

Report to Malmesbury Area Board
Date of meeting 20/11/2018
Title of report Community Area Grant funding

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below.

Applicant	Amount requested
Malmesbury Bowls Club	£5000.00

1. Background

Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance available here: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/community-area-grants-criteria-2015-16-april.pdf>

The funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/areaboardscommunitygrantsscheme.htm>

2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded in the 2015/2016 year is made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of it being awarded.
- 2.2. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.
- 2.3. Councillors will need to be satisfied that the applications meet the Community Area Board grants criteria.

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

Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure.

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.

9. Applications for consideration

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 2922 (hyper link)	Malmesbury Bowls & Social Club	Artificial Bowls Green	£5000.00
<p>Project description Replace the existing grass playing surface with an artificial green. This will create an all-weather and potentially an all year facility compared to the six months use that the present green provides. Specialist maintenance equipment will be required for the new surface</p> <p>Total project costs: £135000.00</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: This group have worked with numerous partners to secure funding to deliver this project. Including discussions with Bowls England and Sport England and a professional survey that has indicated that the present green is no longer fit for purpose. This project is intended to support a recruitment drive to increase the membership and encourage a greater use of the club by social members. Bowls is a suitable sports activity for the elderly and retired an increasing element of the Malmesbury population however it is essential to encourage more general support and enthusiasm for the game. This quintessentially British sport has been played since the 16th Century and it is under threat. A more robust playing surface will allow the club to increase the existing offer of access to both local businesses for team bonding sessions and also to local community youth groups e.g. guides. They have recent experience of success with both activities. Bowls as an activity for health and enjoyment and also as a community asset. The artificial green will also provide a more suitable surface for wheelchair users and other forms of disability.</p> <p>25% of the total funds up to a maximum of £2500.00</p>			
<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application from Malmesbury Bowls & Social Club for £2500.00</p>			

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

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