

<b>Report to</b>	Pewsey Area Board
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	06/11/2017
<b>Title of Report</b>	Community Area Grant funding

**Purpose of the report:**

To consider the applications for funding listed below.

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>
<p><b>Applicant:</b> Manningford Parish Council  <b>Project Title:</b> Manningford Village Hall new tables and chairs</p> <p><a href="#">View full application</a></p>	£1450.00
<p><b>Applicant:</b> Manningford Parish Council  <b>Project Title:</b> Installation of 10 kissing gates on local footpaths</p> <p><a href="#">View full application</a></p>	£1268.69
<p><b>Applicant:</b> Upavon Parish Council  <b>Project Title:</b> Refurbishment of Upavon Phone Box and Creation of a Tourist Information Point.</p> <p><a href="#">View full application</a></p>	£600.00

**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](#)

[The funding criteria and application forms](#) are available on the council's website.

**2. Main Considerations**

2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded in the 2017/2018 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. With 3 rounds of funding remaining in the current financial year, there is currently a balance of £13,273 remaining unspent in the budget.

### 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
<a href="#">2570</a>	Manningford Parish Council	Manningford Village Hall new tables and chairs	£1450.00
<b>Project Description:</b> We need to replace the old furniture some 20 years old as it is no longer presentable. They have deteriorated and could be considered a health and safety risk. We are experiencing some reluctance from individuals who want to use our facilities for their personal functions We need to replace 20 Tables and 80 chairs			
<b>Input from Community Engagement Manager:</b> The application meets the community grant criteria. The applicant is the Village Hall Management Committee via the Parish Council. This is a Capital project to replace tables and Chairs at Manningford Village Hall. The existing tables and chairs have passed their useful lifespan and are showing signs of wear and tear leading to some health and safety concerns. The condition of the tables and chairs is also thought to be a contributory factor to local residents booking alternative venues for their events and activities. Bringing the furnishings up to a more modern standard will ensure the local community has a quality facility for hire and support the generation of income for the hall. The total project cost is £2900.00 and the village Hall management committee is contributing £1450.00 from funds, donations and legacies leaving a shortfall of £1450.00 as the amount applied for to the area board.			

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">2571</a>	Manningford Parish Council	Installation of 10 kissing gates on local footpaths	£1268.69

**Project Description:**

With the increased interest in HEALTH ACTIVITIES and the welfare of the Elderly. We are seeing an increasing use of the footpaths in our Parish area. Not all people are as able as in the past and the Installation of KISSING Gates will enable people together with their dogs have greater access. We feel that this will be of benefit to all and will in turn encourage the residents to see and experience the beauty of this part of the Pewsey Vale

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

The application meets the community grants criteria. The applicant is a local parish council and this is a Capital project to install kissing gates on 10 local footpaths to widen access to the countryside for local residents, encourage walking and enhance the offer for tourists to the Pewsey Vale. The total project cost is £2537.38. The parish council is contributing 50%, £1268.69, leaving a shortfall of £1268.69 as the amount applied for to the area board. The parish council has £14,471 in free reserves however states it wishes to retain a satisfactory level of reserves to cover it's obligations and future expenditure.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">2558</a>	Upavon Parish Council	Refurbishment of Upavon Phone Box and Creation of a Tourist Information Point.	£600.00

**Project Description:**

Upavon Parish Council continues to work with the Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership in order to continue to promote the Tourist Economy in the Pewsey Vale. A part of this is to improve the infrastructure which supports tourism. We are now looking towards refurbishing our old GPO phone box and converting it into a Tourist Information Point as has been successfully created at Swan Corner Pewsey. Our phone box is in a reasonable state of repair and requires only a degree of make-over before fitting it out as an Information Point.

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

The application meets the community grants criteria, the applicant is a parish council and this is a Capital project to refurbish the GPO phone box in Upavon centre and convert it into a Tourist Information Point. This is in line with similar work taking place across the Pewsey Vale under the Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership. The total project cost is £995.61. Funds of £395.61 have been secured, leaving a shortfall of £600 as the amount applied for to the area board. It is understood that the area board has made an offer of £600 to parishes wishing to undertake such work, to support the development of tourism in the area.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

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

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