

Report to	Bradford on Avon Area Board
Date of Meeting	24th November 2010
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 3 applications seeking 20010/11 Community Area Grant Funding

1. Holt Sports and Recreation Committee, New Sports Court, £5,000

It is recommended that Holts Sports and Recreation Committee is awarded £5,000 towards the cost of constructing a second sports court on the Holt Recreation Ground on the condition that money is not released until all funding for the project is in place.

2. Bradford on Avon Chamber of Commerce, Installation of Christmas Lights, £1,880

It is recommended that Bradford on Avon Chamber of Commerce is awarded £1,880 towards the cost of installation of Christmas lights if members are of the opinion that this project is of sufficient community benefit to the town.

3. Beejays Netball Club, Netclub Club, £500

It is recommended that Beejays Netball Club are awarded £560 to enable the club to set up a new 'Back to netball' club at St Laurence School for parents.

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. EXAMPLE Two applicants withdrew their applications and hope to reapply at a future date. One application did not meet the funding criteria and was referred to Charities Information Bureau (CIB) for support to seek funding from elsewhere. CIB work on behalf of Wiltshire Council to support community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils to seek funding for community projects and schemes both from the Area Board and other local and national funding sources.
- 1.5. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.6. Bradford on Avon Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £47,110 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget is £5,122. This leaves a total budget of £52,232 for the 2010/2011 budget.
- 1.7. 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.
- 1.8. 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 20010/11• Bradford on Avon Community Area Plan
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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 5 rounds of funding during 2010/11. The third is contained in this report the remaining will take place on;
 - Wednesday 19th January 2011
 - Wednesday 16th March 2011

3. Environmental & Community Implications

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 Bradford on Avon Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Bradford on Avon Area Board will have a balance of £38,210.

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 Inclusion 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”.

8. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
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8.1 087	Holt Sports and Recreation Committee	Construction of a second sports court	£5,000
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8.1.1. It is recommended that Holts Sports and Recreation Committee is awarded £5,000 towards the cost of constructing a second sports court on the Holt Recreation Ground on the condition that money is not released until all funding for the project is in place.

8.1.2. This application meets the community area grant criteria 2010/11.

8.1.3. The Bradford on Avon Community Plan identifies the need for an improvement in leisure facilities and youth sports coaching. This project responds to this need by providing additional leisure and sports coaching facilities in Holt. A questionnaire was sent to all residents in Holt in 2008 and received 98 responses. 92% of responses requested new sports facilities, a number of which focused on tennis facilities. Additionally, Holt Sports and Recreation Committee have been approached by the netball club and other users of the facility who have requested that the facilities be expanded.

8.1.4. Members of the grants advisory group have commented on this application. These comments are available in a separate report.

8.1.5. Holt Sports and Recreation Committee (HSRC) is an elected committee which exists to fulfil the following objectives: to provide a multi use games area, to foster and promote multi-level sports at all levels, to provide opportunities for recreation and competition and to raise financial support to enhance maintenance. All monies received by the committee are devoted to the objectives of the committee. HSRC lease the recreation land from the Parish Council for £50 a year. The HSRC holds reserves of £20,000, £16,000 of which is being put towards the construction of the new sports court.

8.1.6. Holt Sports and Recreation Committee have applied for a grant from the area board to go towards the costs of constructing a second sports court on the Holt Recreation Field. A second court would enable more local sports coaching and team sports, including the formation of a tennis club. The committee also wish to actively recruit new users for the facilities and are planning on targeting parents with young children to encourage them to use the facilities. Quotes have been provided for the costs of removing the trees, fencing, laying down the surfacing for the court and line work. The committee have already explored a number of other funding options, including Sports England, and have been successful in obtaining a grant from the Community Foundation. They have a further grant application pending with Awards for All. The group have raised £16,000 through fundraising so if their grant to the area board is successful, there will be £10,637 of costs outstanding. The Committee have stated in their application that they intend to meet this shortfall through local business donations and further fundraising.

8.2 091	Bradford on Avon Chamber of Commerce	Installation of Christmas Lights	£1,880
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8.2.1 It is recommended that Bradford on Avon Chamber of Commerce is awarded £1,880 towards the cost of installation of Christmas lights if councillors are of the opinion that this project demonstrates sufficient community benefit to the Town of Bradford on Avon.

8.2.2 This application meets the community area grant criteria 2010/11.

8.2.3 The Bradford on Avon Community Plan identifies the need to encourage investment into the Town of Bradford on Avon and encouragement of local employment opportunities and investment in tourism. The Christmas lights form part of a Christmas Market which aims to boost seasonal business. Bradford on Avon Town Council have demonstrated their support for this project by providing £2,200 towards the Christmas lights.

8.2.4 Members of the grants advisory group have commented on this application. These comments are available in a separate report.

8.2.5 Bradford on Avon and District Chamber of Commerce is an association of traders, merchants, manufacturers, professional men and others which exists to consider and promote all such lawful measures, plans and schemes as may be calculated to further improve and secure the trading and commercial interests of the town of Bradford on Avon and its neighbourhood. The Chamber is managed by a committee which is elected on an annual basis. The Chamber has reserves of £1,005.05 and is funded by member subscriptions and fundraising events.

8.2.6 Bradford on Avon Chamber of Commerce have applied for a grant from the area board to go towards the costs of installing Christmas lights in the town centre. The Christmas lights form part of a wider Christmas market initiative which aims to attract Christmas shoppers the town and create seasonal work opportunities. There are a total of twenty eight sheds for local businesses that are self funding for the Chamber and a programme of local music and performing arts. The Christmas Lights have been funded by the Chamber in the past. Matched funding for the lights has been provided by Bradford on Avon Town Council. It is stated that the group will hope to cover the costs of the lights through fundraising activities in future years. Quotes for the costs have been included with the application for the installation of 27 trees; library and park festoons; Shambles swags & festoon; bridge festoons; hire & installation of floodlights to Park tree and 7 x festoon cross street decorations.

8.3	Beejays Netball Club	Creation of new netball club	£560
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8.3.1 It is recommended that Beejays Netball Club is awarded £560 towards the

cost of setting up a new 'back to netball' club for parents.

- 8.3.2 This application meets the community area grant criteria 2010/11.
- 8.3.3 The Bradford on Avon Community Plan identifies concerns about the lack of indoor sports provision (p12) and the lack of locally based leisure provision. Parents of pupils receiving netball coaching at St Laurence School have expressed interest in playing themselves. A recently qualified coach in Winsley has also been approached by individuals who are interested in returning to the sport and playing in a non-competitive environment.
- 8.3.4 Members of the grants advisory group have commented on this application. These comments are available in a separate report.
- 8.3.5 Beejays Netball Club is affiliated to Wiltshire County Netball Association of England Netball. The Club is governed by a committee which is elected on an annual basis. The club exists to fulfil to provide the promotion of netball at all levels; training and competitive opportunities for players; individual development of players; coaching and officiating opportunities; voluntary opportunities, and to promote the utilisation of netball courts and other facilities incidental to the playing of netball. All monies raised by or on behalf of the Club are applied to further the objects of the Club and for no other purpose. The Club is funded by membership fees and fundraising activities and hold reserves of £187.35.
- 8.3.6 Beejays Netball Club have applied for a grant from the area board to go towards the costs of setting up a new 'Back to Netball' club. The Club wish to run four weeks of training to generate interest in the sport and attract new players. Following this four week period, the costs of an ongoing club would be covered by members paying per session and additional fundraising activities. 'Back to Netball' is aimed at individuals who have not played netball for some time and but who would like to get back into the sport and to play in a non-competitive environment. The £560 would cover the costs of hall hire and coaching costs as well as the capital outlay for bibs and netballs.

Appendices:	Appendix 1: Grant application from Holt Recreation and Sports Committee Appendix 2: Grant application from Bradford on Avon Chamber of Commerce Appendix 3: Grant application from Beejays Netball Club Appendix 4: Report from the Grants Advisory Group
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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