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| Report to | Chippenham |
| Date of Meeting | 9 th November 2015 |
| Title of Report | Community Area Grants |

1. Purpose of the report:

To ask Councillors to consider the following applications seeking funding from the Chippenham Area Board.

| Application | Grant Amount | |
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| Applicant: The Ivy Partnership Project Title: Community enhancements to Ivy Estate recreation field | £4,016 | |
| Applicant: Chippenham Sea Cadets Project Title: Sea Cadet Building and Infrastructure refurbishment | £4,362 | |
| Total amount allocated so far | £22,553 | |

2. Main Considerations

Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2014/15 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.

Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Cabinet member for Communities, Campuses, Area Boards, Leisure, Libraries and Flooding. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance 2014/2015.

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.

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.

Previously Area Boards delegated authority to Community Area Managers & Community Youth Officers to determine funding in exceptional circumstances. This wording needs to be updated to reflect the new role of Community Engagement Manager and the maturity of the LYN & CYO role:

Councillors are asked to consider delegation to the Community Engagement Manager in consultation with Community Youth Officer, Chairman and/or Vice Chairman, to approve expenditure of up to £1,000 between Area Board Meetings.

If Councillors award funding to the 2 applications in this report the balance of funding will be £60463.40

3. The applications

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| <p>Applicant: The Ivy Partnership Project Title: Community enhancements to Ivy Estate recreation field</p> | <p>Amount Requested from Area Board: £4,016</p> | <p>Grant Reference:1513</p> |
| <p>This application meets grant criteria 2014/15.</p> <p>Project Summary:</p> <p>At a recent community Listening Event held by the Ivy Partnership residents of the Ivy Estate prioritised enhancements to part of their local recreation field located behind residential flats on Charter Road to deter dogs from being exercised there often off-the-lead and make it safer for community members to use. Residents and partners have worked together to identify a suitable area to be fenced off to create an enhanced space for recreation. The fencing used would match that already used along the sites perimeter with Avenue la Fleche.</p> <p>Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community:</p> <p>The Ivy Estate is home to over 350 homes including over 200 flats that have no gardens the majority housing young families.</p> <p>The Ivy Partnership carried out consultation earlier this year which prioritised enhancing some of the recreation field so it could be used for play and recreation. Currently the whole expanse of green space behind Charter Road and Field View is open and due to its close proximity to the town centre it attracts many dog-walkers from the wider area. Whilst we know many dog-walkers are responsible there are some who do not clear up after their dog and despite many notices being erected these problems persist which means most families are reluctant to use the space for recreation.</p> <p>This seems a shame as we know many families lack their own garden. We have a very active and engaged community who are planning additional measures to help to educate dog owners about the need to clear up and keep their dogs on a lead.</p> <p>Having an area of green space which is promoted as giving priority to play and recreation will help the community to encourage dog owners to use the large remaining area for the exercising of dogs. We still intend to police the remaining area and remind dog-walkers of the need to clear up behind</p> | | |

them. Resident activists will be carrying out dog-poo monitoring to help us to monitor this locally.

Enhancing this local amenity by creating a safer space for children will attract more families to play sports and undertake more community events on the site. This idea has attracted very high level of local resident support and seeing the fencing installed will be a massive vote of confidence for this community and help to challenge the widespread view that it has been forgotten about. We hope this will also serve to inspire more people to get involved in activities like the community fun days and other partnership projects taking place locally.

Please tell us which themes your project supports

- Children & Young People
- Countryside, environment and nature
- Festivals, pageants, fetes and fayres
- Health, lifestyle and wellbeing
- Inclusion, diversity and community spirit
- Recycling and green initiatives
- Safer communities
- Sport, play and recreation

Please tell us anything else we need to know about this application

- Wiltshire Council Planning Departments has confirmed that the proposal is Permitted Development under Schedule 2, Part 2, Class A of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015.
- Wiltshire Councils Tree & Woodland Officer has met with the group and is aware of the project. As the project will not impact upon the management of the trees in the area, he has no objections.
- Wiltshire Councils Dog Control & Animal Welfare Officer has met with the group and given advice. The officer is of the opinion that that the proposed style of fencing is suitable for this project.
- Representatives of Chippenham Town Council have met with the applicant and support the project. The Town Council Amenities, Culture & Leisure Committee were informed of the project on 2nd September and Members were in overall support.
- This project is supported by Chippenham Town Council. The Town Council has made a financial contribution to the project.

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| Applicant: Chippenham Sea Cadets Project Title: Sea Cadet Building and Infrastructure refurbishment | Amount Requested from Area Board: £4,362 | Grant Reference: 1478 |
| <p>This application meets grant criteria 2014/15.</p> <p>Project Summary:</p> <p>We are continually trying to update and modernise our teaching facilities to enable our volunteers to provide our cadets with the best experience possible in a fit for purpose environment.</p> <p>Our site has been a Sea Cadet unit for over 60 years and many of the areas specifically for cadets are old and worn with age and due to a huge flood two years ago in desperate need of over hauling so that the cadets have a bright modern environment to enhance their cadet experience. This project will also allow us to provide better facilities to the outside groups that also make use of our site.</p> <p>Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community:</p> <p>Chippenham Sea Cadets provides a wide variety of water and land based training for young people from Chippenham Calne Corsham and the surrounding areas 90 of our cadets come directly from Chippenham itself with a small number coming from the local surrounding towns where we are the nearest Sea Cadet unit to them.</p> <p>The unit currently supports 25 young people however the maximum upper limit is only restricted by the number of cadet forces adult volunteers available to ensure that safeguarding criteria and safe instructor ratios are met.</p> <p>There is no barrier to joining the unit and all cadet facilities are at ground level. We are happy to support all young people regardless of ability and currently support around 25 of our young people who have been identified as having special educational needs. The unit keeps the costs incurred by our young people to a minimum with cadet contributions of 40 a quarter and support and relief for those from low income families all uniform and safety equipment is provided free of charge.</p> <p>Our young people are encouraged to support and value the local community taking part in many diverse activities across the year and the county. All of the adults supporting the unit are volunteers - from the instructional staff right through to the trustees.</p> <p>The unit also offers support by sharing our facilities with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiltshire Fire Rescue Service Chippenham station to allow access to | | |

the river for rescue training

- Chippenham Amateur Radio Club meet weekly in their own dedicated rooms within the unit buildings and
- Chippenham Sailing Canoeing Club for camping to enable longer periods of training
- Wiltshire Youth Training Team
- Royal Wootton Bassett Sea Cadets all use the unit facilities to support their programmes of water based training

Completion of this project will directly benefit all of our cadets and volunteers allowing us to provide training all year round in a warm modern fit for purpose environment not only will it enhance their learning but it will give back to them a sense of pride as where possible and a safe to do so we will involve them in some of work being undertaken and thus giving the cadets and volunteers a sense of ownership to the completed project.

This project will also allow us to provide better up to date facilities to those outside organisations already using our site and facilities. It is hoped that with these works carried out we will also be able to make our facilities available to other users with in the community and provide an environment where local organisations could hold meetings or training courses.

Please tell us which themes your project supports

- Children & Young People
- Health, lifestyle and wellbeing
- Inclusion, diversity and community spirit
- Sport, play and recreation

Please tell us anything else we need to know about this application

Chippenham Community Youth Officer supports this application and is of the opinion that:

- The funds will help support the positive development of the Sea Cadets base and help provide an improved venue for them to engage more young people. Young people have stated in the Needs Assessment the need for adventure and outdoor activities which will be met by the Sea Cadets offer
- This project will help to deliver positive youth activities section 507b
- Young people have been involved in the development of this bid and planning and actual refurbishment work where appropriate.

The applicant has approached Chippenham Town Council to request support for the project.

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