

Report to	Pewsey Area Board
Date of Meeting	11th May 2015
Title of Report	Area Board Grants

Purpose of Report

1.To ask Councillors to consider two applications seeking 2014/15 Community Area Grant Funding:

- **Pewsey Vale Bowls Club** are seeking £936 towards kitchen repairs
- **Pewsey Childrens Carnival Club** are seeking £500 for a new Barbecue

2.To ask Councillors to consider one member initiative:

- Rights of Way Improvements in Easton Royal - £600

3.That the Area Board notes that the Community Area Manager had been authorised to approve the allocation of £1,000 from Area Board's 11-19 youth revenue budget (not the LYN youth review fund) to support the Magna Carta 800 celebrations in Pewsey and in Salisbury on 15 June 2015.

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 Adult Care, Communities and Housing (5th April 2013). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance.
- 1.2. In 2015/16 the officer is required to only ensure that the request meets the funding criteria but not to make any recommendations.
- 1.3. The emphasis in the Coalition Government's Localism agenda supports the ethos of volunteering and community involvement and the nurturing of resilient communities. With this in mind Community Area Grants (CAGs) should be encouraged from and awarded to community and voluntary groups.
- 1.4. The allocation for Pewsey Area Board in 2015/2016 including any funding carried over from the previous financial year is £42,408. This is a capital only grants system
- 1.5. Applications of up to and including £1000 can be made for a Community Area Grant, which will not require matched funding. Amounts of £1001 - £5000 will be required to find matched funding. The area board will rarely award more than £5,000.
- 1.6. Area boards will not consider Community Area Grant (CAG) 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.
- 1.7. In addition to CAGs, councillors can submit an Area Board/Councillor Led Initiative. This enables area boards to tackle community identified priorities. Cabinet have emphasised that they do not wish these to be used to avoid complying with Community Area Grant criteria or for filling gaps where there are council service shortfalls.
- 1.8. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting whilst there is money available.
- 1.9. Paper copies of funding applications no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce paper. They are however available on the Wiltshire Council web site with the area board agenda papers and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.10. The funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/areaboardscommunitygrantsscheme.htm>
- 1.11. All recipients of area board funding are expected to complete and return an

evaluation form as soon as the project or activity has been completed and this should be accompanied by receipts and invoices, as well as photographs if possible. Failure to return the evaluation requested will preclude them from being considered for any future funding from the area board. This applies to all grants made by the area board.

<p>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Board Grant Guidance as presented for delegated decision • Pewsey Joint Strategic Needs Document
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. 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.
- 2.2. Councillors will need to decide whether the community benefit will warrant the request.
- 2.3. This is the first round of funding during 2015/2016.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

- 3.1. Area Board Grants 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. All awards are subject to the condition that no payment will be made until all other match funding has been confirmed.

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 will give local community and voluntary groups, town and parish council's equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes, where they meet the funding criteria.

7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within section 8 – Officer Recommendations.

8. Officer recommendations

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8	Pewsey Vale Bowls Club	Kitchen Repairs	£936 towards a project costing £936

- a. This application meets the grants criteria and has been classified as a capital project
- b. The project is to build an internal insulating membrane under the kitchen counters damp proofing the walls and resite the dishwasher to a more suitable place. Currently the kitchen has a single skin and suffers from damp and mould.
- c. If the work is not carried out then the kitchen will be classed as unhygienic and can't be used to generate income for the club.
- d. The kitchen is used by many local groups and individuals in the community as well as providing social events for the club members.
- e. The total cost of the project is only £936 and no match funding is required.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
9	Pewsey Childrens Carnival Club	Pewsey Community Barbecue	£500 towards a project costing £1000

- a. This application meets the grants criteria and has been classified as a capital project
- b. The funding is to purchase a quality barbecue along with gas, cover and other attachments.
- c. Currently there is no reliable barbecue. This would be available for use by local organisations along with a marquee purchased 2 years ago
- d. The rest of the funding will come from carnival funds and the Colin Lampard Trust

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

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