

Warminster Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Warminster 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	£ 21,559.00	£ 19,457.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Current Balance	£ 21,559.00	£ 19,457.00	£ 7,700.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 12,617.00	£ 14,457.00	£ 6,400.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1752	Area Board Initiative	Warminster Area Board	Maiden Bradley Parish News	£2676.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: The Maiden Bradley Parish News was created 35 years ago as a free monthly newsletter delivered to all households within the Maiden Bradley and Yarnfield Parish. It is run completely by volunteers and the only cost incurred is the printing. There are 200 copies printed and distributed by the first of every month without fail. The news is also uploaded to the Maiden Bradley Village Website so can be read online. The regular content includes a monthly diary of village events and notices, news from the Memorial Hall, the Church, the pub and the shop. There are regular contributions from the social and friendship groups - e.g. the Welcome and Luncheon clubs as well as the Speedwatch group, Link transport and other information of local interest such as contributions from Wiltshire police and Council. All villagers are actively invited to contribute articles and many do so. A significant proportion of our residents are elderly and not IT savvy, so the availability of a printed newsletter is essential.</p>					
ABG1413	Community Area Grant	Selwood Housing	Westleigh Community CCTV Project	£20000.00	£5000.00

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<p>Project Summary: Since 2018, Selwood Housing have introduced a series of initiatives to improve the safety, environment and aesthetic appearance of the Westleigh estate. Anti-Social Behaviour has been a central issue and concern on the estate for a number of years. Drug use and supply, threats and intimidation, speeding and unroadworthy vehicles are among the main priorities that residents face and would like to see reduced and resolved. It is clear that the behaviour puts a strain on the resources of Selwood Housing and partner agencies such as the Police and local authority. We are proposing the installation of CCTV to cover the highways, pavements, garage and parking forecourts, entrances and egress so that the area can be monitored and evidence of ASB gathered. This will help provide an effective response to incidents quickly. This will have a positive effect and increase the wellbeing and safety of residents; not only Selwood Housing customers, but also private home owners and tenants who make up a large proportion of residents on the Westleigh estate. Access to Princecroft Primary School, including The Hive Nursery is located on the estate. They receive a number of complaints from parents witnessing ASB when taking their children to and from the school.</p>					
ABG1733	Community Area Grant	Tynings Allotments and Leisure Gardeners Association	Tynings Allotment Access Improvement	£1964.00	£982.00
<p>Project Summary: Tynings Allotment Society aims to involve the wider community in activities. The society runs a pavilion on site which is used by numerous community groups for a wide variety of activities. In addition, the Society puts on many events throughout the year for the Warminster community to attend. Many older or vulnerable groups attend such activities including people who may be lonely or isolated. This new project to open up the pavilion onto a large expanse of garden so that people will be able to easily access outdoors and enjoy the allotment gardens from the pavilion. This will be particularly useful for people with mobility or other access difficulties.</p>					
ABG1789	Community Area Grant	Corsley Reading Room	Corsley Reading Room Repairs	£5160.00	£2500.00
<p>Project Summary: Some critical indoor and outdoor repairs at the Reading Room Specifically: - 1. Repointing areas of external walls, replacement of 2x corroded external window cills, minor roof repairs above kitchen/lower room (£1850plus VAT) 2. Repairs to rear entrance floor, joists and flooring to be replaced near back doorway (£652plus VAT) 3. Upgrading 2x female toilets including replacing lino flooring to female toilets and hall (£1797plus VAT) The main building dates from the 1890s. These repairs will make the hall damp proof for the coming years and are needed to prevent further damage during next winter. The floor repairs are needed urgently as the indications are that it will become unsafe and the improvements to the toilets will improve safety and hygiene. The total costs of these works (including VAT) is £5160</p>					
ABG1792	Community Area Grant	Corsley War Memorial Playing Field	Equipment for volunteers to use when maintaining the playing field and orchard	£999.00	£500.00

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<p>Project Summary: In line with climate emergency we are trying to move to electrical equipment with low or no emissions. This has the additional benefits of helping many of our volunteers who are older citizens, who struggle with using heavy equipment. There is no requirement for having fuel available to run equipment. The equipment is quieter so causing less disturbance to neighbours and not requiring ear defenders (improved health and safety). We want to buy some power shears (no grip strength needed), telescopic pruning shears and pruning saw to enable us to manage the trees and bushes more effectively.</p>					
ABG1750	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall	Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall Community Coffee Mornings	£1000.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: The Hall provides a weekly coffee morning for all local residents - in particular, the elderly and isolated who have little other regular contact with their neighbours. The Hall provides refreshments at a minimal charge with no intention of making a profit - and is supported by donations of homemade cakes etc. A grant of £500 would enable us to purchase ingredients and consumables as well as supporting wear and tear on equipment and energy use.</p>					
ABG1802	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Corsley Reading Room	Community Film Club	£316.00	£300.00
<p>Project Summary: We will create and run a low fee membership club which will select and show films to its members in the village hall through the winter months. Thus providing a social activity accessible to those in the community who might have difficulty travelling outside the village for social and cultural events. This activity requires a public performance licence.</p>					
ABG1785	Youth Grant	Warminster youth club	Warminster youth club core costs	£10257.70	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: We run a weekly youth club during term time for those aged 11-19 and up to 25 with SEND who live in Warmisnter and the surrounding villages. We offer the young people somewhere safe to hang out and make new friends alongside this they have youth workers on hand to offer support for a variety of matters of issues that they maybe facing including but not limited to sexual health, bully v, violence and alcohol and drug use. As well as this we offer a informal education from low level sport to arts and crafts and cooking and baking. The club is open to anyone who are in the age range and is accessible for a small weekly charge of £2 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.