

AGENDA

Meeting: Melksham Area Board
Place: Melksham Town Hall, Market Place, Melksham, SN12 6ES
Date: Tuesday 12 April 2022
Time: 5.00 pm

Including the Parishes of Broughton Gifford, Melksham, Melksham Without, Steeple Ashton, Keevil, Great Hinton and Semington

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Please note: This meeting of the of the Melksham Area Board is to consider an urgent grant application, and will cover no other regular Area Board business

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	Time
<p>1 Chairman's Welcome, Introduction and Announcements</p> <p>Chairman's Announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment of hackney carriage and private hire drivers 	5:00pm
<p>2 Apologies for Absence</p>	
<p>3 Declarations of Interest</p> <p>To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee</p>	
<p>4 Shaw Village Hall Gable End Capital Repairs - Grant Application_<i>(Pages 1 - 2)</i></p>	
<p>5 Close</p>	6:00pm

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NEWS RELEASE

8 April 2022

For immediate release

Wiltshire Council is encouraging people to become a taxi driver in Wiltshire

Taxis are an essential part of our transport network providing a valuable service to the local community and in Wiltshire there is a shortage of taxi drivers.

Not only are taxi drivers needed by the community, but Wiltshire Council also needs reliable drivers to fulfil its growing number of SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) school and social care contracts. These contracts offer regular work and hours. They also help and support some of the most vulnerable people in Wiltshire.

Cllr Dr Mark McClelland, Cabinet Member for Transport said: “The council is committed to delivering contracts across our services which deliver the best value for money. Wiltshire needs a workforce with the right skills to prosper and more taxi drivers would help the council deliver our commitment to ensure young people get the best start in life.

“Being a taxi driver is a flexible job and they can either work for a taxi company or be their own boss, deciding when and where they want to work. Local taxi firms currently have lots of vacancies and we are carrying out a recruitment campaign on behalf of the taxi trade across the county.

“It’s easy to become a licensed taxi driver and once people have become a licensed driver, we hope that they will bid for one of the growing number of SEND school transport and social care contracts that we have available. There are plenty of opportunities and plenty of work available.”

Wiltshire Council has lots of contracts available which start at around £30 a day for short routes, increasing to £250+ a day for longer routes. Drivers are free to combine these contracts with rank work.

To become a taxi driver takes around six weeks and costs around £400. To be licensed people need to provide proof and undertake these simple checks:

- Proof of Identity

- Driving Licence held
- Enhanced DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check on previous convictions and whether disbarred from working with children
- Right to Work in the UK
- Medical (if applicable)
- Undertake on-line Safeguarding Training
- Take a guidelines test
- Knowledge test (if applying for a hackney carriage licence)

Find out more about becoming a taxi driver, how to licence a vehicle as a taxi, private hire or hackney carriage vehicle, and for an application pack visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/licences-permits-transport

To find out about our SEND school transport and social care contracts and how to bid for one email Wiltshire Council's Passenger Transport Unit at Passengertransport@wiltshire.gov.uk

Report To	Melksham Area Board
Date of Meeting	Tuesday, 12 April 2022
Title of Report	Melksham Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Melksham Area Board. These could include; community area grants, health and wellbeing, young person's 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 <u>2022/23</u>	£ 22,309	£ 18,349	£ 7,700
Awarded To Date	£ nil	£ nil	£ nil
Current Balance	£ nil	£ nil	£ nil
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 14,929	£ 18,349	£ 7,700

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG602	Community Area Grant	Shaw Playing Field and Village Hall	Shaw Village Hall Gable End Capital Repairs	£14760.00	£7380.00

Project Summary:

Our independent surveyors report has identified significant cracking in the mortar joints of the lightweight blockwork inner leaf, and significant movement in the North upper gable wall. These defects are as a result of poor construction methods from when the Hall was first built in the 1970s and specifically, with regard to the gable end, the absence of diagonal bracing members and GMS lateral restraint straps. There are also defects in the paved areas. Because these faults relate to poor construction and gradual degradation since then, they are not covered by insurance. This has been confirmed by our insurance broker. The Project is to arrest the movement on the gable end, repair the cracking in the mortar joints, and repair the external paving as follows:

- Gable end - remove the existing gable down to ceiling joist level, provide wind bracing and binder together with lateral restraint straps to the small extension roof, rebuild the gable in a vertical plane and rebed the verge.
- Mortar Joints - repoint the major cracking in the existing stonework.
- External Paving - remove defective paving and relay with slabs or concrete as necessary.
- Cleaning and decoration – tidy the site and decorate as necessary after the works are complete.

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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