

Report To	Marlborough Area Board
Date of Meeting	Tuesday, 10 January 2023
Title of Report	Marlborough Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Marlborough Area Board. These could include; community area grants, health and wellbeing, young person's 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>2022-23</u>	£ 15,835.00	£ 17,786.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 7,118.81	£ 5,850.00	£ 2,200.00
Current Balance	£ 8,716.19	£ 11,936.00	£ 5,500.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ -5,985.81	£ 6,140.00	£ 4,075.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG852	Community Area Grant	Avebury Cricket Club	Cricket Nets at Avebury Sports Field	£48000.00	£5000.00

Project Summary:

In February/March 2023 we aim to embark on a project to further improve the cricket facilities at Avebury. In recent years (due to creation of a 300-strong junior section, requests from Wiltshire Cricket to host junior county matches at the village and increase numbers of adult teams and community members using the facility) demand for "open access", good quality practice facilities has increased again and again. Our existing net facilities were built by us, by hand. Whilst we have been praised for our ability to get most of this right, serious flaws are appearing in terms of the way we did it – notably the slope, the unstable base surface, and the low-quality underlay and top surface, mean that it has become dangerous to use for hard ball practice – which is the purpose of the facility. Rebuilding as a professionally laid net facility will DRAMATICALLY improve our ability to host more cricket at Avebury, fulfil the objectives of our organisation, deliver more coaching, provide safe and secure practice facilities at Avebury, and improve Community life in Avebury and the surrounding area.

ABG843	Community Area Grant	Aldbourn Scouts and Guides Supporters Association	Aldbourn Scouts and Guides Big New Hut	£100000.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: The Aldbourn Scout and Guide Hut is now over 60 years old and is in urgent need of renovation. In addition, with the number of members rising each year, we felt it opportune to build a new extension at the same time as undertaking refurbishment work to the existing hut. The project will involve building a new extension to give us a second, smaller room for activities. The refurbishment work will include a new kitchen, toilets, windows, and entrance foyer.</p>					
ABG902	Community Area Grant	Winterbourne Monkton Community Hall	WMCH Window blinds	£5455.00	£2727.00
<p>Project Summary: The Community Hall is a new build but is essentially bare bones. We are applying for a grant to assist in the cost of installing blinds. These are for security, privacy, sound proofing and to reduce costs (heating loss).</p>					
ABG912	Community Area Grant	Ramsbury and Aldbourn Bowls Club	Ramsbury and Aldbourn Bowls Club mower	£3950.00	£1975.00
<p>Project Summary: Our existing mower is 12 years old, and we rely on using this machine 3 times a week to keep the green's grass at the correct height and minimise the growth of none grass species. We need to have a spare mower to hand to use within 3 days in case of a breakdown of this old mower. This new mower will replace the old mower which will be maintained as a spare.</p>					
ABG876	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Marlborough Town Council	Marlborough Area Cost of Living Crisis Partnership Coordinator	£2000.00	£1000.00
<p>Project Summary: In response to the cost-of-living crisis and the need for warm spaces, Marlborough Town Council has partnered up with community organisations and neighbouring parishes. A networking forum has been developed to ensure co-ordination and communication regarding the provision of support and services for residents who are starting to find themselves in need as a consequence of the cost-of-living challenges (increase in fuel and food costs). The group has met on three occasions and has identified a need for additional capacity to support and co-ordinate the work of this group over the coming months.</p>					
ABG898	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Saint Peters Church Trust	Saint Peters Church Warm Space	£500.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: In consultation with Marlborough Town Council and Wiltshire Council (Andrew Jack) it was agreed that the Trustees of St Peter's Church could make the building available as a Warm Space with hot drinks, and cake and biscuits, up to Christmas 6 days a week 10am-4pm. This grant application is to meet additional expenses that the charity will incur as a result of this project.</p>					
ABG905	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Greatwood Charity	Equine Assisted Intervention at a nursing home	£2850.00	£1425.00
<p>Project Summary: The six week programme aims to explore and measure the impact on, and the benefit to physical and mental health of the residents in the care home, and to use these findings to build and promote the wider uses of former racehorses in the community, specifically supporting the mental wellbeing of the elderly.</p>					

ABG886	Youth Grant	2nd Marlborough Scout Group	Support for 2nd Marlborough Scout Group youth activities	£5802.00	£2901.00
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Project Summary:

Funding to enable camping trips for young residents of Marlborough and subscriptions for young people from disadvantaged households unable to, otherwise, afford to attend scouts.

ABG923	Youth Grant	Marlborough Penguins Amateur Swimming Club	Marlborough Penguins Swimming Club Volunteer and Swimmer Support	£5790.00	£2895.00
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Project Summary:

Marlborough Penguins Amateur Swimming Club (MPASC) (marlboroughpenguins.com) was founded in May 1958 and has been run as a “not for profit” organisation since that time. The Club is run entirely by Volunteers, except for the Head Coach, and regularly supports the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme for many of our Young Volunteers who now form an integral part of our Learn To Swim classes. The Club currently has 252 active swimmers between 5 and 65 years old, 222 being <19 years old, with 63 of those being between 13 and 19 years old. We have an active Learn to Swim, Competitive Squad and Masters Squad structure in place. Since Covid, we have unfortunately seen a decline in membership of the Club (our only income) ~25% reduction, increasing pool hire costs and many of our Volunteers stepping down from their positions. This has resulted in the Club losing money for the past 2 years vs. maintaining a steady state, a concern as we look to the future. For many of our Swimmers, the Club plays an integral part in their wellbeing, not only providing the opportunity to partake in regular exercise, with associated physical and mental health benefits, but also the opportunity to increase their social networks and interactions. Whilst the ramifications of Covid has brought challenges to the Club in terms of financial stability, our Swimmers have continued to perform extremely well. Last year, we had 4 swimmers reach the British National Swimming Competitions (including one Para swimmer), 17 swimmers in the South West Regional Competitions and 46 swimmers in 250 events at the Wiltshire County competitions. This year, in January 2023, we will have 56 swimmers swimming 369 events at the Wiltshire County competitions and anticipate a similar number to attend the South West Regionals (qualification period still open). We are requesting funding to: - Support the training of six our Teaching and Coaching Volunteers; a key requirement to ensure that we meet our governance requirements, as well as enhancing the services we provide to our swimmers. - Support our Hardship Fund which is offered to all members to ensure that we are as inclusive as possible and swimmers are not denied opportunities that may be unaffordable otherwise. - Support expenses to fund our Head Coach’s attendance at the Wiltshire County and South West Regional Competitions, enabling the Club to provide expert poolside Coaching assistance for our Swimmers.

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 Grant (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 person’s 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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