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| Report to | Devizes Area Board |
| Date of Meeting | 29 November 2010 |
| Title of Report | Community Area Grants – Application omitted in error |

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider an application that was received prior to the deadline for applications but was omitted from the main report in error.

1. West Lavington Village Hall Committee. Funding towards stripping and re-sealing the main hall floor, seeking £1,125. Recommended for consideration for approval.

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. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting (providing there is money available).
- 1.5. Should this application and others before the Board on a separate report be granted it will leave a balance of £6,147.
- 1.6. 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.
- 1.7. 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.

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| Background documents used in the preparation of this Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 20010/11• Devizes 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 six rounds of funding during 20010/11. The remaining dates are;
 - 24 January 2011
 - 21 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 Devizes Area Board.
- 4.2. Should the applications in this agenda be awarded, Devizes Area Board will have a balance of £6,147.

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 (Grant Register ref no) | West Lavington Village Hall Committee | Funding for stripping and re-sealing of main hall floor. | £1,125 |

- 8.1.1. Officer recommendation is that this application be considered for approval.
- 8.1.2. The application meets grant criteria 2010/11.
- 8.1.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan (retention and improvement of community venues).
- 8.1.4. The cost of the project is £2,250 and the applicant is seeking £1,125, providing the

other 50% from their own reserves.

- 8.1.5. The applicants were in receipt of a grant from the Area Board during the last financial year for replacement furniture.

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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