

Report to	Melksham Area Board
Date of Meeting	03/09/2019
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding

Purpose of the report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below.

Applicant	Amount requested
Applicant: Community Emergency Group Project Title: Walkie Talkies for Community Emergency Group: Shaw and Whitley View full application	£320.54

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 2019/2020 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
3323	Community Emergency Group	Walkie Talkies for Community Emergency Group: Shaw and Whitley	£320.54
Project Description: The Community Emergency Group CEG has existed for over 4 years and we have an active group of about 25 volunteers. We have been advised that walkie talkies would be beneficial in the event of an emergency. The Reading Rooms in Whitley is our control room. We need to locate 10 walkie talkie units in a cupboard and maintain the units on trickle charge. This necessitates a 13-amp socket, also there is a need for an antenna to be fitted to the chimney with associated lead can be connected to the master walkie talkie used within the control room. This will ensure a signal will be available to volunteers within the confines of the 2 villages. The walkie talkies will enable volunteers to communicate with the control room in an emergency situation i.e. flooding ice snow etc. Currently volunteers use their own mobile phones which is very restrictive. Members of our community will receive support in the event of flooding at their homes.			
Input from Community Engagement Manager: This is an application to the community grants scheme for capital funding of £321 towards total project costs of £ 446. Other contributions include a grant of £75 from the parish council, £ 50 time donated in kind for fitting and installation, plus a further 8 hours volunteer contribution.			
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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