

## Melksham Area Grant Report

### Purpose of the Report

- To provide details of the grant applications made to the Melksham Area Board. These could include:
  - community area grants
  - youth grants
  - older and vulnerable people grants
  - area board initiatives
- 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	£ 22,309.00	£ 18,349.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 2,862.52	£ 11,080.00	£ 1,833.99
Current Balance	£ 19,446.48	£ 7,269.00	£ 5,866.01
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 7,363.48	£ 7,269.00	£ 5,600.28

### Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG2008</a>	Community Area Grant	Keevil Community Amenities Trust	Keevil Banfield Recreation Ground In Ground Trampoline	£4166.67	£2083.00
<b>Project Summary:</b> Provide a children's in-ground trampoline, to replace an item of play equipment removed due to wear and tear.					
<a href="#">ABG2010</a>	Community Area Grant	The Parochial Church Council of the Melksham Parish of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Melksham Salisbury	To purchase and refurbish 11 Canon Square for parish and community benefit	£27000.00	£5000.00

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  We are applying to the Area Board for £5000 towards the £89,000 construction costs of a new community meeting space at 11 Canon Square, as part of our overall Building To Serve project. The Building To Serve project will convert and refurbish the ground floor of a derelict grade II listed building in Melksham town centre into a suite of attractive and flexible meeting spaces to be rented out affordably to local charities &amp; community groups. We have had several strong expressions of interest from local charities for private, quiet spaces to offer counselling and support to parents and siblings of children with additional needs, debt counselling, bereavement support, and to help young people into the world of work. We have established partnerships with charities that support local residents, that meet the priorities set out in the town's strategic needs assessment document. The spaces will also be used by the local crafty cafe for older people, bereavement support, and youth groups. The two aspects of our project we feel suit your funding priorities are conservation (it is one of Melksham's oldest buildings, in the centre of town and is currently derelict and the source of great local unrest and has a long history of anti-social behaviour), and community service (the charities and activity we are wanting to offer mid week are unable to meet in other spaces we have as they are not versatile or sufficient enough in terms of space and amenities).</p>					
<a href="#">ABG2022</a>	Community Area Grant	Riverside Club	Melksham Riverside Centre toilets	£37667.00	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  Riverside Centre toilets facilities have a serious drainage problem in that one of the foul pipes has dropped and is blocking frequently. The project is to redesign both the disabled and gents toilets and provide a unisex/disabled facility which will be connected to one outlet and avoid the blocked foul drain. The current drainage is via two foul pipe systems.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG2026</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	HELP Counselling Services	Counselling Boxes for our new rooms in melksham	£265.73	£265.73
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  From the 22nd October our new rooms open in Melksham. We will be offering 12 counselling sessions a week from Queensway Community Centre. Of course these rooms are not like our rooms in Trowbridge, where counsellors walk in and everything is ready and waiting. We are using 3 rooms at the community centre, across both buildings and we need 3 boxes. Each plastic box contains several boxes of tissues, 2 clocks, a carafe, drinking glasses, a security alarm, some cleaning wipes and batteries and some spares. Everything a counsellor and client need so a session.</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 persons 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.