

Report to	Melksham Area Board
Date of Meeting	07/02/2018
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding

Area Board Grants Budget			
Opening balance 2017/18	Spend to date	Current balance	Total of all grant applications
£46,710.00	£26,832.21	£19,877.79	£22,440.62 (includes Cllr Led Initiative)

Purpose of the report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below and to update on the allocation of £500 to Melksham Rugby Club using the delegated power of the Area Board Chair.

Applicant	Amount requested
Applicant: Wiltshire West District Scout Association Project Title: Formation of new scout Group to serve Whitley Shaw and Atworth View full application	£500.00
Applicant: Melksham Without Parish Council Project Title: Kissing Gate at rear of Shaw Playing Field View full application	£573.00
Applicant: Melksham Without Parish Council Project Title: New footway at Hornchurch Road POS View full application	£5937.62
Applicant: Young Melksham Project Title: Young Melksham - New Pool table and sports equipment. View full application	£740.00
Applicant: Poulshot Village Trust Project Title: Poulshot Rights of Way Accessibility Project.	£940.00

View full application	
Applicant: LARK RISE COMMUNITY FARM Project Title: Larkrise Community Farm - Sensory Classroom Project View full application	£2000.00
Applicant: Broughton Gifford Cricket Club Project Title: Broughton Gifford Community Mower View full application	£2250.00
Applicant: Melksham Town Council Project Title: Grounds Maintenance equipment View full application	£5000.00

A grant of £500 was provided to Melksham Rugby Club to purchase a defibrillator. This was in reaction to a tragic incident involving one of the playing members of the Melksham Rugby Club. It was the wish of the club and the family members of the player involved that a defibrillator be installed at Oakfields Stadium to help prevent similar incidents happening in the future.

The delegated power to the Chair of the Area Board was agreed in 2016 as follows:

In order to expedite the work of the Area Board and to deal with urgent matters that may arise between meetings, the Community Engagement Manager, in consultation with the Chairman (or in their absence, the Vice-Chairman) of the Area Board, may authorise expenditure to support community projects from the delegated community grants budget of up to £1,000 in total, youth projects of up to £1,000 in total, and health and wellbeing projects of up to £1,000 in total, between meetings of the Area Board.

Decisions taken between meetings would be reported to the next meeting of the Area Board explaining why the matter was considered urgent or necessary to expedite the work of the Board and the Cabinet Member for Communities, Campuses, Area Boards and Broadband would also be kept informed of any such decisions.

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.

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
2657	Wiltshire West District Scout Association	Formation of new scout Group to serve Whitley Shaw and Atworth	£500.00

Project Description:

In response to local demand and in order to give every young person who wishes to take advantage of what Scouting has to offer we wish to start up a new Group initially with Beavers and Cubs serving young people from Shaw Whitley and Atworth. Shaw Primary School has offered to provide accommodation and the Trustees of Bowerhill Scout Group have agreed to provide banking etc support until the new Group has found its feet. The money is required to help towards start-up costs such as uniforms and training for new leader's equipment etc until the new Group becomes self-sufficient. This is a very exciting development which we very much hope that the Area Board will feel able to support

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

The grant application meets the 2017/18 grants criteria

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2693	Melksham Without Parish Council	Kissing Gate at rear of Shaw Playing Field	£573.00
<p>Project Description: The Parish Council received a request from an older resident in Shaw for the replacement of the existing rusty metal V style stile at the end of MELW78 where it joins MELW79 and enters Shaw Sports Field. This style of stile is proving difficult for older people and those with more limited mobility to use and the Council would like to replace it with a pedestrian kissing gate. Shaw School has a lot of issues with regard to traffic and parking problems at school drop off and collection times and is trying to address these issues by revising their school travel plan and PROW MELW79 is one of the walking routes that they have been looking at as a potentially safer route for children to get to school avoiding using the A365 Shaw Hill. Both landowners involved are happy with the potential replacement of the old v style stile with a pedestrian kissing gate. The West Wilts Ramblers have offered to install the kissing gate as they wish to encourage Parish Councils to improve PROW by replacing stiles with kissing gates. The kissing gate proposed to be installed has been recommended by Paul Millard the WC ROW Officer and is the make and style usually installed by WC.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: The grant application meets the 2017/18 grants criteria</p>			
<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2695	Melksham Without Parish Council	New footway at Hornchurch Road POS	£5937.62
<p>Project Description: The Parish Council wish to install a new section of footway to link to the existing footpaths to create a circular cycling walking route around the area of public open space at Hornchurch Road. This is something that has been requested by residents and supported by BRAG - Bowerhill Residents Action Group and Wiltshire Cllr. Roy While. Additionally, this scheme had previously been considered a good proposal by Mike Crook of the Rights of Way Countryside Team as a PIGS Paths Improvement Grant scheme before the grant funding was withdrawn from that team direct.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: The grant application meets the 2017/18 grants criteria</p>			
<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2674	Young Melksham	Young Melksham - New Pool table and sports equipment.	£740.00

Project Description:

Young Melksham run youth clubs at the Canberra Centre in Melksham for young people aged 8 to 18 and up to 25 for young people with special educational needs and disabilities. We run a variety of activities at our clubs including sports and games as the young people enjoy being active. We need to renew our equipment as it is very well used. The equipment that we currently have was kindly donated by Wiltshire Council when we re-opened Canberra but was from the very little left of the old kit from Youth Centres across the county and some of it was partially broken when we first received it.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

The grant application meets the 2017/18 grants criteria

Proposal

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Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2671	Poulshot Village Trust	Poulshot Rights of Way Accessibility Project.	£940.00

Project Description:

The overall aim of this project is to make as many of the Rights of Way that run through Poulshot Village as accessible to all as possible. This application is for the funding necessary to replace the current 8 rickety stiles four on footpath POUL06 and four on footpath POUL07 with easy-access wooden gates.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

The grant application meets the 2017/18 grants criteria

Proposal

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Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2692	LARK RISE COMMUNITY FARM	Larkrise Community Farm - Sensory Classroom Project	£2000.00

Project Description:

We wish to transform the classroom area of our busy animal care and agricultural learning setting to make it a welcoming and more sensory area. The classroom area is used daily by a wide range of age groups all from our Wiltshire catchment area and is in desperate need of refurbishment and redecorating.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

The grant application meets the 2017/18 grants criteria

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Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2681	Broughton Gifford Cricket Club	Broughton Gifford Community Mower	£2250.00

<p>Project Description: Broughton Gifford Cricket Club BGCC have previously paid a sub-contractor to cut the outfield part of the cricket pitch located on large Broughton Gifford Common. The cricket pitch is the only part of the common where the grass is kept short and is used throughout the summer by kids/families for recreational activities. Increasing costs means its unsustainable for BGCC to continue to pay a sub-contractor and we are looking to invest in a mower to undertake the mowing ourselves. This is a joint bid with the parish council and the mower will be available for other areas of the village.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: The grant application meets the 2017/18 grants criteria</p>
<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.</p>

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2689	Melksham Town Council	Grounds Maintenance equipment	£5000.00
<p>Project Description: Subject to budget approval the Town Council would wish to procure grass cutting and ancillary equipment which will be used to facilitate an enhanced standard of grass cutting in key amenity areas most notably the cemetery and play areas around the town. It is perceived that the acquisition of this equipment will enable in house resource to provide more frequent grass cutting and to a higher standard than has previously been achieved thereby providing a significant community benefit.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: The grant application meets the 2017/18 grants criteria</p>			
<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.</p>			

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

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