

Report to	Trowbridge Area Board
Date of Meeting	18 November 2010
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 5 applications seeking 2010/11 Community Area Grant Funding

1. West Ashton Village Hall - Creation of small meeting room attached to village hall to provide additional usable space – requested £5,000
2. Larkrise Community Farm – Construction of a barn for storage of animal feed – requested £4,000
3. Trowbridge Town Council – Trowbridge Christmas Lights Extravaganza event – requested £4,980
4. Trowbridge Westbourne Sports Club - Tennis Section – Purchase of equipment to increase junior membership & offer competitive opportunities for children in the local community – requested £734
5. Trowbridge Town Football Club – Purchase of training and match equipment for the youth, girls and adult football club teams.– requested £2,446

Total Amount requested = £17,160

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, the 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. Trowbridge Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £77,592 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. To date £39,964 has been allocated from this budget. £1,050 has been returned to the Area Board from an under spend in a 2009/10 grant to West Ashton Village Hall, plus a £257 community grants under spend (2009/10) has now been added. **This gives a current remaining total of £38,935 available to allocate.**
- 1.5. 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.
- 1.6. The 2010/2011 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2010/11• Trowbridge Community Area Plan• Local Agreement for Wiltshire• Technical officers reports
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. 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.
- 2.2. There will be 2 further rounds of funding during 2010/11 dependent on amounts of funding remaining. Decisions will be made at the Area Board meetings on:

- 20th January 2011
- 17th March 2011

The deadline for applications is 6 weeks prior to the Area Board meeting

3. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

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 Trowbridge Area Board.

4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Trowbridge Area Board will have a balance of £21,775 remaining in its budget.

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 Diversity 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” where appropriate.

8. Officer Recommendations

The full applications are available at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards

Applicant 8.1	Project summary	Funding requested
West Ashton Village Hall	Creation of small meeting room attached to village hall to provide additional usable space	£5,000

8.1.1. The applicant meets the grant criteria 2010/11.

8.1.2. The application demonstrates indirect links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan Theme 3 Culture including leisure, recreation, heritage & the arts & Theme 6 Lifelong Learning

8.1.3. The application demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambition “Building Resilient Communities.”

- 8.1.4. The applicant is contributing £38,460 towards the overall project. There is no breakdown of where the provisional 'other' £29,720 income will be coming from.
- 8.1.5. The applicant states that the project will be delayed until additional funding can be achieved or by cancelling other developments relating to the village hall if the grant is not awarded
- 8.1.6. **It is recommended that a grant of £5,000 is approved with the condition that the applicant provides evidence that the remaining £29,720 funding has been raised before the grant is released.**

Applicant 8.2	Project summary	Funding requested
Larkrise Community Farm	Construction of a barn for storage of animal feed	requested £4,000

- 8.2.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria 2010/11
- 8.2.2 The application demonstrates links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan Theme 3 Culture including leisure, recreation, heritage & the arts; Theme 1 Economy inc Tourism and Employment; Theme 4 Environment inc countryside and land based Issues; Theme 6 Education and Lifelong Learning; Theme 7 Health & Social Care
- 8.2.3 The application demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambitions "Building Resilient Communities," "Lives not Services," "Protecting the Environment"
- 8.2.4 The applicant has raised 50% funding towards the project
- 8.2.5 The applicant has applied for Planning Permission for the project ref number W/10/03084/FUL
- 8.2.6 The applicant states if they do not receive the funding requested the project would be delayed as they would have to make approaches to other funders, this would risk damage to the animal feed supplies during the winter months
- 8.2.7 **It is recommended that a grant of £4,000 is approved.**

Applicant 8.3	Project summary	Funding requested
Trowbridge Town Council	Trowbridge Christmas Lights Extravaganza event	£4,980

- 8.3.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria 2010/11
- 8.3.2 The applicant demonstrates links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan Theme 1 Economy inc Tourism and Employment & Theme 3 Culture including leisure, recreation, heritage & the arts.
- 8.3.3 The application demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambition "Supporting Economic Growth"
- 8.3.4 The applicant has raised £8,000 towards the event
- 8.3.5 The applicant is seeking funding from the community area grants funding primarily towards the security, innovative events participation and some of the marketing elements of the overall application.
- 8.3.6 The applicant states if they do not receive the funding requested the project would have to be substantially reduced.
- 8.3.7 **It is recommended that a grant of £4,980 is approved with the condition that the applicant does not apply for this event on an annual basis as it would then constitute regular running costs.**

Applicant 8.4	Project summary	Funding requested
Trowbridge Westbourne Sports Club - Tennis Section	Purchase of equipment to increase junior membership & offer competitive opportunities for children in the local community	£734

- 8.4.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria
- 8.4.2 The applicant demonstrates a link to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan Theme 3 Culture including leisure, recreation, heritage & the arts
- 8.4.3 The application demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambition “Building Resilient Communities.”
- 8.4.4 The applicant has not provided any other funds towards the project
- 8.4.5 The applicant states if the funding is not awarded the project would have to cut back on the number of children included in an event in the short term, it would slow the project down and children who don't own a racket wouldn't be able to enter.
- 8.4.6 **It is recommended that a grant of £734 is approved.**

Applicant 8.5	Project summary	Funding requested
Trowbridge Town Football Club	Purchase of training and match equipment for the youth, girls and adult football club teams.	£2,446

- 8.5.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria
- 8.5.2. The applicant demonstrates a link to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan Theme 3 Culture including leisure, recreation, heritage & the arts
- 8.5.3. The applicant demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambitions “Building Resilient Communities” & “Lives not Services”
- 8.5.4. The applicant has had to use the funds it would normally use to purchase this equipment due to an emergency issue with the flooring of the clubs changing rooms.
- 8.5.5. The applicant is providing match funding for the bid
- 8.5.6. The applicant states if funding is not awarded the club would be unable to sustain the training and playing of football across its present range of gender and age groups, as there would be insufficient equipment for all teams and players.
- 8.5.7. **It is recommended that a grant of £2,446 is approved**

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Grant applications
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