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| Report to | Southern Wiltshire |
| Date of Meeting | 27/05/2021 |
| Title of Report | Community Youth Grants |

1. Purpose of the report:

To ask Councillors to consider the following applications seeking funding from the Southern Wiltshire Area Board.

| Application | Grant Amount |
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| Applicant: Coombe Bissett and Homington Cricket Club (u19s) Project Title: CBHCC Cricket Club Balls | £158.00 |

2. Main Considerations

Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2021/22 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.

Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Cabinet member. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance.

Community Youth Grants will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

Community Youth Grants give all local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.

3. The applications

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| Applicant: Coombe Bissett and Homington Cricket Club Project Title: CBHCC Cricket Club Balls | Amount Requested from Area Board: £158.00 |
| This application meets the grant criteria for the Youth Budget. | |
| Project Summary: Since Coombe Bissett and Homington Cricket Club was founded in 1980 it has had a strong link to young people and a strong desire to provide sporting opportunities for those living and associated with the village. The club has a long tradition of welcoming players from a young age and helping to train them through recreational Sunday games and practice at the nets when possible. Many players have gone on to represent county university and city teams. However since our roller was stolen a number of years ago and costs of sports equipment has risen since the pandemic the cricket club is experiencing a rise in variable costs and therefore is seeking help from the area board. We need to purchase cricket balls to | |

use in our training sessions as well as matches which provide vital opportunities for young people. We are also planning a number of other T-20 games to attract younger players and will require specific balls for these. T20 games attract younger players as they are shorter and therefore make it easier for people to manage around work and school commitments.

Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community:

In Coombe Bissett and Homington there are few opportunities for younger people to develop their sporting talent and therefore the club tries to capitalise on this gap in the market and attract younger players to the cricket club. However in order to keep doing this we must create an attractive flexible environment. This can only be achieved if the club has good equipment and equipment that is specific to our needs for example T20 balls required at evening games which are more suited to younger people. At the club we presently have 6 under-19 players two of whom sit on the clubs committee and I myself am 19 and applying for the grant. This funding would benefit the existing under-19s as well as helping us to attract potential club members from the wider community - it is difficult to place a number on this however many club players join through word of mouth advertising and our website which is tailored towards those using the internet. Playing as an under-19 or student is five pounds per game this covers the cost of cricket tea cricket balls and presently hand sanitiser and temperature checking equipment - help is also available for those who are unable to pay the match fee. The club has a dedicated team of volunteers who maintain a self built two storey pavilion as well as a committee which has a strong representation of young people. The cricket club has support of the parish council and a number of villagers attend matches regularly to offer their support. Families also benefit from seeing first class cricket and can often be seen enjoying the nets with the clubs cricket balls. Once members make contact with the club they are invited to come and watch a game and if they decide the club is for them they are invited to be on the team. As a result of the club operating a per game subscription service those on low incomes are able to simply play as an when possible and can be supported by the club if possible.

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