

Report to	Warminster Area Board
Date of Meeting	9 January 2014
Title of Report	Area Board Funding

Purpose of Report

To ask councillors to consider officer recommendations in respect to eight grant applications that have been received:

- 1. Maiden Bradley Village Hall IT Inclusion Project (Maiden Bradley Village Hall)**
£412.65 requested
Officer Recommendation – Approve
- 2. South Wales Adventure Journey (Upton Lovell Youth Group)**
£1500 requested
Officer Recommendation – Approve
- 3. Tynings Allotments irrigation, water borehole and storage (Tynings Allotments and Leisure Gardens Association)**
£5000 requested
Officer Recommendation – Approve
- 4. Deverill's Festival of Performing Arts 2014 (Deverill's Festival)**
£3000 requested
Officer Recommendation - Approve
- 5. Corsley Reading Room hearing loop (Corsley Reading Room)**
£429 requested
Officer Recommendation - Approve
- 6. Wessex MS Therapy Centre Patio Cover (Wessex MS Therapy Centre)**
£3000 requested
Officer Recommendation - Approve
- 7. Warminster Town FC new soakaways (Warminster Football Club)**
£3000 requested
Officer Recommendation – Approve
- 8. 6th Warminster Wobble (Warminster Cycle Group)**
£1000 requested
Officer Recommendation – Approve

1. Background

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Adult Care, Communities and Housing (5 April 2013). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the [Area Board Grants Guidance 2013/2014](#).
- 1.2. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any decision of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria and/or the officer's recommendation would need to demonstrate that the application in question has a wider community benefit, and give specific reasons for why this should justify an exception to the criteria.
- 1.3. The Localism agenda supports the ethos of volunteering and community involvement and the nurturing of resilient communities. With this in mind Community Area Grants (CAGs) should be encouraged from and awarded to community and voluntary groups.
- 1.4. The area board may want to link funding to local priorities, including those identified in their Community Plan, Local Area Joint Strategic Assessment and any other community based consultative work.
- 1.5. Warminster Area Board has been allocated a 2013/2014 budget of £51,672 ([See Appendix one of report to Cabinet](#)) for community area grants, £1,500 for digital literacy grants and up to £10,334 for community partnership core funding, totalling £66,951.
- 1.6. In addition to CAGs and digital literacy grants councillors can submit an Area Board/Councillor Led Initiative. This enables area boards to tackle sticky community issues and/or community identified priorities. Cabinet have emphasised that they do not wish these to be used to avoid complying with Community Area Grant criteria or for filling gaps where there are council service shortfalls.
- 1.7. In support of the Olympic and Paralympic legacy, in 2013/14 the Warminster area board invites applications that encourage young people and people with disabilities to become more actively involved in sports, outdoor activities, recreation, arts and volunteering.
- 1.8. Applications of up to and including £500 can be made for a Community Area Grant, which will not require matched funding. Amounts of £501 - £5,000 will be required to find matched

funding. The area board will rarely award more than £5,000. Grants of up to £500 are available for Digital Literacy projects.

- 1.9. New for 2013/14 is a single on-line application process for Community Area Grants (CAG) and Digital Literacy grants, introduced to provide an easy step by step application process. The application process and funding criteria can be found [here](#).
- 1.10. Area boards will not consider CAG applications from town and parish councils for purposes that relate to their statutory duties or powers that should be funded from the local town/parish precept. However this does not preclude bids from town/parish councils, encouraging community projects that provide new opportunities for local people or those functions that are not the sole responsibility of the town/parish council.
- 1.11. Officers are required to provide recommendations in their funding reports (except in the case of Area Board/Councillor led initiatives), although the decision to support applications is made by Wiltshire councillors on the area board.
- 1.12. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting whilst there is money available.
- 1.13. All recipients of area board funding are expected to complete an evaluation form as soon as the project has been completed and provide receipts if requested. Groups are encouraged to up-load information and photographs about their project on to their area board [blogsite](#). Failure to evaluate projects will preclude applicants/organisations being considered for future funding.

<p>Background documents used in the preparation of this report</p>	<p>Area Board Grant Criteria and Guidance 2013/14 as approved by delegated decision</p> <p>Digital Literacy Grants criteria</p> <p>WCVP Community Plan</p> <p>Warminster Joint Strategic Assessment</p>
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Warminster Area Board has been allocated a 2013/2014 budget of £66,951 in total that may be allocated through Community Area Grants, Digital Literacy Grants, Area Board/Councillor Led Initiatives and core funding for the CAP.

- 2.2. Councillors will need to ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation outlined in Section 1 of this report.
- 2.3. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in 2013/2014 are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.4. There is only 1 more funding round during 2013/14. Deadlines for receipt of funding applications are as follows:
 - Friday 23 January 2014 for 6 March 2014
- 2.5. In exceptional circumstances the Area Board may consider certain grants between Area Boards subject to approval by the Chair and Vice Chair.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

- 3.1. Area Board Grants 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.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1. Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Malmesbury Area Board.

If grants are awarded in accordance with officer recommendations, Warminster area board will have a balance of **£6,215.50** and **£1,087** remaining for digital literacy grants.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

6. HR Implications

- 6.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

- 7.1. Community Area Grants and Small 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.
- 7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications will be outlined

in section 8, "Officer Recommendations" of the funding report.

8. Officer Recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1.	Maiden Bradley Village Hall	Maiden Bradley Village Hall IT Inclusion Project	£412.65

8.1.1. Officer recommendation : Approve

8.1.2. This application meets the Digital Literacy grant criteria 2013/14.

8.1.3. The project is to buy and OHP projector for use at the village hall. The project is aiming to make sure that everyone in the Parish is IT literate. This is a rural area with lack of access to services. ICT knowledge is essential for the community to improve the quality of life. The Parish Council has funded the internet connection and there are two computers with Computer Assist volunteers. The OHP projector will allow groups to be trained. It will also be used generally by the community.

8.1.4. There will be many beneficiaries to the project in the village, especially vulnerable groups who are disadvantaged by lack of access to services.

8.1.5. The total cost of the project is £412.65 and no match funding is required for this amount.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2.	Upton Lovell Youth Group	South Wales Adventure Journey	£1500

8.2.1. Officer Recommendation: Approve

8.2.2. This application meets grant criteria 2013/14

However, Members should be aware that criteria (g) states that funding is not available for repeat requests for annual events. The group was also funded £1000 last year for a trip.

8.2.3. The project consists of a 3 day adventurous experience for

young people in the Brecon Beacons in Wales. It will involve caving, climbing, canoeing, biking and gorge walking.

- 8.2.4. The Youth Group aims to bring different groups of young people together to help them become better citizens. The camps can be life changing experiences for some of the children. 30 to 40 young people will take part drawn from all sections of the community including disadvantaged young people who would otherwise not have such opportunities. The young people are drawn from Upton Lovell, Codford, Heytesbury and Warminster areas.
- 8.2.5. The total cost of the project is £13,334.18 for 3 days. Match funding has been achieved so far of £8952.56 and £1500 is sought from the Area Board.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3.	Tynings Allotments and Leisure Gardens Association	Tynings Allotments irrigation, water borehole and storage	£5000

8.3.1. Officer Recommendation: Approve

8.3.2. This application meets grant criteria 2013/14

8.3.3. The project is to sink a borehole on the allotment site to supply the allotment plots with water. Currently water is supplied by Wessex Water and pressure is low on site and in domestic properties in the area. The project will lower the demand for mains water.

8.3.4. This is a stand alone project but other improvements to the site have included a new amenity building and raised beds for people with disabilities to use. The Town Council has helped to fund previous projects.

8.3.5. The beneficiaries of the project are the users of the allotments and local residents who should have improved water pressure.

8.3.6. The total cost of the project is £17,400 and match funding will be found through rent and an Awards for All grant (to be confirmed). £5,000 is sought from the Area Board.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4.	Deverill's Festival	Deverill's Festival of the Performing Arts	£3000

8.4.1. **Officer Recommendation: Approve**

8.4.2. This application meets grant criteria 2013/14

8.4.3. The Deverill's Festival of performing art will take place over 2-5 May in all of the Deverill villages. Over 20 music, drama and dance events will take place. The audience is projected to be 1,600. There will be traditional events also including peal of bells, guided tours and Morris dancing. See further information at www.deverillsfestival.com The festival will be aimed at the villages and also advertised through VisitWiltshire and VisitBath. The programme of events will be ready in the New Year with tickets going on sale after that.

8.4.4. The project will enhance culture and leisure & tourism opportunities as described in the Warminster and villages community plan.

8.4.5. The majority of visitors will come from the villages and the surrounding area. Beneficiaries will include residents and tourists to the area, as well as the musicians and artists taking part. There will be something for everyone of all ages.

8.4.6. The total cost of the project is £24426 with a match fund required of £21446. £3000 is requested of the Area Board. £300 has been confirmed from the Upper Deverills Parish Council with the rest to be raised, including £10,740 from ticket sales.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5.	Corsley Reading Room	Corsley Reading Room Hearing Loop	£429.00

8.5.1. **Officer Recommendation: Approve**

8.5.2. This application meets grant criteria 2013/14

- 8.5.3. The funding is required to support the purchase of a hearing loop and associated installation wiring.
- 8.5.4. The project will benefit the village and anyone who uses the reading room who needs assistance with hearing.
- 8.5.5. The total cost of the project is £429 and there is no match funding requirement for this amount.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.6.	Wessex Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Therapy Centre	Patio cover and shade in garden	£3000

- 8.6.1. **Officer Recommendation: Approve**
- 8.6.2. This application meets grant criteria 2013/14
- 8.6.3. The project is to provide cover and shade over a patio in the new therapy garden. Sitting with friends and carers in the sunshine or rain will bring a sense of well-being. Carers and helpers will also be able to use the patio in all weathers. Many people with MS cannot use other outside spaces due to accessibility issues and this will allow them to relax in an outside space.
- 8.6.4. This project is a stand alone project which is part of a larger programme of work to build a new therapy garden at the centre which is underway.
- 8.6.5. 140 people use the centre on a regular basis but there are up to 1000 people who may benefit over the year. Ill and disabled people and their carers will be the main beneficiaries.
- 8.6.6. The project will cost £6150 and £3150 has already been found from local donations and Lottery funding.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.7.	Warminster Town Football Club	Warminster Town FC new soak aways	£3000

8.7.1. Officer Recommendation: Approve

8.7.2. This application meets grant criteria 2013/14

8.7.3. The project will dig out and replace 2 soak aways to prevent flooding to the pitch and spectator areas of the Clubhouse.

8.7.4. Teams and local people will benefit. The aim is also to encourage local young players to be more interested in their local club. The whole community will benefit from maintenance of the ground.

8.7.5. The cost of the project is £6273 and £3273 will be match funded from reserves.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.8.	Warminster Cycle Group	6th Warminster Wobble festival of cycling	£1000

8.8.1. Officer Recommendation: Approve

8.8.2. This application meets grant criteria 2013/14

8.8.3. However, Area Board members may wish to note that criteria (g) states that we should not fund repeat requests for annual events. The Area Board gave £350 last year to the Warminster Wobble.

8.8.4. The project will promote cycling and a healthy lifestyle by staging an annual event in the town. Two days of cycle related activities showing what the area has to offer and to encourage more people to ride for both leisure and travel.

8.8.5. The event has proved over the years that it attracts all ages and abilities, and this is reflected in the planning of the

event, providing something for everyone. Attendance on the local rides has reached 210 plus cyclists.

- 8.8.6. The project will cost £2850 and £1850 will be raised through match funding some of which is already secured (£1400)

Appendices	Grant Applications
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report other than those requested in the funding criteria e.g. estimates.

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