/15.</p> <p><i>What the applicant says...</i></p> <p>Project Summary: The project is for the combined construction of a skate park and a new sports facility building incorporating changing rooms and a clubhouse. The skate park will be a free formed concrete construction which has the advantages of being both durable and a low aesthetic impact due to the landscaping of the construction. The sports facilities have been designed in accordance with the requirements and guidance provided by Sport England and the Football Association to meet the needs of grass roots sport. The facilities also include a number of sustainable building and energy innovations which will help the building achieve a very low environmental impact and also reduce running costs for the charity. The aim of this project is to fulfil the local needs, and at the same time provide a facility that requires no ongoing fundraising to service and maintain.</p> <p>Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community: The entire local community will benefit from this project. The recreation ground is located only 400 metres from the local primary school and is therefore ideally situated to encourage expansion of school PE and extra-curricular sporting activities. Nomansland is geographically isolated from other sports facilities and is ideally placed to provide a local centre and also a focus for sport in the area. The existing recreation ground changing room facilities consist of a second hand portable building and do not meet the requirements of the National Governing Bodies (NGBs) for Football and Tennis, do not meet the needs of the School use and do not support any disabled participation. Teenagers have constructed a BMX track at nearby parish land. The proposed development clearly represents an improvement in these provisions and the existence of these temporary facilities demonstrates a demand. New facilities are required to maintain the existing participation in football and tennis and provide the basis for significant expansion. Adequate facilities will enable the primary school to expand its PE curriculum, which is currently restricted due to the unsuitability of the existing changing facility for children, and to provide new extra-curricular sporting activities. The provision of the skate park is specifically targeted at the 11 to 16 age group who have extremely limited opportunities for social and sporting participation in rural areas. A BMX Skate club has already been established and over 30 local young people have been involved in the design stage of the project. Better facilities will enable the tennis club to extend into more team and winter season games</p>	

and for additional youth and adult football teams to be established. A detailed Sport Development Plan (SDP) for the NSA has been developed and endorsed by all the stakeholders mapping out the ambitions of the NSA for the next 5 years and beyond. This project aims to provide the facilities required to deliver this SDP.

Input from the Community Area Manager...

This project was approved by the Area Board last year but was put on hold as the applicant was awaiting confirmation of a large part of the funding. The group are now able to advance this project and have come back to the Area Board to request funding. This is a really important project for the area. The total cost of the build is around £473,000 so there is certainly matched funding in this project.

Applicant: Landford Parish Council	Amount Requested:
Project Title: Refurbishment of Sports Pavilion	£2774.50

This application meets grant criteria 2014/15.

What the applicant says...

Project Summary: To bring kitchen and changing rooms up to current standards. To make Pavilion attractive to residents, to encourage greater participation in sports, to encourage use for children's parties. The current kitchen has just a grotty sink unit, no storage space, worktop, crockery, or kettle - totally unsuitable for serving refreshments. Tables are small, awkward to stack, battered and were second-hand years ago. The changing rooms have makeshift benches. People don't wish to use the Pavilion in its current state yet the PWLB loan is still a drain on the precept. The refurbishment will encourage parishioners to use the facility.

Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community: Two football teams (44 players + ref) will have a better quality experience; two cricket teams + supporters (44+) will have a far better social experience which will encourage others to join. The ground and Pavilion is used by the junior rounders league (120 children plus parents), the local school children (e.g. sports day - 173 children plus adults) and the whole parish for fetes etc. However, it is an embarrassment to show people the interior. The Pavilion is well located in relation to the outdoor table tennis table, the MUGA and the children's play area; the Parish Council believes that if the kitchen aspect was improved the Pavilion would be an attractive venue for family parties. The PC recognises the need to generate some income from the Pavilion since with no prospect of either s.106 or CIL in the future funding other improvements will be challenging.

Input from the Community Area Manager...

This project will improve the local facilities for the people using the Pavilion to play and enjoy sport in the community. The Parish Council are providing the matched funding of £2774.50.

Applicant: Alderbury & Grimstead Councils
Project Title: Defibrillators for the parishes of Alderbury and the Grimsteads.

Amount Requested:
£2250.00

This application meets grant criteria 2014/15.

What the applicant says...

Project Summary: To purchase and install a defibrillator in both parishes. A training session will be organised for residents so that they are confident how to use the machine in the event of an emergency.

Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community: Any of the residents in both of the villages could potentially benefit from the purchase and installation of the defibrillators in the event of an emergency. The defibrillators will potentially help to save lives, particularly in light of the distance from the nearest hospital.

Input from the Community Area Manager...

This project provides defibrillator equipment across 2 parishes. This is a good example of parishes working together. The Area Board has supported the installation of defibrillators in other villages and this provides a similar opportunity. The British Heart Foundation is providing a grant of £2400 which makes up the matched funding for this project.

Applicant: Alderbury Bowls Club
Project Title: Alderbury Bowls Club - Clubhouse Upgrade

Amount Requested:
£5000.00

This application meets grant criteria 2014/15.

What the applicant says...

Project Summary: We will extend and upgrade the Clubhouse. A 6m extension to the existing building will give greater storage, larger changing rooms, better toilet facilities and space to host short mat bowls and skittles. We will install central heating, enlarge the kitchen and refurbish the interior.

Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community: Better facilities will retain existing members and attract new; the additional games areas (skittles and short mat bowls) will encourage people to try new sports. In previous years, the local school has encouraged children to play bowls and we hope to

reintroduce this with the long term aim of forming a junior league. Central Heating will make the lounge area used by various groups and societies more user friendly and attract new clubs and associations.

Input from the Community Area Manager...

This project provides improved space and facilities for a popular sport. This project will cost in total £95,000 so it is a considerable piece of work. Matched funding is provided from various sources.

Grants deferred from last meeting:

The Area Board expects applicants to attend the meeting where their application is being considered. At the last meeting 2 grants were deferred due to non-attendance. The applicants were requested to provide further information to the Chairman and Community Area Manager. This was provided and the applications were awarded. This year the Area Board will only award a grant when applicants are present to answer questions about their project.

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