

Report to	Devizes Area Board
Date of Meeting	4 October 2010
Title of Report	Community Area Grants – Late applications

Purpose of Report

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

1. Devizes Development Partnership. Funding towards the Christmas Lantern Parade, seeking £1,500. Recommended for refusal.
2. Kennet and Avon Canal Trust. Funding towards guided historical walks as part of the Christmas Lantern Parade, seeking £646. Recommended for approval.

Note: Late applications are not normally considered by the Board, except in exceptional circumstances under the authorisation of the Chairman, and so this should not be taken as setting a precedent

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 (providing there is money available).
- 1.5. Devizes Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £58,117 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. A grant for £1,856 which was carried over from the previous year has now been settled. Grants have been approved so far this year to the value of £17,207, which leaves a balance of £41,686.
- 1.6. 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.
- 1.7. 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• Devizes Community Area Plan
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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 six rounds of funding during 20010/11. The remaining dates are;

- 29 November 2010
- 24 January 2011
- 21 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 Devizes Area Board.
- 4.2. Should the applications in this agenda be awarded, Devizes Area Board will have a balance of £27,490.

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 (Grant Register ref no)	Devizes Development Partnership	Funding for Christmas Festival and Lantern Parade.	£1,500

- 8.1.1. Officer recommendation is that this application be refused.
- 8.1.2. The application does not meet grant criteria 2010/11. This is a repeat application

for an event that the Board supported in the previous financial year. This is an annual event and as such the application can not be considered a one off cost, but must be considered as covering running costs.

- 8.1.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan (public participation, civic pride etc).
- 8.1.4. The cost of the project is £9,410 and the applicant is seeking £1,500.
- 8.1.5. This application has not been circulated to other council officers for comment owing to the short time-scale.
- 8.1.6. Members' attention is drawn to section 1.2 of the report. Should this application be granted it will be referred to the Deputy Leader of the Council, as the relevant Cabinet Member, for approval.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2. (Grant Register ref no)	Kennet and Avon Canal Trust	Guided walks to the wharf by historical guide as part of the bicentennial celebrations for the canal, to link with the lantern parade	£646

- 8.2.1. Officer recommendation is that this application be considered for approval.
- 8.2.2. The application meets grant criteria 2010/11
- 8.2.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan (promoting tourism).
- 8.2.4. The application is for less than £1,000 and as such no match funding is required.
- 8.2.5. This application has not been circulated to other council officers for comment owing to the short time-scale

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

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