
Marlborough Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Marlborough Area Board. These could include:
 - community area grants
 - youth grants
 - older and vulnerable people grants
 - area board initiatives
2. To document any recommendations provided through sub-groups.

Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Youth Grants	Older and Vulnerable People Grants
Opening Balance For 2024-25	£ 15,835.00	£ 17,786.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 3,000.00	£ 6,000.00	£ 3,000.00
Current Balance	£ 12,835.00	£ 11,786.00	£ 4,700.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 8,818.00	£ 11,786.00	£ 3,100.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1978	Community Area Grant	Ramsbury and Aldbourne Bowls Club	Ramsbury and Aldbourne Bowls Club sprayer and equipment storage facility	£2035.00	£1017.00

Project Summary:

From the beginning of 2024 we been carrying out the maintenance of our bowls green by ourselves and avoiding paying a contractor about £7000 per year for the work. In order to do this, we have been purchasing equipment over the last one and a years. The last item we require is a push sprayer. Because of the increased amount of equipment, we are running out of permanent storage space. We therefore plan to build a storage facility for the sprayer and other equipment. The storage unit will be built on to the south end wall of our timber pavilion. It will also help protect the wall against the weather as it is showing signs of deterioration.

ABG1980	Community Area Grant	St Peters and St Pauls Marlborough Trust Limited	Preserve Marlborough Community Hub with Urgent Roof Restoration	£59631.30	£3000.00
<p>Project Summary: Since Marlborough town accepted responsibility for St Peter's Church in the 1970's, it's purpose has been to be a community hub. The Trust has spent almost half a million pounds in the last decade to maintain and improve the historic building. In addition, the programme of events, concerts and activities is ever increasing. Today we are open 6 days a week, fully accessible to everyone, children and dogs included. The Trust provides free space to both local and national charities to host community activities, such as fairs (Macmillan Cancer) or just meet for discussions (Parkinsons, Age UK, Carers Cafe) and offers coffee and lunch in our Charity owned Cardinal coffee shop. In addition to taking a lead role during the Warm Space movement, the Trust participates and hosts town activities including the Health & Wellbeing Fair, Litfest talks, annual town Christmas lighting and Santa's grotto. In addition, we host both classical and contemporary musical concerts, and provide Towers tours (free to children). To be able to continue all our activities, we must replace all our lead guttering and restore crumbling stonework to prevent further leaks and deterioration of the integrity of the building itself. The estimated total cost of this project is £60,000</p>					
ABG1888	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Monday Club	Monday Club	£4000.00	£1600.00
<p>Project Summary: We provide a safe, fun environment for adults with learning disabilities to socialise in a warm, friendly, relaxed setting. We play Poole, sing karaoke, listen to music, puzzles, art, chat, we've had visitors to group, kaya drumming, Wiltshire reptile rescue, local bands and we have a great time. These visits have only been possible due to the grant we received from you last year for our rent, this meant that we had money left for new exciting activities and equipment. Support workers have told me that their clients/members really look forward to Monday Club and for many the only time they get to socialise during the week, they have also told us that members have grown in confidence since attending our group, it has helped many to deal with loneliness as there are no other groups like this in or around Marlborough. We have 33 members ages range from 25 -68, mostly from Marlborough and a few from Pewsey and surrounding areas. Monday Club also provides an opportunity for carers and parents (paid and unpaid) to get together to socialise as loneliness can be an issue for carers too. I have also been contacted by Alison Carter from the Kennet and Avon Medical Partnership, her job title is Social prescriber and she had heard of our group and is going to recommend us to patients with disabilities suffering with loneliness. There is clearly a need for groups like ours to continue.</p>					

Background

3. 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.
4. 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)
 - Youth Grants (revenue)
 - Older and Vulnerable People Grants (revenue)
5. The Area Board will be advised of the funding available prior to their first meeting of each financial year.

Main Considerations

6. 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 person's funding guidelines have been adhered to.

7. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.
8. Councillors need to consider any recommendations made by sub-groups of the Area Boards.

Safeguarding Implications

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

Public Health Implications

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

Environmental & Climate Change Implications

11. 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.

Financial Implications

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

Legal Implications

13. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

Workforce Implications

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

Equalities Implications

15. Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.
16. Community Area Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils equal opportunity to receive funding towards community-based projects and schemes where they meet the funding criteria.

Proposals

17. To consider and determine the applications for grant funding.

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