

Report to Marlborough Area Board
Date of meeting 26 January 2016
Title of report Community Area Grant Funding

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below.

Applicant	Amount requested
Kenney Valley Hall, Lockeridge	£1,225
Marlborough in Bloom	£1,066
Chilton Foliat School Governors	£5,000
Total grant amount requested at this meeting	£7,291.00
Total capital funding allocated to Marlborough Area Board 2015/16	£45,318
Total amount awarded so far, 2015/16	£21,114
Amount remaining if all grants are awarded as per report	£16,913

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
1655	Kennet Valley Hall, Lockeridge	New Ride-on Mower	£1,225.00
<p>Project Description</p> <p>Kennet Valley Hall has a large grass area surrounding the hall. It is maintained by a Committee Volunteer rather than using hall funds for a garden maintenance service. Keeping this area neat and tidy is essential in providing a professional setting for the hall itself. The present sit-on mower is circa 15 years old and could cost over £1000.00 in maintenance with potentially more cost to follow. Research has identified a brand new mower costing £2,450.00. It comes with a 5 year guarantee that makes economic sense in terms of the efficient management of the hall’s finances. By comparison, the cost of employing a grass cutting contractor would cost over £1,500.00 per annum. Example: 28 weeks x 3 hours x £20.00 = £1,680.00 per year based on estimates of hourly rates.</p> <p>By funding the purchase of their own new mower, Kennet Valley Hall will avoid the expense of paying for groundskeeping contractors. This will allow them to provide a better service to the community by concentrating on operating the hall itself. With a 5 year guarantee on the new mower, giving that time of maintenance-free use, this looks to provide a good value for money solution.</p>			
Proposal			

That the Area Board determines the application from Kennet Valley Hall, Lockeridge for £1,225

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
1645	Marlborough in Bloom	Marlborough in Bloom 2016	£1,066.00

Project Description

Marlborough in Bloom (MiB) aims to involve the community in improving their environment. This is a long-term commitment. Now in its third year MiB aims to target areas of the town in need of attention with greater emphasis on schools, young people and community groups. The Royal Horticultural Society's "It's Your Neighbourhood" scheme for volunteer-led community gardening groups focuses on cleaning up and greening up local areas, whether that's the estate where people live or the local scout group's outdoor space. In 2016, MiB is entering 18 IYNs.

MiB now has a much great emphasis on working with different community groups in different parts of the town to improve those areas and make them attractive. This application is to provide the tools and materials to be used in different workshops so that different community groups can come together, build their own planters, plant them under the guidance of MiB and then maintain them throughout the year. Outside of the In Bloom competition, this activity has the chance to build greater community spirit by bringing people together to look after their local areas.

MiB is committed to greater partnership working. An example of this is working with Transition Marlborough on the theme of Bees and other pollinators to use their expertise and learn about the best kinds of plants that will encourage Bees to thrive.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application from Marlborough in Bloom for £1,066.00

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
1506	Chilton Foliat School Governors	New community minibus for Chilton Foliat	£5,000.00

Project Description

The Governing Body of Chilton Foliat Primary School in partnership with Chilton Club Childcare aims to secure funds to invest in a minibus. It hopes to launch a pilot scheme providing transportation services to benefit the community specifically for primary school children, youth and the elderly as well as potentially supplementing other transportation services such as the Ramsbury Flyer and local bus routes. With the arrival of a local minibus further opportunities for adding value to the community will undoubtedly come to light.

Because of its rurality, children at the primary school are not always able to take part in extra-curricular activities such as school sports, trips and cultural activities. Having their own vehicle will open up a range of possibilities for the school.

The governing body recognises that it is not sustainable to have a vehicle that is only for school use and is not used outside of the 9.00-3.00 school times. They are actively looking at other community uses for it. Ideas so far include transport for young people from the village to access youth clubs in Aldbourne or Marlborough or to take part in after-school activities that might not be possible due to timings of the main school bus. The school currently invites older people from the village to have meals at the school with the children. However, with the school at the top of a steep hill, this is not always possible for all members of the community. The new vehicle could be used to help transport older members of the community so they can enjoy these meals and social interaction. A similar idea involves using the vehicle for delivering meals-on-wheels around the village.

Once school governor is already involved with the Ramsbury Flyer bus and these links could open up other connections with this well-used community transport scheme adding to the use and operation of the Chilton Foliat vehicle. It also brings experience of running a similar community transport scheme to this project.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application from Chilton Foliat School Governors for £5,000 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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