

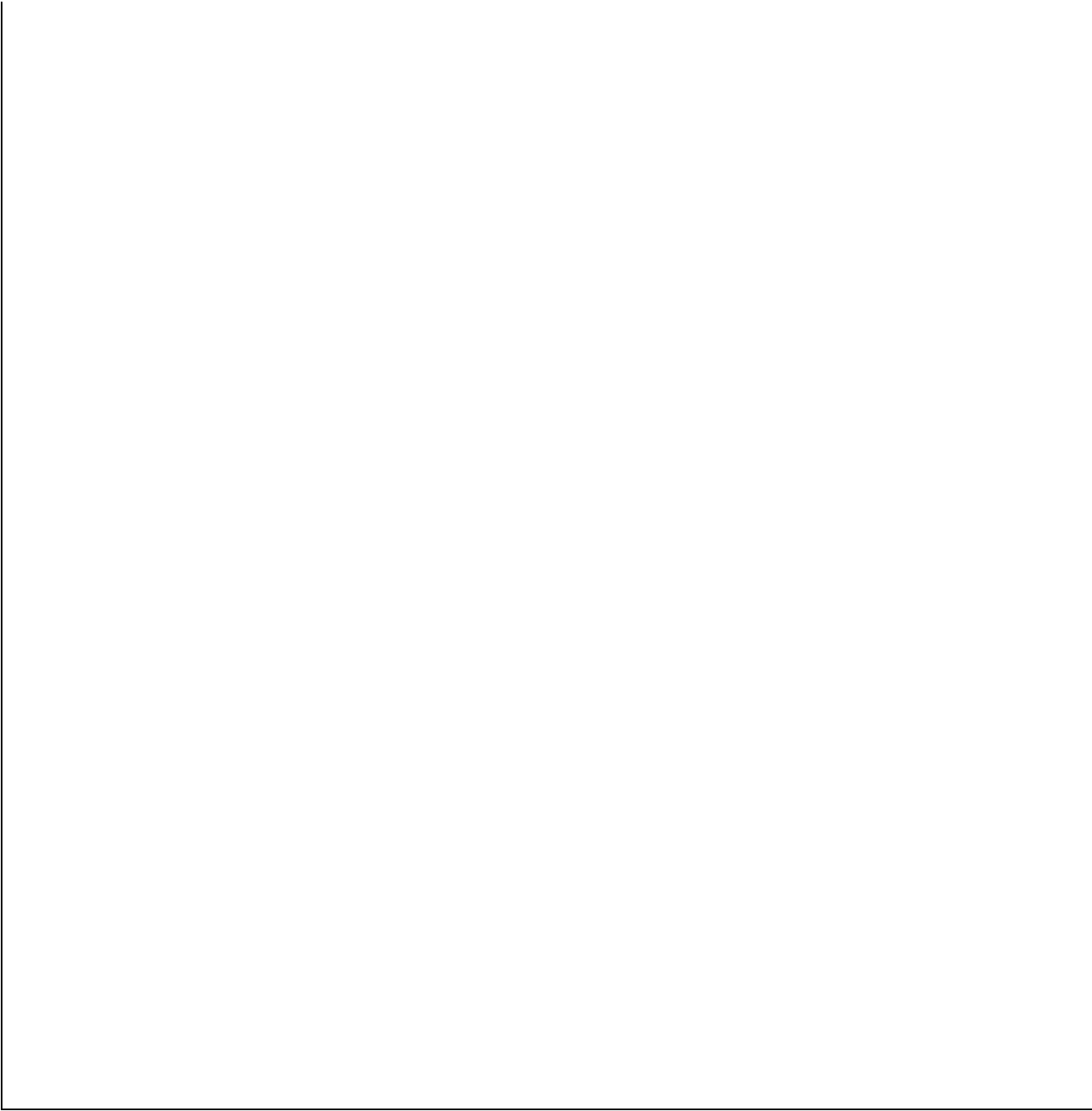
Agenda Item 10

Report to	Bradford on Avon Area Board
Date of Meeting	22nd September 2010
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

To ask Councillors to consider 1 application seeking 20010/11 Community Area Grant Funding

1. Bradford on Avon Rowing Club, Equipment for Junior Rowers, £3,388

It is recommended that Bradford on Avon Rowing Club is awarded £3,388 to buy junior rowing equipment if councillors are of the opinion that the Club is in need of financial support.



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. EXAMPLE Two applicants withdrew their applications and hope to reapply at a future date. One application did not meet the funding criteria and was referred to Charities Information Bureau (CIB) for support to seek funding from elsewhere. CIB work 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.
- 1.5. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.6. Bradford on Avon Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £47,110 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget is £5,122. This leaves a total budget of £52,232 for the 2010/2011 budget.
- 1.7. 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.
- 1.8. The 2010/2011 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 20010/11• Bradford on Avon Community Area Plan• Bradford on Avon Rowing Club Website http://www.boarc.org.uk/
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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 5 rounds of funding during 2010/11. The second is contained in this report the remaining will take place on;
 - Wednesday 24th November 2010
 - Wednesday 19th January 2011
 - Wednesday 16th March 2011

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 Bradford on Avon Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Bradford on Avon Area Board will have a balance of £45,650.

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
8.1 060	Bradford on Avon Rowing Club	Equipment for Junior Rowers	£3,388

8.1.1. It is recommended that Bradford on Avon Rowing Club is awarded £3,388 to buy junior rowing equipment if councillors are of the opinion that the Club is in need of financial support.

8.1.2. This application meets the community area grant criteria 2010/11.

8.1.3. The Bradford on Avon Community Plan identifies the need for an improvement in leisure facilities and youth sports coaching. This project will help to provide leisure and youth sports coaching facilities in Bradford on Avon.

8.1.4. Members of the grants advisory group met on the 1st September and raised a number of questions regarding the bid. These questions and the responses received from Bradford on Avon Rowing Club are shown in a separate report.

8.1.5. Bradford on Avon Rowing Club is registered as a Community Amateur Sports Club by the inland revenue and as such is designated as a non-profit making organisation. Surplus income or gains are to be re-invested in the Club. The objective of the Club is to provide members with facilities for, and promoting and encouraging participation in rowing, canoeing and other aquatic sports. Membership of the club is open to all members of the community. The Club is governed by a committee which is elected on an annual basis. The Club holds reserves of £49,005.97.

8.1.6. Bradford on Avon Rowing Club has applied for a grant from the area board to buy a coxed quad scull (Rowing Boat) to enable the club to accommodate Junior Rowers. The Club does not currently have a suitable quad for the under 18's, which limits their availability to cater for this age group. Quotes for lightweight rowing boats have been supplied with the grant application. Bradford on Avon Rowing Club need this equipment as in the last year they have been inundated with requests from local children and young adults to join the club, and the junior section of the club has grown from 2 to 20 members in the last year. The Club are keen to support junior rowing and in order to do so, they require junior specific equipment that they can train and race in. Currently the club are using lightweight adult equipment, which limits the numbers of young adults they can accommodate and their potential to achieve. In addition to the boat, the club need to purchase junior specific blades. Partly as a result of the cost of equipment, rowing is perceived as an exclusive sport. The Club aim to make an expensive sport affordable, and offer low subscription rates for junior members. It currently costs £50 a year for a junior canoeist or oars person to be a member of the club. The club state in their application that they wish to break the barrier of exclusivity that

prevents young people from participating in the sport.

Appendices:	Appendix 1: Equipment for Junior Rowers – Bradford on Avon Rowing Club Grant Application Appendix 2: Report from the Grants Advisory Group
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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