

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Malmesbury Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>10 November 2010</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Area Board Funding</b>

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask councillors to consider 3 applications seeking 2010/11 Area Board Grants and the following officer recommendations:

1. Oaksey Parish Council - award £600 towards the cost of a replacement notice board, conditional on the balance of funding being in place.
2. Athelstan Players – award £746 to replace fascia boards and undertake repairs to guttering and downpipes at the Athelstan Players Studio, conditional on the balance of funding being in place.
3. 1st Sherston Scout Group – either award £3,319 towards the cost of flooring, security and electrical and water heating at the scout headquarters, conditional on the balance of the funding for the whole project being in place; or defer a decision until the applicant has worked with Charities Information Bureau to re-submit a more robust application.

To ask councillors to approve the cost of installing a speed detection radar device in Ashton Keynes at a cost of £353 to enable monitoring to be undertaken associated with the Local Transport Allocation project

To ask councillors to endorse their decision made since the last meeting, to allocate £45 to provide a council caravan for use at the Malmesbury stroke awareness event on 30 October 2010.

To ask councillors to delegate authority to the Community Area Manager, in consultation with the area board councillors, to approve expenditure between meetings.

## 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 Community Services (27 February 2010). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance for funding.
- 1.2. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any recommendation of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria would need the approval of the Leader, appropriate Cabinet Member or the Cabinet.
- 1.3. In accordance with the Area Board Grants Guidance officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, however, the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on this Area Board.
- 1.4. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.5. During 2010/2011 all applicants are being encouraged to contact Charities Information Bureau who is working on behalf of Wiltshire Council to support community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils to seek funding for community projects and schemes both from the Area Board and other local and national funding sources.
- 1.6. A decision has been made in 2010/2011 that paper copies of funding applications will no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce volume of paper used. However, the application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council web site and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.7. The 2010/2011 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website ([www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards)) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

<b>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Area Grant Application Pack 20010/11</li><li>• How you view where you live - Malmesbury &amp; the Villages Community Plan 2009-2013</li></ul>
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## 2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Malmesbury Area Board was allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £40,593 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget was £682, resulting in a balance of £41,275.

- 2.2. At the 12 May area board, funding totalling £4,230 was distributed, leaving a balance of £37,045.
- 2.3. At the 7 July area board community area grants totalling £4,420 was approved, leaving a balance of £32,625.
- 2.4. The Area Board on 12 May 2010 agreed to fund £3,000 to the Malmesbury and the Villages Community Area Plan.
- 2.5. The Area Board agreed on 7 July 2010 to match fund the transport and young people project funding allocated by Cabinet by £4,000.
- 2.6. At the 15 September area board community area grants totalling £2,453 was approved, leaving a balance of £23,172.
- 2.7. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2010/11 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.8. There are 6 funding rounds during 20010/11. The forth is contained in this report the remaining will take place on:
  - 19 January 2011
  - 16 March 2011
- 2.9. The deadline for receipt of funding applications for consideration at 19 January 2011 Area Board is 30 November 2010.

### **3. Environmental & Community Implications**

- 3.1. Community Area Grants will 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.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Malmesbury Area Board will have a balance of either £18,109 or £21,428 (depending on the decision made in respect to 1<sup>st</sup> Sherston Scout Group)

### **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 give all local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.
- 7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within section 8 – “Officer Recommendations”.

## 8. Officer Recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	Oaksey Parish Council	Replacement notice board	£600

- 8.1.1. Officers recommend that Oaksey Parish Council is awarded £600 towards the cost of providing a replacement notice board, conditional on the balance of funding being in place.
- 8.1.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2010/11 grant criteria.
- 8.1.3. There is an implied reference within the Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan 2009-2013, to improve communication, since this is at the heart of community engagement.
- 8.1.4. The applicant is willing to contribute 50% of the total cost of the board and they are also using volunteers to install it.
- 8.1.5. The parish council does hold reserves, however these are being built up to allow for refurbishment and/or replacement play equipment and other community projects
- 8.1.6. The aim is to both provide a larger board, while replacing an old one which is not waterproof and is difficult to access. The intention is to be able to display parish, area board and other information from statutory agencies as well as that from the voluntary organisations, including Malmesbury & Villages Community Area Partnership. The notice board will be erected in the village hall car park and as a result will be readily accessible to local residents.

8.1.7. It is acknowledged by the applicant that the cost is considerable, but experience has shown that cheaper boards have proved to be a poor investment.

8.1.8. A decision not to fund this project is likely to result in the project being delayed until funding is raised from elsewhere.

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8.2.	Athelstan Players	Replacement fascia boards and repairs to guttering and downpipes	£746

8.2.1. Officers recommend that Athelstan Players are awarded £746 to replace fascia boards and undertake repairs to guttering and downpipes at the Athelstan Players Studio, conditional on the balance of funding being in place.

8.2.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2010/11 grant criteria.

8.2.3. There is some reference to access by adults to cultural activities and young people wanting more entertainment in the Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan 2009-2013. The Athelstan Players, an amateur dramatic group satisfy these needs through membership and provision of local entertainment in the town. Such a club also engenders confidence and sense of community amongst its membership and supporters.

8.2.4. The Studio, adjacent to the Malmesbury football ground is used regularly for rehearsals, storage, meetings and other social events. It currently supports a membership of 30 adults and 20 young people in addition to the hundreds of people who enjoy their productions.

8.2.5. The applicant has approached a number of organisations to seek funding.

8.2.6. While the drama group is self funded through its drama productions, members of the area board may wish to encourage the Athelstan Players to endeavour to build some reserves for future maintenance of their studio.

8.2.7. A decision not to fund this application would lead to a delay in funding while the applicant sought funding from other sources, which may result in damage to items in storage.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3.	1 <sup>st</sup> Sherston Scout Group	Flooring, security and electrical and water heating at the scout and guide headquarters.	£3,319

- 8.3.1. 1<sup>st</sup> Sherston Scout Group – either award £3,319 towards the cost of flooring, security and electrical and water heating at the scout headquarters, conditional on the balance of the funding for the whole project being in place; or defer a decision until the applicant has worked with Charities Information Bureau to resubmit a more robust application.
- 8.3.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application only partially meets the 2010/11 grant criteria. The application is made up of multiple projects and officers are of the opinion that the area board should not be funding basic items such as cutlery and toilets brushes.
- 8.3.3. The application demonstrates links to the Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan 2009-2013, in that it provides a centre for activities for the young people who live in the village whether they are members of the scouts, guides or individuals who join in holiday schemes organised by the parish council.
- 8.3.4. Funding from other sources is still to be investigated and yet to be confirmed, so members of the area board may consider the application premature, requiring further support from the Charities Information Bureau.
- 8.3.5. Since this facility appears to be much used by the local community it would be hoped that the parish council could increase its contribution, particularly in respect to the security aspect of the work.
- 8.3.6. Members of the area board may wish to encourage the Scout and Guide HQ to endeavour to build some reserves for future maintenance of their hall.
- 8.3.7. A decision not to fully fund this application will delay the implementation of the project while further funding applications are made with the support of the Charities Information Bureau.
- 8.4. Vehicle Monitoring Device
- 8.4.1. As part of the work being undertaken by the officers and members of the local Transport Allocation Working Group (a sub-group of the area board), a request has been received by officers to undertake some preliminary work associated with monitoring speeds/vehicles in the village.
- 8.4.2. This activity would help to identify the actual problems, before looking at solutions.

8.5. Stroke Awareness and Prevention

8.5.1. A Health Fair was held in Malmesbury in February 2010 and subsequently at the 3 March 2010 area board it was agreed that stroke prevention would be one of the three area board health priorities.

8.5.2. An opportunity arose following the 15 September area board to undertake some promotional work to raise awareness among local people to stroke prevention and recognition of symptoms, linked to World Stroke Day on 30 October.

8.5.3. It was agreed that £45 should be allocated from the area board budget to fund a trailer to enable this project to proceed.

8.6. Delegated authority to the Community Area Manager

8.6.1. In an effort to avoid retrospective endorsement of funding allocation as outlined in section 8.4 of this report, delegated authority to the Community Area Manager is sought :

- Where the funding is needed urgently and the matter cannot wait until the next scheduled area board meeting.
- Funding may only be approved up to a maximum of £500 per decision.
- Decisions taken under this delegated power shall be reported to the next area board meeting.

<b>Appendices</b>	Appendix 1 Grant application – Oaksey Parish Council Appendix 2 Grant application – Athelstan Players Appendix 3 Grant application – 1 <sup>st</sup> Sherston Scout Group
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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