

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Trowbridge Area Board</b>	<b>Item No. 14</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>9 September 2010</b>	
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Community Area Grants</b>	

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask Councillors to consider 2 applications seeking 20010/11 Community Area Grant Funding

1. Trowbridge Town Council – Provision of a bench located outside Trowbridge Register Office - Requested £319
2. Trowbridge Rangers Football Club – To provide training/accreditation for volunteer coaches to allow them to provide coaching for young people – Requested £980

## 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. Trowbridge Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £77,592 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. To date £38,984 has been allocated from this budget. £1,050 has been returned to the Area Board from an under spend in the grant to West Ashton Village Hall, plus a £257 community grants under spend (2009/10) has now been added. **This gives a current remaining total of £39,915 available to spend.**
- 1.5. A decision has been made in 2010/2011 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.
- 1.6. The 2010/2011 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website ([www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards)) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

<b>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Area Grant Application Pack 20010/11</li><li>• Trowbridge Community Area Plan</li><li>• Local Agreement for Wiltshire</li><li>• Technical officers reports</li></ul>
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## 2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2010/11 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. There will be 3 further rounds of funding during 2010/11 dependent on amounts of funding remaining. These will take place on:
  - 18<sup>th</sup> November 2010
  - 20<sup>th</sup> January 2011

- 17<sup>th</sup> March 2011

. The deadline for applications is 6 weeks prior to the Area Board meeting

### 3. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

- 3.1. 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 Trowbridge Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Trowbridge Area Board will have a balance of £38,616 in its budget.

### 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. 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

The full applications are available at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards)

Applicant 8.1	Project summary	Funding requested
<b>Trowbridge Town Council</b>	To supply and install a bench outside Trowbridge Registry Office	£319

- 8.1.1. The applicant meets the grant criteria 2010/11.

- 8.1.2. The application does not demonstrate any direct link to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan.

- 8.1.3. The application demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambition “Building Resilient Communities.”
- 8.1.4. The applicant is contributing 50% towards this application from its own accounts.
- 8.1.5. The applicant states that the project will not go ahead if the grant is not awarded.
- 8.1.6. As this is a bench in a prominent place in Trowbridge the Board would be minded to recommend that the applicant includes a plaque on the bench to say that funding has been provided by Wiltshire Council.
- 8.1.7. It is recommended that a grant of £319 is approved on condition that the applicant incorporates a plaque on the bench with the appropriate wording to acknowledge the funding from Wiltshire Council.**

Applicant 8.2	Project summary	Funding requested
<b>Trowbridge Rangers Football Club</b>	To provide coaching courses for volunteers so they can run sessions for young people	£980

- 8.2.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria 2010/11.
- 8.2.2 The application demonstrates links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan Theme 3 Culture including leisure, recreation, heritage & the arts.
- 8.2.3 The application demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambition “Building Resilient Communities.”
- 8.2.4 The Council’s Sports Development service provided a supportive assessment of this application.
- 8.2.5 The applicant states if they do not receive the funding requested they will be unable to get the coaching qualifications required by the Football Association and will be unable to offer more spaces in groups or start new age groups.
- 8.2.6 It is recommended that a grant of £980 is approved**

<b>Appendices:</b>	Appendix 1 Trowbridge Town Council Appendix 2 Trowbridge Rangers Football Club
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The following unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report :

Technical Officers Report (available on request)

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