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Communities & Communications  
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Dear Councillors

## Re: Challenges Ahead

I'm writing to you on behalf of the Area Board members regarding financial challenges ahead, in a time when you are due to start setting your precepts and plan for the following year.

As you are aware the Area Board has four funding streams, and some of them have contribution conditions attached:

**Community Area Transport Group** – 25% Parish/ Town contribution

**Community Grants** – Between £1000 - £5000 require applicant to fund 50%, often applicants seek some of that 50% from parish/ town councils. Of which less than £15000 is left till March 2018.

**Health & Wellbeing Fund** – The Area Board chose to use this funding to pay for the H&W Champion role filled by Ellen Blacker. As you are aware we have asked for donations to increase the capacity of this role, as there is a need beyond our funds. We would like to thank the following councils for their donations: Minety, Charlton, Dauntsey, Brinkworth, Malmesbury.

**Youth Grant Fund** – To date we do not ask for contributions towards the money awarded from this funding stream. However, all this funding has now been allocated, therefore there is no more youth funding until April 2018. We hope Town/Parish Councils will support youth projects in their area.

At a time when the Area Board funding is being increasingly utilised by community projects we are asking you to consider contributions to community groups, projects & activities going forward. We are aware some Town/Parish Councils hold funds to do this already, some may want to increase this or implement the same model. Councils may wish to consider this whilst setting their precepts.

We need your help to shape our Board, to build a true Malmesbury Community Area, all our villages and all our residents being a part of this.

Yours faithfully,

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