

Report to Marlborough Area Board
Date of meeting 24 November 2015
Title of report Community Area Grant Funding

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below.

Applicant	Amount requested
St Michael's School, Aldbourne	£5000.00
St Mary's Babies & Toddler Group, Marlborough	£1000.00
Marlborough Tennis Club	£18000.00 (This application has been submitted as a Member's Initiative)
Total grant amount requested at this meeting	£24000.00
Total capital funding allocated to Marlborough Area Board 2015/16	£45,318
Total amount awarded so far, 2015/16	£15,114
Amount remaining if all grants are awarded as per report	£6,203.56

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 available here: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/community-area-grants-criteria-2015-16-april.pdf>

The funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/areaboardscommunitygrantsscheme.htm>

2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded in the 2015/2016 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 Implication

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
1461	St Michael’s School, Aldbourne	Inclusive Playpod Project	£5000.00
<p>Project Description</p> <p>St. Michael’s School, Aldbourne has fabulous outdoor facilities accessed by many village organisations including a breakfast club, pre-school, private nursery, youth groups, Guide and Scout groups and the Village Nursing Home. We would like to enhance the outdoor play opportunities across these groups. The project includes the cost of a Playpod, scrap refills and a staff training programme. The Pod is designed to stimulate development of life skills such as risk taking and problem solving. Through structured play, users of the Pod will have opportunities to develop confidence, self-esteem, communication, leadership skills, build new relationships and manage conflict all of which will help to improve the emotional well-being of our children.</p> <p>With so many different groups from the village being able to make use of the new Playpod, this will be an asset for the community, not just the school. This project includes the school inviting older people from the village’s care home to come to the school and interact with the children through using the materials from the Playpod, showing the wide reach this can have.</p>			
<p>Proposal</p> <p>That the Area Board determines the application from St. Michael’s School, Aldbourne for</p>			

£5,000

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
1476	St Mary's Babies & Toddler Group, Marlborough	Toy and Craft appeal	£1000.00
Project Description <p>This is the only baby and toddler group in Marlborough now, whereas there used to be four. The group is applying for this grant to buy much needed toys. When the group was advertised as closing at the end of September, people came in and took some of the toys, which has left the group with very little and what is left is dirty and old. The group would also like to buy a craft box containing different materials so they can put on a different craft activity for the children each session thus spreading the word of the group and increasing numbers attending. Therefore the money mums pay to attend can be spent on the rent of the hall to keep the group going and make this a pleasant place for the children to play and mums to come and meet new people.</p> <p>This grant would help to support the only dedicated group left in Marlborough for mums and young children of this age group. With a supply of new, good quality toys and games, as well as being able to put on different craft activities, the group will be able to attract new mums to come, be able to grow itself and become self-sustaining in the future.</p>			
Proposal <p>That the Area Board determines the application from St Mary's Babies & Toddler Group, Marlborough for £1000.00</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
N/A	Marlborough Tennis Club	Creation of new tennis clubhouse and courts for Marlborough	£18000.00
Project Description <p>Marlborough has an active tennis club with no facilities. After 10 years, planning permission has been granted for a new clubhouse and tennis courts at Marlborough Golf Club. Public meetings and consultation have shown the need for these new facilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There will be a Clubhouse, six courts, (four will be floodlit) and parking.• This will provide a permanent home for tennis that is owned and controlled by the Club and is available all year round• A full time coach• Local tennis players will no longer need to travel elsewhere to play• Increasing participation for everyone through Pay and Play facilities• Retaining promising / talented tennis players within the club• Coaching programmes which are individually tailored and incorporates new LTA recommended programmes e.g. cardio tennis			

- Internal competitions - parent/child and mix-ins,
- Coffee morning tennis

The project will provide competitive and social tennis within the town of Marlborough. In turn this will improve the quality of life for the community – encouraging a healthy life style in a family environment.

From a total cost of £533,000, the tennis club has already raised £490,000, including £170,000 of their own funding towards the project. The Area Board's contribution will help to narrow the shortfall. Work on the site is due to begin on 1st March 2016 on land that will be sub-leased from the Golf Club beside the A346. This lease still has more than 70 years left on it, giving the tennis club firm tenure there.

This application has been submitted via a Member's Initiative, meaning it does not have the same criteria as a Community Area Grant, in particular the cap on maximum award. It is solely down to the members of Marlborough Area Board to accept this application and to decide the level of funding to be contributed, taking into account the figure left in the area board's budget if the full amount requested is awarded.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application from Marlborough Tennis Club for £18,000 bearing in mind the remaining budget for 2015/16.

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

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