

AGENDA SUPPLEMENT (1)

Meeting: Westbury Area Board

Place: The Laverton, Bratton Road, Westbury, BA13 3EN

Date: Thursday 6 February 2020

Time: 7.00 pm

The Agenda for the above meeting was published on 29 January 2020. Additional documents are now available and are attached to this Agenda Supplement.

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Update report by the Community Engagement Manager

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DORSET & WILTSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

WILTSHIRE AREA BOARD REPORT

6th February 2020

Community Safety Plan

DWFRS Community Safety Plan can be found on the DWFRS website;
<http://www.dwfire.org.uk/community-safety-plan/>

Prevention

We are committed to making a real difference to the lives of people in Dorset and Wiltshire. Our aim is to reduce the level of risk and harm to our communities from fire, targeting those most at risk. We do this primarily through our Safe and Well visits.

A Safe and Well visit is **FREE** and normally lasts about one hour covering topics such as:

- Using electricity safely
- Cooking safely
- Making an escape plan
- What to do if there is a fire
- Keeping children safe
- Good practice – night time routine and other points relevant to you
- Identifying and discussing any further support the occupier may need

Are you or anyone you know:-

- Over the age of 65?
- Need a smoke detector?
- Have a long-term health condition?
- Suffer from poor hearing or sight loss?
- Would you struggle to escape in the event of a fire?

If you can answer yes to more than one of these questions, then please call us on 0800 038 2323 or visit <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safe-and-well-visits/>



Protection

On-going interaction by Protection Team members with Local Authorities, Private landlords and tenants regarding fire safety-related matters: external cladding systems; fire detection and warning systems; fire resisting doors (& self-closers); combustibility/fire resistance of construction materials; commercial and residential sprinklers systems and water-mist suppression systems

General Enquiries

If you have a general fire safety enquiry regarding commercial property, please email fire.safety@dwfire.org.uk and the Fire Safety Team will respond in office hours.

Fire Safety Complaint

If you wish to tell us about fire safety risks in commercial premises, such as locked or blocked fire exits, you have three options:

- You can email the fire safety department at enforcement@dwfire.org.uk
- Call 01722 69 1717 during office hours (9am-5pm).
- Call our Service Control Centre on 0306 799 0019 out of office hours (5pm-9am)

On Call Recruitment

Have you always wondered if you could join the fire service, but haven't had the opportunity to find out more? Have you found yourself seeking your next challenge, keen to give back to the local community or wanting to learn new skills including leadership and teamwork? Then becoming an on-call firefighter is for you.

As a paid position, on-call firefighters commit anywhere between 40 to 120 hours per week, during which time they must be able to respond to the station immediately.

Many have 'normal' jobs during the day, then upon their return home make themselves available overnight or during the weekends. Some of our crew respond from their workplaces during the day, and we are very grateful to their employers for releasing them to perform their vital duties.

Anyone over 18 years old can apply (although you can also apply once you are 17½) you must be able to respond and attend the fire station within 5-8 minutes, you have a good standard of physical fitness (i.e. you are generally active), and you must have the right to work in the UK.

Further information on becoming an On Call Firefighter can be found at www.dwfire.org.uk/working-for-us/on-call-firefighters/ or should you have any questions, you can call **01722 691444**.



Recent News & Events

Flooding



Over recent years, we have seen more and more properties affected by flooding during periods of significant rain.

Flooding can be caused by rivers and watercourses overflowing; it can also be caused by drains and culverts being unable to cope with excess surface water on the roads.

Everyone whose home is at risk of flooding should have a plan of what to do if the worst happens.

For information regarding any of the below please refer to:-

<https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/flooding/>

- Preparing for a flood
- When flooding starts
- Travelling in flooded areas
- After the flood
- Flooding and your electrics

See also:

- Environment Agency – www.environment-agency.gov.uk
- Government web page – [Floods Destroy](#)
- Electrical Safety First – www.electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk



Winter safety



Keeping warm in the winter means using portable heaters, electric blankets or wheatbags – but all of these and the below, carry a fire risk,

- Portable heaters
- Open fires
- Gas fires
- Electric blankets

Please visit <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safety-at-home/winter-safety/> for further information.

See also:

- The Fire Kills campaign has produced a leaflet on [Fire Safety in the Winter](#).
- There is a wealth of good advice at www.metoffice.gov.uk/barometer/advice

Advice for carers



If you care for a loved one, or work in the care sector, there is much you can do to help keep the person you care for safe. Please visit <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/advice-for-carers/> for various information and advice.



Demand

Total Fire Calls for Westbury Fire Station for period 1st Jan to 5th Feb:-

Category	Total Incidents
No. of False Alarms	4
No. of Fires	4
No. of Road Traffic Collisions and other Emergencies	6
Total	14

Local Incidents of Note

Crews from Westbury assisted by Warminster, Frome and Trowbridge attended a serious fire at Clivey Farm, Dilton Marsh in early January. The road between Dilton Marsh and the A36 was closed for several hours due to the involvement of compressed gas cylinders.

Crews worked hard to limit damage and fire spread and to ensure the road was not closed for more time than necessary. The cause of the fire is not being treated as suspicious.

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Report to	Westbury Area Board
Date of Meeting	05/12/2019
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding

Purpose of the report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below

Applicant	Amount requested
Applicant: Westbury Town Council Project Title: Community Fridge	£412.65
Applicant: Westbury Walking Netball Group Project Title: Volunteer host training course	£100.00
Applicant: The Independent Living Centre Project Title: ILC - Benefits Advice Service View full application	£3000.00

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](#)

[The funding criteria and application forms](#) are available on the council's website.

2. Main Considerations

2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded in the 2019/2020 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
	Westbury Town Council	Community Fridge	£412.65
Project Description: To purchase a new fridge to replace the old one which has come to the end of its useful life.			
Input from Community Engagement Manager: The reason for this being approved between meetings was because the old fridge broke unexpectedly so the community fridge organisers needed to buy one quickly in order for the service to remain ongoing immediately for those families in need.			
Proposal That the Area Board notes the award of this amount			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
	Westbury Walking Netball	Volunteer host training	100.00
Project Description: The Westbury Walking Netball group has enjoyed a successful first few weeks. Around 20 ladies, mostly of an older age have enjoyed taking part. In order for the session to be ongoing requires a volunteer group leader. One has been found but she needs to go on a course which costs £80, so it was agreed that the Area Board would cover the cost of this course and up to £20 in travel expenses.			
Input from Community Engagement Manager: The reason this was approved between meetings was because there was an appropriate course that took place the weekend before the Area Board meeting. Because it was a relatively small amount, it was felt that getting the volunteer group leader on the course so that the group could stay up and running, would be			

worthwhile
Proposal That the Area Board notes the award of this amount.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3488	The Independent Living Centre	ILC - Benefits Advice Service	£3000.00
<p>Project Description: The Independent Living Centre ILC provides impartial advice to older people and their families living in Wiltshire through an on-site Occupational Therapist OT and a benefits advice service. However less than 13 of our annual income comes from local authority commissioned contracts. In 2018-19 we supported 29 people in the Westbury area with benefits advice that enabled them to access approximately 55k of benefits per annum. We would therefore like to request a grant of 3.0k from Westbury Area Board to enable us to enable more people and their families to access the benefits to which they are entitled.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: This was approved between area board meetings due to a misunderstanding which meant that the ILC representative was not present in the room when this application was heard at the last area board meeting and the decision was taken to defer it. Any questions that the board had have been answered via email and the board members are now satisfied enough to award the grant.</p>			
<p>Proposal That the Area Board notes the award of this amount</p>			

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

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