

Report To Melksham Area Board

Date of Meeting Friday, 02 July 2021

Title of Report Melksham Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Melksham Area Board. These could include; community area grants, health and wellbeing, young persons grants and Area Board initiatives.
- To document any recommendations provided through sub groups.

Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Young People	Health and Wellbeing
Opening Balance For <u>2021/22</u>	£ 44,617.00	£ enter figure	£ enter figure
Awarded To Date	£ 10,495.00	£ enter figure	£ enter figure
Current Balance	£ 34,122.00	£ enter figure	£ enter figure
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 29,122.00	£ enter figure	£ enter figure

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG129	Area Board Initiative	Wiltshire Council	Resurfacing the Riverside Millennium Walk	£5429.00	£5000.00

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<p>Project Summary: The footpath between Murray Walk and the Adventure Centre, which runs beside the River Avon, was constructed as a Millennium project by West Wiltshire District Council and is a well-used route which is popular with the community and a key part of the parkrun circuit. See photograph below. Its condition has deteriorated over the years and the path has become eroded to the point that the surface is now below the surrounding area, therefore after rain large puddles form making it hard to keep feet dry. People then take to the grass turning it into a mess, so footwear becomes wet and muddy. The surface is also very uneven making it difficult for pushchairs and mobility scooters, and it is also painful on the feet. The path requires resurfacing before we get into another winter. However until recently its ownership has been unclear and so there has been no planned maintenance programme. The path is classed as an “unfunded asset” and as such there is no budget for its maintenance within the Rights of Way budget at WC. Paul Millard, Countryside Access Officer, has provided advice and costings for the remedial work on the path. His contractor recommends the 170 m length path be rolled with Mendip Grit Sand. The existing surface has lasted quite well up until recent years although will need topping up from time to time in the future. Quotation to clean all dirt, grass turf and weeds etc. Overlay path with Mendip Grit Sand and compact with Twin Roller. Leave Site Clean and Tidy. Total cost to carry out works: £5,429 Hoggin – a mix of gravel, sand and clay - has been considered but because of potential flooding would become muddy in places. As some of the hoggin material could be up to 40mm, the path would need more depth so that the bigger pieces of stone can be covered with clay and smaller gravel to bind it together. The cost of this solution would be around £8,000 To lay with Tarmac would be a more expensive solution at £13,971 and because of the location would risk being washed away in any future flood event. At this stage no other “match funding” has been sought pending approval in principle to proceed with the project. If the project is not to be fully funded, contributions could be sought from local commercial sponsors or from the Town Council.</p>					

1. Background

Area Boards have authority to approve funding under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria. This document is available on the council’s website.

Three funding streams are available to the Area Board, each with an annually awarded amount. These funding streams are as follows:

- Community Area Grants (capital)
- Young People (revenue)
- Health and Wellbeing (revenue)

The Area Board will be advised of the funding available prior to their first meeting of each financial year.

2. Main Considerations

2.1. Councillors need to be satisfied that the applications meet the requirements as set out in the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria and that the health and wellbeing and young persons funding guidelines have been adhered to.

2.2. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.

2.3. Councillors need to consider any recommendations made by sub groups of the Area Boards.

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

Councillors must ensure that the Area Board has sufficient funding available to cover the grants awarded.

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.

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

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