

<b>Report to</b>	Corsham Area Board
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	21/01/2016
<b>Title of Report</b>	Community Area Grant funding

**Purpose of the report:**

To consider the applications for funding listed below

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>
<b>Applicant:</b> St John Ambulance <b>Project Title:</b> Corsham Unit Defibrillator  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£1000.00
<b>Applicant:</b> Corsham For Walking <b>Project Title:</b> Corsham Walking Festival - Public Exhibition Equipment  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£568.89
<b>Applicant:</b> Corsham Twirlers <b>Project Title:</b> Corsham Twirlers Majorette Troupe  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£1000.00
<b>Applicant:</b> The Brunel Shed <b>Project Title:</b> The Brunel Shed- Community Centre Refurbishment  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£2209.00

**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 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. If all applications are approved there will be £ left. There is one more meeting of the Area Board in this financial year which is on March 17th

### 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
<a href="#">1600</a>	St John Ambulance	Corsham Unit Defibrillator	£1000.00
<b>Project Description:</b> To support our volunteers in their role and help them to save more lives in their local community we are planning an upgrade of life saving defibrillators. We are seeking donations or funding of 1000 to support the cost of a new training device and consumables to ensure continuous service.			
<b>Input from Community Engagement Manager:</b> Similar requests for funding have been made to Pewsey (Approved) and Melksham (TBC 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb) areas for defibrillators .			

An applicant is able to apply to up to 3 Area Boards so this meets the grants criteria and can be considered for approval.

Training is also to be provided to ensure correct use.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">1542</a>	Corsham For Walking	Corsham Walking Festival - Public Exhibition Equipment	£568.89

**Project Description:**

In order to promote both the annual Corsham Walking Festival and Corsham as a year round walking destination we intend to stage several exhibitions during the spring of 2016. We wish to purchase some purpose built display equipment so creating the best possible impression of the festival and the town.

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

Promoting walking is a priority both for Wiltshire Council and the Area Board.

Encouraging walking has tremendous health benefits - physically, mentally and socially.

The Walking Festival is growing in popularity and is a key event for the area.

The application meets the criteria and can be considered for approval.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">1567</a>	Corsham Twirlers	Corsham Twirlers Majorette Troupe	£1000.00

**Project Description:**

To enable the troupe to grow and perform during 2016, the following additional equipment is required – Trailer build, generator, large speaker, mace, vehicle for towing and uniforms

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

In the last financial year (2014/15), the troupe received a grant from the Area Board of £925 to set up the Corsham Twirlers. This funding was used to purchase a sound and PA system as well as towards a trailer.

When the troupe was set up, numbers were low and it has not been possible for them to raise all required funding themselves. More recently the numbers have grown to 11 members

A further £2,400 is being requested in order that it can continue to run and perform in 2016. They are asking for £1k from the Area Board and providing the rest of the funding from their own fees.

Some of the items being purchased are revenue expenditure but there is sufficient capital to allow this request to meet the criteria and to be considered by the Area Board

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">1663</a>	The Brunel Shed	The Brunel Shed- Community Centre Refurbishment	£2209.00

**Project Description:**

The project is to re-furbish the Pockeridge and Potley Community Centre to turn it into a workshop space with machinery benches etc. The workshop forms the venue for the Brunel Shed bringing together men and women to share projects have coffee and a chat and exchange skills and interests. This project covers the replacement of the gas boiler which is 17 years old and currently non-functional with a modern efficient unit with 7-day controller. The Shed will have house wide range of machinery. we are advised by the Police Security Advisors that as machinery is a vulnerable target for theft that the current security and monitoring system system is in need of overhaul or replacement. Additional wiring is required to bring electrical supplies and lighting to work benches.

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

The Brunel Shed project is a newly formed group within the Corsham Area and promises to be a successful group to bring people (Mainly men) together.

The project delivers community benefit in many ways including contributing to loneliness and isolation.

The Community centre is owned by Wiltshire Council and managed by Corsham Town Council. It has been little used in recent years and has increasingly been in need of refurbishment. The responsibility for the inside of the building rests with the user group.

The requested funding would give new life to the community building and offer a permanent base for the Brunel Shed project.

The application meets the grants criteria and can be considered for approval

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

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

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