

Devizes Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Devizes 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 2023/24	£ 25,869.00	£ 22,320.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 12,850.00	£ 14,948.65	£ 0.00
Current Balance	£ 13,019.00	£ 7,371.35	£ 7,700.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 5,519.00	£ 5,939.35	£ 7,430.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1304	Community Area Grant	The Patch in Potterne Community Interest Company	The Patch in Potterne Multi Purpose Community Centre	£135000.00	£5000.00

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<p>Project Summary: The Patch in Potterne, Wiltshire, is a new initiative to turn the former Potterne village school into a vibrant, community hub to host activities for all ages, including special provision for the vulnerable and those most in need. The commercial value of this building is around £300,000. However, as a community asset the unique opportunity exists to purchase it for just £105,000. This new community regeneration project will breathe new life into the former school building, bring the Potterne community closer together and empower and support a wide variety of people and activities: business, social, cultural and well-being. It will be available for practical skills, physical and mental awareness, creative learning and development. These objectives will be achieved by offering new space for arts, clubs, crafts, exhibitions and health services, so drawing in all sections from the village community. The heart of the centre will be the beautiful tearoom which will also double as a bar for smaller evening events. This area will also be where local craft and artisan traders can display and sell their wares using the cabinets provided. Music and the arts will be part of many activities for local and visiting artists to use the venue as a practice or learning centre. Other uses include a music and book library, a repair shop and a mini-museum of village history.</p>					
ABG1372	Community Area Grant	Busy Kids Nursery	Busy Kids Outdoor Shelter	£4416.00	£2000.00
<p>Project Summary: Our project will be physically improving our existing outdoor space by building a new secure structure (pergola) with secured posts and roof that will create a shaded play area to extend our outside play for babies and young children. This would enable the children to continue their play outside with shade protection from the sun and the rain. Furthermore this will enable local children opportunities to continue to learn and develop new outdoor, physical and social skills in an environment that is accessible. We urgently need to install a suitable safe shelter as our existing structure had become rotten. while it has been temporarily fixed, a new permanent structure is now needed. The new structure will enable both younger and older children to come together in a safe environment regardless of the weather and allow them to continue to explore and have fun. Outdoor learning is a part of every child's development, and with the support from the area board community grant, we will be able to ensure that children have access to a suitable outdoor environment at any point in their day. As a strong community, we believe "it takes a village to raise a child" and we raise funds together throughout the year, however, over the last 2 years, due to the repercussion of the pandemic, shortfall in funding, inflation costs pushing costs and rates up and cost of living crisis, it has slowed considerably and we are now reaching out to you for some needed help. We have established a breakfast, afterschool club and holiday for children who also attend our neighbouring school St Nicholas so this space is used throughout the year from 8am until 6pm for children from 0-11 years. We are the only nursery in the community and this project will have a direct impact within our local community.</p>					
ABG1412	Community Area Grant	Worton and Cheverell Football Club	Worton and Cheverell Football Club Football Goals	£1000.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: Worton and Cheverell Football Club are looking for help to raise funds to support the club with its growth. With the recent increased growth of the team, including expansion of the younger age ranges, particularly the girls team and the newly formed women's group, we are short on football goals to allow us to play effectively in our winter training locations. We are looking for £500 to contribute towards the purchase of two new sets of goals for this winter season.</p>					
ABG1400	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Devizes Mens Shed	Devizes Mens Shed First Aid Training	£270.00	£270.00

Project Summary:

The Devizes Mens' Shed has a membership of 37 which includes 4 females. It is open to anyone over the age of 55 years. Our purpose is to improve the mental health of members by providing a meeting place where they can use a wide variety of woodworking tools to make objects of their choice. Some members merely use the Shed as a meeting place to chat with others in a relaxed social environment. We are required by the terms of our lease and our insurance that we have a qualified first aider on site when members are in the Shed using any of the machine or hand tools. I have costed the training at £270 for 4 people which would allow us the flexibility to ensure there is always a first aider present when we meet.

ABG1368	Youth Grant	Devizes Netball Club	Devizes Netball Club Sports Equipment	£2864.00	£1432.00
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Project Summary:

Devizes Netball Club are now seeking grant funds to purchase new netballs, coaching equipment, and bibs for the Junior Section (years 13 and over). Since the pandemic, the junior section has grown, outgrowing their home at Devizes Leisure Centre and now has an extra weekly training at Dauntsey's School. The club would like to grow their junior section but unable to take on new members because of the following: 1. Does not have enough equipment. 2. The equipment is not fit for purpose

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.