

<b>Report to</b>	Melksham Area Board
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	14/12/2020
<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> Atworth Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee  <b>Project Title:</b> Atworth Village Hall - Refurbishment of Changing Room</p> <p><a href="#">View full application</a></p>	£4000.00
<p><b>Applicant:</b> Melksham Oak Community School  <b>Project Title:</b> Boxercise Intervention</p> <p><a href="#">View full application</a></p>	£406.58
<p><b>Applicant:</b> Young Melksham  <b>Project Title:</b> Disabled access entrance to The Canberra Centre</p> <p><a href="#">View full application</a></p>	£4950.00
<p><b>Applicant:</b> Age Friendly Melksham CIC  <b>Project Title:</b> Face2Face Mobile Video Calls</p> <p><a href="#">View full application</a></p>	£918.00

## 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 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
<a href="#">3855</a>	Atworth Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee	Atworth Village Hall - Refurbishment of Changing Room	£4000.00

#### Project Description:

For many years the changing room located at the rear of the Atworth Village Hall was used by local football clubs mostly playing in the Sunday league. For the past five year no club has used these facilities and after many telephone conversations with the FA it does not seem like it will be used again. Therefore, we are proposing that we convert this room to a multiuse room that can be hired by the public. It can also be used by the Parish Clerk as an office space when it's not being use by the public. This room will be useful as sometimes we have been asked for a room to be hired but the main hall is in use.

We try to keep enough funds to pay all maintenance invoices for between 12 and 18 months. However, we recently had a tree survey conducted in the recreation

ground and found that several trees need to be removed over the next few months. We also had a ROSPA inspection carried out on the children's equipment and certain work needs to be scheduled to make some equipment safe. The village hall has also not been used since early March and after carrying out a survey of users recently it does not seem likely to be opened again until the new year. This means that we will not receive any income until users start using the hall again. By refurbishing this room and hiring it out to existing and new groups it should help us to recover from the lack of income quicker when the Covid-19 restrictions are lifted. Normally we have over 5000 users come through the village hall doors. Obviously, this year we have had none. We may or may not have the same groups back in the hall when restrictions are finally lifted from Covid-19. By completing this refurbishment of the changing room, we will be able to offer more facilities to current groups and also to encourage new and different groups into the hall. This will also offer more opportunities for older members of our community to join user group and to go out to meet friends and join in with others this will help to combat loneliness which is on the increase.

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

Hills Waste is contributing £10,000 and the Parish Council £6,000 to this £20,000 project.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">3955</a>	Melksham Oak Community School	Boxercise Intervention	£406.58

**Project Description:**

We would like to start a number of intervention projects based around boxercise. The aim is to use boxing to assist targeted groups of students. The activity will aim address physical and mental health issues.

Our pastoral support team will identify small groups of students to attend a 6-week intervention program. The students could be picked for a variety of reasons which could include low self-esteem mental health concerns behavioural concerns and or special educational needs. The activity will be run alongside support from the pastoral team. This activity will be run in addition to their normal curriculum therefore cannot be funded by our normal departmental budgets. We also intend to set up an after-school club for these students so that they can still benefit from the positives of boxing even after the program has finished. Finally, the Boxing equipment will be a useful resource for our pastoral team should they wish to run off a one-off intervention with a student.

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

The project meets eligibility requirements and does not require match funding. It is an extra-curricular activity and outside core education funding.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">3957</a>	Young Melksham	Disabled access entrance to The Canberra Centre	£4950.00

**Project Description:**

Following the sale of a Wiltshire Council Property adjacent to The Canberra Centre the formerly shared disabled access step-free access to The Canberra Centre was lost. To ensure disabled step-free access and compliance with the Equality Act 2010 we need to construct a new wheelchair friendly access to The Canberra Centre. This will also support access for Age Friendly member and other community groups using the centre. The secure entry and visitor systems will improve safeguarding and support tracking in line with the risk assessment for the management of COVID19.

The inclusion of step-free access to The Canberra Centre will benefit the members and carers of Monday No Limits Club and Friday disco for SEND adults by ensuring all our disabled clients and their carers have access that is equal to that of non-disabled clients in accordance with the Equality Act 2010. The step-free entrance will also benefit the more aged clients of Age Friendly and other community groups offering activities such as Wheelchair Yoga. Step-free access is also useful for parents requiring access for prams and pushchairs. As a result of these changes the centre will become a space that is easily accessible for the community of Melksham and the surrounding villages enabling people of all ages physical abilities and those requiring particular style of entry due to their stage in life to access and utilise The Canberra Centre. The inclusion of a secure entry system and visitor management system will enhance the safety and safeguarding of our clients and staff and allow us to more readily track our visitors in line with our COVID-19 risk assessment.

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

Match funding contributions have been secured from Melksham Town Council and 4Youth reserves and other grants are being sought.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">3958</a>	Age Friendly Melksham CIC	Face2Face Mobile Video Calls	£918.00

**Project Description:**

To facilitate contact between those people who have not seen family and friends as a result of the Covid Pandemic or because they are unable to travel and family live away through the use of loan iPads with Age Friendly Face2Face Facilitators to set up the calls for users.

We will purchase two iPads that service users can borrow that will allow them to have video calls using Facetime/Zoom/WhatsApp etc with their friends/relatives. The iPads will be a bookable resource that we would deliver to the Service Users home and then collect after an hour or two. Where necessary the AFM volunteer would set up the call so that the service user would not need existing computer skills. This service will be available to anyone who is unable to access the necessary equipment to be able to make video calls to friends and family and is therefore at risk of being or is socially isolated.

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

The project meets eligibility requirements. Match funding has been provided by reserves and from donations, including from Blenheim House Care Home

**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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