

Report to Malmesbury Area Board
Date of meeting 01/03/2017
Title of report Community Area Grant funding

Purpose of the Report:
 To consider the applications for funding listed below.

Applicant	Amount requested
Open Blue Bus Trust	£3,898.33
Brinkworth Church Council	£2,000.00
Athelstan Museum	£5,000.00
Butterflies Pre-School, Brinkworth	£1,000.00
Ashton Keynes Seniors Group	£480.00
Sherston Shooters	£254.98
Wilts & Berks Canal Trust	£3,000.00
GT Somerford Parish Council	£3,000.00
Friends of Riverside	£1,560.00
Malmesbury & District Twinning	£750.00

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 available here: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/community-area-grants-criteria-2015-16-april.pdf>

The funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/areaboardscommunitygrantsscheme.htm>

2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded in the 2015/2016 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
ID 2180 (hyper link)	Open Blue Bus Trust	Community Bus Conversion	£3,898.33
<p>Project description</p> <p>Open Blue has been given a double decker bus. The bus is being converted into a mobile community centre for rural Wiltshire. The Open Blue Trust looks to cover gaps in service provision for those disadvantaged by rural isolation and poverty. Working with community champions we bring our mobile community centre right to the door step and run activities that those living in large villages and towns take for granted. Those living in the communities we visit struggle to access these groups in the nearby villages and towns because public transport is at best limited and they often do not have ready access to a car. The Open Blue Trusts mobile community centre is a converted double deck bus and using it we build community for those disadvantaged by rural poverty and isolation. We run carer and toddler groups after school clubs youth drop-ins and residents cafes in communities with no village hall or other facilities. Malmesbury has seen the bus in Parklands facilitating a toddler group and an after school club. Then a 1potcookery course for young mums to cook healthy meals on a budget for all the family. An afterschool club and parent toddler group for the army and local community at near Wellington place Hullavington continues as it has for over 10 years. These have been very successful. So this project will enable this work to continue and increase in the future.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager:</p> <p>The Open Blue bus project was a valuable resource in its original incarnation. I think it is a fantastic opportunity for project mark 2. In a time when we are striving to provide more in our rural settings this project works towards these ambitions.</p>			

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application from Open Blue Bus Trust for £3,898.33

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 2165 (hyper link)	Brinkworth Church Council	Brinkworth Bell Tower Restoration	£2,000.00
<p>Project description: The Bells of a casting 1663 are being restored. This should mean the bells last for many more years. It will also make the bells easier for young people to learn to ring. The Local Community will have the bells Clock preserved for many years to come. The Bells are of historical importance with the original 5 being a single casting from 1663. The Bells ring out to celebrate Happy Events such as weddings. The bells are unable to be rung at the moment since the bearings have broken on 2 bells and the bearings need replacing on all the bells. Moving the clock will provide more room for the ringers a sound proofing ceiling will make ringing easier as ringers will be able to hear instructions. The clock provides the time. Armistice Day Remembrance Sunday New Years Eve would not be the same without a public clock broadcasting the time to the community. The Bells will be easier to ring so we will be able to get younger children to learn to ring. Bell ringing provides gentle exercise team building mental stimulus.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: These church bells not only provide a joyful sound across the village and are a representation of many celebratory occasions in the community but also benefit community members in other ways. The ability for people to participate in gentle exercise which is different from most. I also applaud the churches efforts to engage more young people in bell ringing and being a part of this community.</p>			
<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application from Brinkworth Church Council for £2,000.00</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 2030 (hyper link)	Athelstan Museum	Movarian Church Restoration	£5,000.00
<p>Project description: To repair restore and convert semi-derelict Moravian Church Grade 2 listed for use by Athelstan Museum to expand and improve its activities. To provide toilets including disabled facilities and a small kitchen. To create an office and storage space for collection. Benefits saving listed building and providing sustainable use improve townscape facilitate education for children and adults provide sufficient space to make wider and more energetic activities available for children enlarged display area versatile room for lectures societies films talks meetings and social events improved care of collection. Facilities to be available to other groups in town.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: This project is a huge undertaking and hats off to the Museum and its valiant volunteers for taking on this task and saving this church for future generations and utilizing the space for community benefit and an extension of the growing museum.</p>			
<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application from Athelstan Museum for £5,000.00</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 2181 (hyper link)	Butterflies Pre-School, Brinkworth	Support Fund	£1,000.00
<p>Project description: Butterflies is village preschool with long standing roots in the area. Low attendance numbers have led to the preschool making a loss for the last few years and we are currently struggling to find the money for daily resources - paper towels gloves replacement toys and our broken CD player.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: Butterflies pre-school are under pressured times to continue to provide a child care provision in a changing climate. They are working with multiple partners across Dauntsey and Brinkworth to secure their future and these vital funds will support them as they continue on this mission.</p>			
<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application from Butterflies Pre-School for £1,000.00</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 2236 (hyper link)	Ashton Keynes Seniors Group	Table tennis club equipment	£480.00
<p>Project description: The group has been set up to provide a weekly daytime table tennis session for the retired in the village of Ashton Keynes. The primary ethos is for fun and social contact with the objective to improve or maintain fitness. We have 24 members so need to purchase 4 table tennis tables and associated equipment.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: This is a fantastic new group in one of our rural villages, supporting older people with a space to meet, socialize, and engage in light exercise. The importance of these kinds of groups and activities is immeasurable, and the funds they require tiny in comparison to the benefits to the local older population.</p>			
<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application from Ashton Keynes Seniors Group for £480.00</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 2271 (hyper link)	Sherston Shooters	Netball Club Equipment	£254.98
<p>Project description: Sherston Shooters Netball club based in Sherston. The club was formed 4 years ago as part of Back to Netball which encourages netball leading to fitness weight loss and self confidence. We train once a week all year round. Since we started we have grown from strength to strength and this season we have affiliated and joined the Avon Netball. To play in the league successfully we need to have captial equipment for each match as well a training. We are applying for funding for the equipment. Which mean our reserves are freed up to fund essential first aid and umpiring courses and well as coaching.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: Sherston Shooters continues to grow in popularity and professionalism. So the group can afford first aid course and coaching to help the group reach their petential, Area board funds would support new equipment. Physical activity in a rural setting is again, an important provision which need to be supported as it encourages more activity in the villages and a chance for people to come together.</p>			
<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application from Sherston Shooters for £254.98</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal		Requested
ID 2295 (hyper link)	Wilts & Berks Canal Trust	Transitional Project	Skills	£3,000.00
<p>Project description: Wilts Berks Canal Trust as a part of our community engagement focus is planning a pilot programme for 12 months using our member volunteers to transfer skills to wider community members particularly those who are in the most vulnerable and socially excluded groups of our communities. We will be using the Community Rooms at our HQ base at the Peterborough Arms Dauntsey Lock where we will be working with a number of partners such as The Inclusion Project who work with for young adults with learning difficulties Help 4 heroes who work with injured servicemen and former servicemen and 3 Ms cafe in Lyneham who work with adults with memory issues and other partners who have expressed interest in the Transition Project to provide programmes of activities which will lead to outcomes designed to improve life and work skills as well as health and well being benefits through social contact and planned activity and exercise. Some of the programmes being designed are Arts Crafts Gardening Music IT skills Catering and Hospitality skills and Environmental management and rural life skills. Each programme will have identified outcomes in terms of skills transfer and will be backed up with assessments and certification where appropriate. We are also aiming to give most programmes a canal theme to identify the programme with our organisation. The skill sharing using WBCT volunteers will take place in a safe local setting with individual rather than group aims of small steps for each participant leading towards better social and community connection more independent living and for some the world of work. The WBCT volunteers gain from the participation in sharing skills with being part of an exciting and worthwhile project and from social inclusiveness as well. The WBCT Transition Project concept is already being presented widely throughout the Waterways Movement both in the UK and in Europe and we need to run this 12 month pilot to produce the evidence to allow a greater roll out of this concept the Waterways Movement volunteer network in the UK is over 500000 strong a largely untapped skill sharing resource.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: Wilts & Berks Canal trust want to deliver two exceptional projects aimed at utilizing volunteers skills and sharing them with those in need, up skilling people and helping them do more. To achieve this, the group new equipment and tools, using the refurbished Peterborough Arms.</p> <p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application from Wilts & Berks Canal Trust for £3,000.00</p>				

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal		Requested
ID 2314 (hyper link)	GT Somerford Parish Council	Play Upgrades	Ground	£3,000.00
<p>Project description: At a recent survey it was established that young families would rather take their children to other parish play areas because Great Somerford lacks suitable equipment for play. Also much of the equipment is in need of replacing.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: As with most village playground equipment it is need of repair and upgrading. Great Somerford parish council have been working with residents to listen to their views and work with them to improve the facilities for everyone, and make existing equipment save once more. These resources are vital to village life, they bring people together and keep children (and the parents running after them) active.</p> <p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application from Great Somerford Parish Council for £3,000.00</p>				

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 2306 (hyper link)	Friends of Riverside	Seniors Group	£1,560.00
<p>Project description: Saturday sessions monthly for a year 10.30am to 1.30pm at Riverside for mainly older people to meet socialise and take part in activities from across the Malmesbury Community Area. This will include refreshments and a light lunch all available for free but a discreet voluntary contributions bowl will be available for those who wish to pay something towards the sessions. Carers and companions will be welcome. These sessions will promote social inclusion and support especially for those with mild dementia who may not yet be diagnosed and supported by other organisations and of course carers who are often family members.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: Having recently run a pilot seniors group which was incredibly well attended, and had great activities everyone could get involved in and socialize at the same time, I have great hope for future sessions. There is clearly a need and Friends of Riverside have been working with Ellen Blacker as Health & Wellbeing Champion and other partners to tailor sessions to meet the needs.</p>			
<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application from Friends of Riverside for £1,560.00</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 2301 (hyper link)	Malmesbury & District Twinning	Twin Towns Engagement Website	£750.00
<p>Project description: To design and produce a viable website with training from WMCAgency. This is to improve and develop communication about Malmesburys Twin towns in France and Germany to members and the wider community. Activities social events general information links to other relevant websites photos and videos will be in the public domain. This will encourage both new members and develop existing links such as schools and other local organisations including the Tennis club various Arts and Cultural groups community choir for example</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: This is a great concept, a website to help better link the Twinned Towns with Malmesbury. Acting as a portal where community members can upload information about their town/village to represent and share with the twinned towns in France & Germany. This is hoped to develop greater understanding of each other's worlds and will encourage young people to participate in uploading of information.</p>			
<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application from Malmesbury & District Twinning for £750.00</p>			

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

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