

**WESTBURY AREA BOARD
2 DECEMBER 2010**

COMMUNITY AREA GRANTS

Purpose of Report

To ask councillors to consider 10 applications seeking the following funding from 2010/11 Area Board Grants:

1. Bratton Recreation Ground – award £1,250 to match fund the purchase of a mower.
2. Jubilee Close and Haynes Road Residents Association – award £990 to fund the purchase of Christmas lights
3. Dilton Marsh Community Day Centre – award £262 to fund a Christmas party and entertainment for elderly residents
4. Bratton History Association - award £200 to fund the creation and one year hosting of an online digital history archive
5. Westbury Town Council – award £757 to match fund the purchase and erection of flagpoles and flags by the town war memorial
6. Laverton Trust – award £4992 to match fund the purchase and installation of new kitchen facilities
7. Westbury Heritage Society – award £995 to fund the purchase of equipment to carry out an oral history project for the community
8. Blues n Zues – award £294 to fund transport costs for attendance of young people at the B n Z events
9. Bratton Parish Council – award £1,000 to fund the replacement of safety matting on village play area
10. BA13+ Community Area Partnership – award £7,900 towards running costs of partnership including update of community plan.

To ask councillors to delegate authority to the Community Area Manager, in consultation with the area board councillors, to approve expenditure between meetings.

1. Background

1.1 Area boards have authority to approve grants under powers delegated to the area boards by the leader of Wiltshire Council (13 May 2009). Under the terms of that delegation area boards must operate within the policies set by the leader and/or the council. Wiltshire Council has adopted an Area Grants Policy, with funding criteria, to which the area boards must adhere.

1.2 In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any recommendation of an area board that was contrary to the funding criteria would need the approval of the leader, the appropriate cabinet member or the Cabinet.

1.3 In 2010/11 the Westbury Area Board was allocated a budget of £40,447. Following the approval of grant funding at the area board of 7 October, we now have £30,352 remaining for this financial year.

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 before 31 March 2011.

2.2 Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting until 31 March 2011. The board's last meeting of the financial year takes place on Thursday 3 February 2011.

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 Westbury Area Board.

4.2 If all grant applications are approved, there will be £11,712 left in the Westbury area board budget for 2010/11.

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 |
|-----|----------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| 098 | Bratton Recreation Ground | This is for the match funding for the purchase of a mower for the popular recreation ground which provides a wide range of facilities for local people of all ages. It is currently expanding its range of facilities including plans for a second football pitch. Maintenance of the ground is key to its quality and thus useage. While professional ongoing maintenance of the ground is too costly, the purchase of a high quality mower would enable local people to do this work themselves. | £ 1,250 |

8.1.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2010/11 grant criteria.

8.1.2 This application links to Wiltshire Council priorities of engaging with local people; increasing numbers involved in volunteering; encouraging healthy lifestyle changes; improving young people's participation in positive activities.

| Ref | Applicant | Project proposal | Funding requested |
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| 100 | Jubilee Close and Haynes Road Residents Association | To help fund the purchase and erection of Christmas lights. The residents are elderly and many have mobility problems so cannot enjoy the Christmas lights display in the town. This application asks for funding for lights on three trees in the close. Note the Westbury Town Council has agreed to take on the responsibility of storage of the lights and their erection in future years. | £990 |

8.2.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2010/11 grant criteria

8.2.2 This application links to Wiltshire Council priorities of engaging with local people; increasing numbers involved in volunteering.

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| 101 | Dilton Marsh Community Day Centre | This application is for funding to pay for a Christmas lunch and entertainment for older people in the community. The event will be held in the village hall and will be run by volunteers. | £ 262 |

8.3.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2010/11 grant criteria

8.3.2 This application links to Wiltshire Council priorities of engaging with local people and increasing numbers involved in volunteering.

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| 102 | Bratton History Association | To help fund the creation of an online archive of Bratton History. The fund requested would pay for one year of website hosting. The popular association has a wealth of information about the village in a variety of formats – the aim is to make them accessible by digitalising them and outing them online. | £200 |

8.4.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2010/11 grant criteria but recommends funding allocation of £200 rather than £250 as there is already a parish council grant of £50 towards the project.

8.4.2 This application links to Wiltshire Council priorities of engaging with local people; increasing numbers involved in volunteering.

| Ref | Applicant | Project proposal | Funding requested |
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| 103 | Westbury Town Council | To fund the purchase and erection of three flagpoles and flags by the town's War Memorial. The project is match funded and has come about because the current siting of the town's flags has led to considerable vandalism. Moving them to a safer and less accessible venue will help preserve them while still keeping them in the public display. | £757 |

8.5.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2010/11 grant criteria

8.5.2 This application links to Wiltshire Council priorities of engaging with local people; increasing numbers involved in volunteering, increasing tourism

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| 104 | Laverton Trust | To help fund the modernisation of kitchen facilities at the Laverton. The building has recently been the subject of considerable investment and improvements including the provision of a lift to make all floors accessible. It is being developed as a flexible community facility with a range of accommodation on offer. It is currently proving popular with a wide range of users many of which offer community involvement support, arts and leisure. The provision of up to date kitchen facilities will enable the facility to attract an even wider audience of community users. | £4992 |

8.6.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2010/11 grant criteria

8.6.2 This application links to Wiltshire Council priorities of engaging with local people; increasing numbers involved in volunteering, increasing tourism and economic viability of the town.

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| 113 | Westbury Heritage Society | To help fund equipment for a wide reaching oral history project that will preserve the heritage of the community in a multi media format. The project which will be carried out with Matravers school teachers and pupils will involve filming and interviewing town residents to accumulate a digital archive of experience and living history. This would be available through the heritage society and the school. | £995 |

8.7.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2010/11 grant criteria

8.7.2 This application links to Wiltshire Council priorities of engaging with local people; increasing numbers involved in volunteering, increasing tourism and economic viability of the town, and engaging young people in positive activities.

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| 111 | Blues n Zues | To help fund transport to boost attendance at a series of Blues n Zues events. These are run by the local Neighbourhood Police Team and are aimed at young people in the community area. These events are invaluable in building good relationships between the police and young people. | £294 |

8.8.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2010/11 grant criteria

8.8.2 This application links to Wiltshire Council priorities of engaging with local people and engaging young people in positive activities.

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| 112 | Bratton Parish Council | To help fund replacement of matting under play equipment. The need for the project was identified by a play area inspection which showed that the rubber matting needed to be repaired or replaced. The repair will provide a safe surface for children to play on around the galaxy play unit. | £1000 |

8.9.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2010/11 grant criteria but recommend a grant of £1,000 to match fund the parish council contribution rather than the £1,445 requested.

8.9.2 This application links to Wiltshire Council priorities of engaging with local people, encouraging healthy lifestyle changes; improving young people's participation in positive activities.

| Ref | Applicant | Project proposal | Funding requested |
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| | BA13+ Community Area Partnership | Continuing work of CAP including administration, publicity, events, updating of community plan | £7,900 |

8.10.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2010/11 grant criteria.