

AGENDA

Meeting: Warminster Area Board
Place: Warminster Civic Centre, Sambourne Road, Warminster, BA12 8LB
Date: Monday 21 March 2022
Time: 10.00 am

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CLlr Tony Jackson, Warminster Broadway (Chairman)
CLlr Bill Parks, Warminster North & Rural (Vice-Chairman)
CLlr Andrew Davis, Warminster East
CLlr Christopher Newbury, Wylve Valley
CLlr Pip Ridout, Warminster West

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Items to be considered	Time
<p>1. Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>The Chairman will welcome those present to the meeting.</p>	
<p>2. Apologies for Absence</p> <p>To receive any apologies for absence.</p>	
<p>3. Minutes (<i>Pages 5 - 16</i>)</p> <p>To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2022.</p>	
<p>4. Declarations of Interest</p> <p>To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.</p>	
<p>5. Chairman's Announcements (<i>Pages 17 - 18</i>)</p> <p>To receive the following announcements through the chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Great British Spring Clean 	
<p>6. Area Board Funding (<i>Pages 19 - 22</i>)</p> <p>To consider the following applications for funding:</p> <p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knook Heytesbury Imber Allotment Association - £659.81 towards Knook Allotments require a shed and mower. • Sutton Veny Parish Council - £3,131 towards Provision of a Speed Indicator Device (SID). • Corsley Parish Council Parish Clerk - £1,000 towards Maintain and Improve Accessibility on Public Rights of Way in Corsley. • Warminster and District Amateur Swimming Club - £2,500 towards Upgrade of equipment for Warminster and District Amateur Swimming Club. • Warminster Youth Club - £400 towards Warminster Youth Club. <p><u>Health and Wellbeing Grants</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salisbury Plain Rights of Way Volunteers - £1,000 towards Warminster Rights of Way Destination Signs. • The Avenue Surgery - £500 towards Recognizing abuse towards older people. • Wiltshire Music Centre - £1,360 towards Celebrating Age Wiltshire. 	

Youth Grant

- Friends of WCR - £1,968 towards Teen Scene Radio.

7. **Urgent items**

Any other items of business which the Chairman agrees to consider as a matter of urgency.

8. **Future Meeting Dates**

The next meeting of the Warminster Area Board will be on 14 July 2022.

MINUTES

Meeting: Warminster Area Board
Place: Civic Centre, Sambourne Road, Warminster, BA12 8LB
Date: 3 February 2022
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 8.35 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Bill Parks (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Andrew Davis
Cllr Christopher Newbury
Cllr Pip Ridout

Wiltshire Council Officers

Graeme Morrison, Community Engagement Manager
Dominic Argar, Assistant Multimedia Officer
Ben Fielding, Democratic Services Officer
Chris Clark, Head of Local Highways

Town and Parish Councils

Sutton Veny Parish Council
Corsley Parish Council
Longbridge Deverill Parish Council
Warminster Town Council

Total in attendance: 22

<u>Minute No..</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1.	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Warminster Area Board.</p>
2.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Tony Jackson, therefore meaning that Councillor Bill Parks presided over the meeting as Chairman. Additional apologies for absence were received from Inspector Al Lumley, Wiltshire Police, Sarah Jeffries, Clerk of Maiden Bradley Parish and Heather Parks, Clerk of Sutton Veny Parish.</p> <p>Councillor Christopher Newbury joined the meeting at 7.57pm.</p>
3.	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
4.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
5.	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The chairman gave the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>• Ask Angela Campaign Relaunch</p> <p>The Chairman drew attention to a briefing note attached to the agenda which was a reminder of the Ask Angela Scheme. It was outlined that the scheme helps to keep people safe on a night out and to protect anyone feeling vulnerable while on a date or with someone they have met. Further information and posters can be found on the Ask for Angela webpage Ask for Angela - Wiltshire Council.</p> <p>• Queens's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations</p> <p>The Chairman drew attention to a briefing note attached to the agenda which outlined that Wiltshire Council has a system in place to ensure that communities wishing to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee are signposted to the council's web page (Platinum Jubilee celebrations - useful information and guidance - Wiltshire Council) where they will find the appropriate tools, support and guidance to apply to hold a street party.</p> <p>• Reminder of Changes to the Highway Code from 29 January 2022</p> <p>The Chairman referred to the report attached to the agenda which outlined changes to the Highway Code, which had taken place. Such changes included:</p>

- The introduction of a hierarchy of responsibility of road users.
- Priority for pedestrians at junctions
- Priority for cyclists, riders and horse-drawn vehicles at junctions.
- Clarification on road positioning for cyclists
- More information on safely overtaking motorcyclists, cyclists, horse-riders and horse-drawn vehicles and filtering by cyclists.
- Adopting what is known as the 'Dutch Reach' technique when opening the doors of a parked vehicle.

- **Changes to residual waste collection days from 28 February 2022**

The Chairman noted that from 28 February the household waste collection days for nearly all Wiltshire properties will change, however it was stated that there is no change to recycling or garden waste collections, which will still take place on their usual day for all residents. From 31 January and for the following two weeks, all households will receive a letter that explains the changes and details their new collection day. Further information about waste collections www.wiltshire.gov.uk/waste

- **Wiltshire Youth Council**

The Chairman updated those in attendance that the Wiltshire Youth Council election was currently underway, with the election closing on 4 February and results expected in the near future. Further information about the Wiltshire Youth Council can be found via the following link:

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/1451/Children-and-young-people-s-voice>

- **Dates for Non-Business Area Board Themed Meetings**

Community Engagement Manager, Graeme Morrison, informed the Area Board that there are plans for two events, with the themes of youth and military/civilian integration. The youth themed event is set to take place Tuesday 17 May, venue to be confirmed. Additionally, the Military Garrison is set to hold a large community event on 27 July and therefore whilst the Area Board is keen to hold its own military themed event, a date is yet to be set in order to avoid any duplication.

- **Local Successes**

Congratulations were offered to the following individuals, for their respective achievements:

- Tom Dommett for being appointed to the position of Warminster Town Clerk.
- To Old Silk Works Manager, Lou Gover who had been nominated to be a finalist in the local hero category of the Alzheimer's Support Wiltshire Awards for selfless work and generosity in lockdown and beyond.
- Adrian South, Deputy Director of Clinical Care for the South West Ambulance Foundation Trust, who was awarded the Queen's Ambulance Service Medal for distinguished service.
- Chapmanslade resident and Olympic gold-medallist, Kate French, who was awarded an MBE in the New Year Honours 2022 list for her services

	<p>to the sport of modern pentathlon.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green and Blue Strategy <p>The Chairman noted that on 1 February, the Wiltshire Council Cabinet approved to adopt the Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy, to help shape the Council's carbon reduction plans for the next 5 years. This document is now pending approval at Full Council on 15 February, with both documents to be used as a framework for all forthcoming Council plans, to ensure that progress is on track to be carbon neutral by 2030.</p>
6.	<p><u>Updates from Partners</u></p> <p>Updates were received from the following partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiltshire Police <p>The Area Board noted a written update attached to the agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BaNES, Swindon & Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group (BSW CCG) <p>The Area Board noted a written update attached to the agenda as well as a Vaccination Stakeholder Briefing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthwatch Wiltshire <p>The Area Board noted a written update attached to the agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warminster and Villages Community Partnership <p>Councillor Pip Ridout updated that there had not been a recent meeting of the Warminster and Villages Community Partnership.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warminster Health and Wellbeing Forum <p>Councillor Pip Ridout updated that Chair of the Forum, Stephanie Stevens, was unable to attend the Area Board and that though the Forum was no longer part of the Area Board, it would submit a written report to the Area Board. Councillor Ridout noted the following three points that were addressed within the report attached to the minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been a change to the function of the Warminster Health Wellbeing and Social Care Forum (HWBSC Forum). • The previously postponed Warminster and District Health Fair will not take place this year. • The HWBSC Forum is looking to attend the Army outdoor engagement event on 27 July. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Youth Network <p>Community Engagement Manager, Graeme Morrison updated that following the last Area Board meeting, he had met with Town Councillor Stacey Allensby who had agreed to Chair the format of the new Local Youth Network going forwards. It was raised that there is set to be a meeting 22 March with local youth organisations to identify what the youth network should look like; with an update</p>

to be provided at the next Area Board meeting.

Graeme also informed the Area Board of the one-year rural youth outreach programme that had been taking place, with Community First having been allocated a £5,000 grant from Warminster to make up a combined amount of £25,000 from 5 Area Boards. The first four months of this programme have included conducting research, with a focus on young people living in isolated rural areas. After this four-month phase, the project will move to a delivery phase, which will look to initiate positive activities for young people from the research conducted and will work with existing providers to break down barriers.

- **Town and Parish Councils Nominated Representatives**

The area board noted the following written updates that had been attached to the agenda from the following Parish Councils; Heytesbury, Imber and Knook, Sutton Veny, Maiden Bradley and Horningsham. A written update was also attached to the agenda from Warminster Town Council.

Councillor Sue Fraser provided a verbal update on behalf of Warminster Town Council. The update covered the following points:

- Spring in the park is set to go ahead on Sunday 1 May in the Lake Pleasure Grounds.
- The Civic Awards for 2021 have now been awarded.
- The Town Council is looking to update its CCTV cameras.
- The Town Council has started work on revising the Neighbourhood Plan.

Councillor Neil Carpenter provided a verbal update on behalf of Corsley Parish Council. The update covered the following points:

- In the previous Parish meeting a focus had been identified as improving the environment for walkers and horse riders.
- The Parish Council is aiming to get better signage to align with the Highway Code as well as the A362, which has a bridal path crossing it.
- There is also an aim to improve kissing gates to enhance the environment.

- **Ash Dieback**

Head of Local Highways (Wiltshire Council), Chris Clark, provided an update on Ash Dieback. The update covered the following points:

- A brief explanation of Ash Dieback was provided to the Area Board, being a disease affecting native Ash trees, with the majority that have it being dead within 5 to 10 years. It was noted that from a Highways perspective this is particularly dangerous with trees failing and losing structural strength, therefore causing large limbs to shed onto roads.
- The response from Highways has been a risk-based approach, looking at main A and B road networks, with visual assessments having taken place with trained arborists having been driven around to look at the trees alongside highways.

- This surveying process has been conducted 2 years running, however Ash Dieback is spreading wider and quicker than first expected. There is therefore a focus to remove trees presenting a current risk which totals out at 1,600 trees this year, example areas have included the A4 on Derry Hill as well as Box to Fiveways.
- Looking forwards, the Highways team is looking at open spaces and Rights of Ways, working with landowners to increase knowledge and awareness of the disease.
- The majority of the trees removed have been chipped down to go off to be used as biomass, with work being conducted to investigate whether a local facility can be used to make use of these materials.
- Another concern was presented as the need to replant trees to offset those being removed in order to align with the Green and Blue Infrastructure policy.

Following the verbal update there was time for the following questions and points to be raised:

- Chris Clark stated that if rural villages see clearly diseased trees, they should, where possible, approach landowners as very often they would have a better connection to the landowner than the Council would. It has however been found that generally larger landowners are aware of the disease and have been acting. Additionally, the risk-based approach has not been conducted to the exclusion of roads which are C classed or unclassified, with action being taken if identified as being unsafe.
- Regarding the responsibility of landowners, Chris Clark stated that the responsibility of removing diseased trees does come under their responsibility and that though no financial support can be provided, advice is available. Regarding enforcement, a number of legislations can be used under the Highways Act and Miscellaneous Provisions Act to try to engage with landowners.
- It was acknowledged as being correct that over the next 10 years, £10/12million pounds is needed to be found for Ash Dieback; however Chris Clark noted that the Council is learning more and has adapted to using a forestry harvesting machines rather than individual chainsaws to be more cost efficient.
- Regarding information offered to be provided by Parish Councils, Chris Clark noted that this would be difficult as there would be a differing level of expertise across Parish Councils and if Parishes were to report issues, this could potentially lead to the Highways team being inundated with requests.
- The price of the biomass chips was questioned, to which Chris Clark stated that the previous job conducted equated to around 10% of the value of the works undertaken.
- Regarding the possibility of managing the felled timber locally, the Council is investigating a long-term contractor for arboriculture work as well as facilities to store timber centrally.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service <p>The Area Board watched a video update from the Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service which could be accessed via the following link: https://youtu.be/DcVai1fa4-c</p>
7.	<p><u>Community Police Task Group (CPTG)</u></p> <p>Councillor Pip Ridout provided an update on the Community Police Task Group to the Area Board. Attention was drawn to the general report from the CPTG attached to the agenda pack and the verbal update covered the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Community Police Task Group met on 9 December; however this was poorly attended with only 6 attendees. The meeting was however successful with various priorities and actions set for the Police. Such priorities included: Speeding, Drugs and Shoplifting. • It was noted that the purpose of the CPTG is to be a link between the communities and the Police. • The CPTG have agreed to meet once a quarter, with the next meeting likely to be in March.
8.	<p><u>Warminster Regeneration Working Group</u></p> <p>Councillor Bill Parks updated the Area Board that there was nothing to report from the Warminster Regeneration Working Group and that news is still awaited from Wiltshire Council in regard to the asset transfer of the Community Hub as well as town centre improvement grants.</p>
9.	<p><u>Community Area Transport Group (CATG)</u></p> <p>Councillor Andrew Davis introduced the minutes and recommendations from the CATG meeting held on 19 January 2021. Councillor Davis noted that the previous meeting on 19 January had been positive as well as noting that though the Area Board is only permitted to have 5 priorities at a time, some schemes were identified as being worthy to fund though not being ready to take place. It was also recognised that the funding that had taken place had been allocated to a fair distribution between the town and villages.</p> <p>A potential project was identified by the Area Board and Corsley Parish Councillor Neil Carpenter that could include using the biomass chippings from felled Ash Dieback trees to improve the bridal path around Little Cley Hill.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>The minutes of the Community Area Transport Group meeting held on 19 January 2021 were agreed as a correct record as well the funding recommendations within the attached report.</p>
10.	<p><u>Area Board Funding</u></p> <p>The Area Board considered the following applications for funding:</p>

Community Area Grants:

1. Sutton Veny Parochial Church Council Fundraising - £5,000 towards Sutton Veny Church Community Space Facilities.

Resolved:

Sutton Veny Parochial Church Council Fundraising was awarded £5,000 towards Sutton Veny Church Community Space Facilities.

2. Longbridge Deverill Parish Council - £1,000 towards purchase of second Speed Indicator Device.

Resolved:

Longbridge Deverill Parish Council was awarded £1,000 towards purchase of second Speed Indicator Device.

3. Warminster Athenaeum Trust - £5,000 towards Athenaeum Ventilation.

Resolved:

Warminster Athenaeum Trust was awarded £5,000 towards Athenaeum Ventilation.

4. Corsley Parish Council - £1,080 towards Corsley Speed Indicator Device.

Resolved:

Corsley Parish Council was awarded £1,080 towards Corsley Speed Indicator Device.

5. Heytesbury and Sutton Veny Cricket Club - £3,419.45 towards Heytesbury and Sutton Veny Cricket Club improved practice and all-weather playing facilities.

Resolved:

Heytesbury and Sutton Veny Cricket Club was awarded £3,419.45 towards Heytesbury and Sutton Veny Cricket Club improved practice and all-weather playing facilities with £1,000 of funding coming from the Youth Budget.

6. Warminster Town Football Club - £694.53 towards Warminster Town Football Club Felling of Trees with Ash Dieback Disease.

Resolved:

	<p>Warminster Town Football Club was awarded £694.53 towards Warminster Town Football Club Felling of Trees with Ash Dieback Disease.</p> <p><u>Health and Wellbeing Grants:</u></p> <p>1. Warminster Action Group - £916.66 towards Warminster Action Group.</p> <p><i>Councillor Andrew Davis noted that he had previously been a member of the Warminster Action Group in its infancy but had however since been removed from their membership.</i></p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>Warminster Action Group was awarded £916.66 towards Warminster Action Group.</p> <p><u>Local Youth Network Funding:</u></p> <p>1. Army Welfare Service Community Support - £2,569.99 towards Army Welfare Service Community Support Film Club.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>Army Welfare Service Community Support was awarded £2,569.99 towards Army Welfare Service Community Support Film Club.</p>
11.	<p><u>Urgent items</u></p> <p>Community Engagement Manager, Graeme Morrison, noted that though previously the Area Board had allocated £5,000 towards a fingerpost project, with up to two fingerposts per parish per year, no applications had been received.</p>
12.	<p><u>Future Meeting Dates</u></p> <p>The date of the next meeting is 14 July 2022.</p>

Report of HWBSC Forum activities

The 14 December virtual meeting of the Health Well Being and Social Care Forum attracted some 19 attendees and, apart from the invaluable sharing of information between Forum members, there were three interesting speakers. The first was from Headway, a local Wiltshire charity helping people with sustained brain injuries. Next, we heard from the Army whose current CO is very keen to engage and collaborate with the local community and is running an outdoor engagement event on 27 July. Finally, we received a presentation from the Living Well Team based at the Avenue Surgery. The real value of these two-hour quarterly meetings lies in the sharing of information across traditional boundaries and the connections made between key individuals with shared interests. A full set of notes is available should Area Board members wish them to be attached. The next Forum meeting is on 8 March.

Changes to the function of the Warminster Health Well Being and Social Care Forum (HWBSC Forum)

Over the last decade, the Warminster area has operated two distinct but related health and well being bodies. The HWBSC Forum membership comprises 40 plus disparate bodies representing professional healthcare staff, charities, condition-specific organisations and some individuals. The Forum meets quarterly and its aim is to share updates and information across organisational boundaries – a survey held last years indicated the immense value gained by members. Traditionally, the Forum holds no funds and is independent of the Council.

The second body is the Health and Well Being Management Group (HWB Management Group) which is smaller body but with some Forum members belonging to both bodies. It meets quarterly, has been ably chaired by Pip Ridout and has been used as an initial filter for spend submissions submitted to the Area Board (though the AB always makes the final decision). The HWB Management Group has a budget and some of this has been used to fund activities like the successful Health and Volunteer Fairs prior to the pandemic.

Following discussion between the two groups, it was agreed that the HWB Management Group would be dissolved as a redundant body with the HWBSC Forum now expected to carry out additional scrutiny on spend proposals. The HWBSC Forum will be an independent body with control of its finances and, as appropriate, will apply to the AB for funding in the same way as other organisations.

It has been agreed that the Chair of the HWBSC Forum (Stephanie Stevens) will submit a written update report to the Area Board.

Warminster and District Health Fair 2020

Following discussions with David Reeves, we have made the difficult decision not to proceed with the postponed Health Fair 2020 planned for 9 April this year. As I write we are still seeing significant numbers of confirmed Covid cases (currently over

100,000 each day) and Covid still has not made a transition from epidemic to endemic. As a consequence, it is possible that subsequent variants may be less responsive to existing vaccines. While it is accepted that we will all have to live with coronavirus (as we have done with influenza), time alone will dictate how the future looks – and ten weeks seems too short to make that judgement.

In addition, the Health Fair is an indoor event where attendees are encouraged to browse and to engage with exhibitors. This sort of close contact carries increased risk to all. While the population is largely vaccinated, it is not clear how long immunity will last and even the vaccinated appear vulnerable to catching Covid. In our view, vulnerable people – who might benefit most - will not want to risk exposure at a potentially crowded indoor event.

Helpfully, the Army is arranging an outdoor Engagement Event on 27 July and has been actively engaging with the HWBSC Forum to encourage exhibitors to sign up. Apart from the outdoor nature of the event, the later date will allow more consideration of how life will look going forward. We have also explored piggy-backing the Spring in the Park event on 1 May but there is insufficient capacity.

Finally, it is possible that – given favourable circumstances – we could hold an indoor Health Fair in, say, September 2022. While the timing would not be optimal – our view is that it is better to do so in the Spring when people are seeking out new things – this is an option that we could explore, if there is sufficient interest.

We realise that there will be a whole spectrum of personal views which may differ from ours. But we feel that, on balance, we do not have to proceed on 9 April and that, to do so, carries risks to both individuals and to the success of the event.

Stephanie Stevens

Take part in the Great British Spring Clean this March and April in Wiltshire

Wiltshire Council is encouraging local groups and organisations to take part in the Great British Spring Clean this year, from 25 March-10 April.

Groups across the county are urged to sign up on the Great British Spring Clean website and join in to help clean up the county from unsightly litter. Though please note that litter picks in the Salisbury area are not encouraged - here, the advice from the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) remains 'if you didn't drop it, then don't pick it up'.

Litter picking equipment has been provided by Wiltshire Council to town and parish councils and local community groups across the county, so people should contact their local town or parish council see if they have any equipment to borrow and if they are hosting a clean-up event to support.

Where possible, volunteers should dispose of bagged waste in their usual household black bins or a public litter bin that has sufficient capacity.

For large events that could collect more than 10 bags black bags full of waste, the council can arrange single collection following the event. To arrange this, people should email streetscene@wiltshire.gov.uk a minimum of 10 days before the event with as much information about the event as possible and contact details of the event organiser. Any large items or suspected fly-tips should be left where they are and reported to the council on the MyWilts app.

Cllr Dr Mark McClelland, Cabinet Member for Transport and Waste, said: The Great British Spring Clean is a fantastic opportunity for our communities to get involved in making a difference in their area.

We have provided more than 1,500 litter pickers and 1,500 pairs of gloves to local town and parish councils, so people should go there to borrow the equipment for their event. They can also sign up on the Great British Spring Clean website, so others can join in on the picks in their community.

It would also be great if people shared photos of their events on social media using the hashtag #GBSCWilts - and we'll share the best.

We'd ask that groups in the Salisbury area adhere to the latest UKSHA advice and not take part in litter picks; but people can get involved in every other area of the county to help keep Wiltshire clean.

I hope that community groups from around the county can take part and help to keep Wiltshire beautiful.

For the Salisbury area, a UKHSA spokesperson said: As a precaution, UKHSA continues to advise the public not to pick up any items. The advice remains 'if you didn't drop it, then don't pick it up'.

People can register their event on the Great British Spring Clean website at www.keepbritaintidy.org or find out more at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/community-environment-great-british-spring-clean

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Report To	Warminster Area Board
Date of Meeting	Monday, 21 March 2022
Title of Report	Warminster Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Warminster Area Board. These could include; community area grants, health and wellbeing, young persons grants and Area Board initiatives.
- To document any recommendations provided through sub groups.

Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Young People	Health and Wellbeing
Opening Balance For 2021/22	£ 43,118	£ 19,455	£ 7,700
Awarded To Date	£ 41,468.98	£ 12,398.99	£ 4,615.66
Current Balance	£ 1,649.02	£ 7,056.01	£ 3,084.34
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ -6,323.01	£ 4,688.01	£ 224.34

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG78	Community Area Grant	Knook Heytesbury Imber Allotment Association	Knook Allotments require a Shed and mower	£1341.03	£659.81
Project Summary: The Knook, Heytesbury and Imber allotment Association has 10 allotments in Knook. We now need a mower to cut the grass around the allotments. Currently my husband and I lift our mower into our car, take it to the allotments, unload it, cut the grass and then load it up and take it home. We would really like a shed and mower on site, then all the allotment holders can take it in turn to cut the grass. We have recently been donated a shed and the members are planning to lay a base and build the shed.					
ABG494	Community Area Grant	Sutton Veny Parish Council	Provision of a Speed Indicator Device SID	£6262.00	£3131.00
Project Summary: Traffic approaching the village use four different entrances into the centre and this is where the local school is situated. with little or no pavement for pedestrians to use, it is essential that speed of traffic is maintained within the limit. The installation and a rotation of a SID to be used on these four entrances with a fifth situated near the school should improve and reduce the speed of traffic making it safer for all users.					
ABG516	Community Area Grant	Corsley Parish Council Parish Clerk	Maintain and Improve Accessibility on Public Rights of Way in Corsley	£2500.00	£1000.00

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<p>Project Summary: The project is seeking money to repair and replace access gates (mainly kissing gates and footpath gates) on public rights of way in the Parish of Corsley. Circa 20 years ago the residents of the Parish instigated a project to replace stiles on footpaths with kissing gates to improve access to the countryside for a wider range of the community of Corsley, Wiltshire and the wider area. The kissing gates were 'sponsored' by people/ businesses in the village. 20 years on and many of the kissing gates have now in a state of disrepair and there is no 'sinking fund' available to repair/ replace them. There is a fear that this could lead to landowners/ tenant farmers replacing these broken gates with stiles again as these are significantly cheaper and easier to maintain. However, this would significantly reduce the ability of members of the public to access the rights of way. In maintaining accessible rights of way in Corsley the project will aim to continue to promote the mental health and physical well being of the community of Corsley, Wiltshire and the wider area. There are circa 20 kissing gates in various states of repair in the Parish. The cost of completely new wooden kissing gate package is £312 or £360 for a metal version. The cost of a wooden footpath gate is £284 or £186 for a metal version. These prices do not include fitting costs which will rely on the good will of the landowner/ tenant farmer or the Ramblers Association. Corsley Parish Council have committed £1500 of funds. If Area Board can commit £1000 of funds too it is likely that a significant improvement can be made to the access gates in 2022/23.</p>					
ABG525	Community Area Grant	Warminster and District Amateur Swimming Club	Upgrade of equipment for Warminster and District Amateur Swimming Club	£5520.00	£2500.00
<p>Project Summary: W&DASC is a volunteer run community non-for-profit club that promotes swimming up to County-level competitive standard for all ages. The club has been a part of the Warminster community for fifty years. Our membership ranges from children aged eight through to Masters, of whom we have a number of people swimming and competing into their seventies and eighties. We are inclusive and welcome all people who can swim a basic entry criteria. Until the pandemic, we had a member of the GB Para-Olympic team training with us. Our ethos is one of progression and continuance. We have many members who have stayed with the club since its inception. We offer a pathway to the wider competitive swimming community at County and National level and have had many of our young swimmers progress to advanced competitive clubs. Alongside those who form our complete squad, we welcome people who simply want to improve their standard of swimming. For these people we provide the opportunity for them to enter within-county competitions if they wish, at both junior and Masters level. We travel throughout the county to attend competitions and promote the club, with the club providing transport, team management and officials to other events. As part of our recovery from the impact of the pandemic, we are looking to host competitive events at the Warminster Pool. This will promote both the club and the wider Warminster community. We have now gained the licence to hold Swim England recognised competitions. Sadly our equipment is limited and old. Specifically, we need new diving blocks. Diving blocks are essential for hosting competitions and for training members in readiness for competitive events elsewhere. The ones purchased by the club many years ago do not meet the standard of those used by other clubs for competitions in the county. The cost of new blocks that meet the standards of competition is approximately £5,500 (although we continue to look for a lower price. The club has raised £2500 through donations which we would like to match fund to give us a total of £5000 towards the cost of these blocks.</p>					
ABG566	Community Area Grant	Warminster youth club	Warminster youth club	£9486.00	£400.00
<p>Project Summary: A term time weekly youth club for 11-19 year old's and up to 25 with learning disabilities. We offer a range of different activities each week forming an informal education as well having youth support workers offering support to the young people any thing from help with school work or pressures to mental health issues. We work with outside organisations to deliver sessions on issues such as safe sex, drugs and alcohol and mental health. All staff are DBS checked references are obtained complete a safeguarding course and at least one on site member of staff is first aid trained. We also run off site activities and trips at least 3 times a year outside of the clubs usual hours. We work with youth action Wiltshire to offer a young leaders course for members aged 13 and over. Our aim funding permitting is to be able to bring an outside company in once every term to run a session the members have asked for such as a graffiti artist.</p>					
ABG571	Health and Wellbeing Grant	Salisbury Plain Rights of Way Volunteers	Warminster Rights of Way Destination Signs	£1000.00	£1000.00

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<p>Project Summary: Warminster has a number of rights of way & quiet lanes that allow walkers, riders & cyclists to safely walk/ride to neighbouring villages. These include the Imber Range Perimeter Path (IRPP) (to Upton Scudamore & around the Imber Range boundary in one direction & to Heytesbury, Chitterne & Tilshead in the other. Provision of destination signs is not a mandatory duty for Wiltshire Council but Warminster has a number of destination signs, from when the Bypass was built. Those are now generally in poor condition. The aim is to replace the signs we have and sign the links to and from Corsley & towards Upton Scudamore & Heytesbury on the IRPP.</p>					
ABG572	Health and Wellbeing Grant	The Avenue Surgery	Recognizing Abuse towards Older People	£500.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: A presentation for community workers to be able to identify and support older people who are subject to abuse of any kind, be it financial, physical or neglect. Thereafter to enable that older person to be able to move forward in a way comfortable to them, be it by taking no action or reporting to the Local Authority or the Police.</p>					
ABG580	Health and Wellbeing Grant	Wiltshire Music Centre	Celebrating Age Wiltshire	£13860.00	£1360.00
<p>Project Summary: Celebrating Age Wiltshire (CAW) will use arts & heritage activities to reach the most isolated older people in the Warminster area, helping to tackle loneliness and aiming to improve their health and wellbeing through creative and artistic engagement. In particular CAW will target those people who are vulnerable and socially isolated due to frailty, ill health, dementia, poor mobility or caring responsibilities. Responding to the Covid 19 crisis, our programme has developed four different strands of both live and online activity to meet the needs of this group. CAW is a partnership of community organisations across the county with Wiltshire Music Centre as lead organisation.</p>					
ABG478	Youth Grant	Friends of WCR	Teen Scene Radio	£3936.00	£1968.00
<p>Project Summary: To provide expert training, to teenagers from 13 and over, in Radio broadcast, presentation and technical skills. They will need to be supervised by expert tutors and mentors who will be DBS cleared. After qualifying they will be invited to join a team to broadcast radio, chat and music content for people of their age and a certain time of the week, to encourage community and social interaction. These sessions too, will need to be fully supervised.</p>					

1. Background

Area Boards have authority to approve funding under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria. This document is available on the council's website.

Three funding streams are available to the Area Board, each with an annually awarded amount. These funding streams are as follows:

- Community Area Grants (capital)
- Young People (revenue)
- Health and Wellbeing (revenue)

The Area Board will be advised of the funding available prior to their first meeting of each financial year.

2. Main Considerations

2.1. Councillors need to be satisfied that the applications meet the requirements as set out in the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria and that the health and wellbeing and young persons funding guidelines have been adhered to.

2.2. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.

2.3. Councillors need to consider any recommendations made by sub groups of the Area Boards.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

Grant funding will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

4. Financial Implications

Councillors must ensure that the Area Board has sufficient funding available to cover the grants awarded.

5. Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

6. Human Resources Implications

There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.

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.

8. Safeguarding Implications

The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

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

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