

Report to	Melksham Area Board
Date of Meeting	07/09/2016
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding

Purpose of the report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below

Applicant	Amount requested
Applicant: Poulshot Village Hall Project Title: Poulshot Village Hall UVPC cladding View full application	£2390.00
Applicant: Pyatts Corner Residents, Keevil Project Title: Improvement to footpath beside Keevil Village Playing Field View full application	£982.40
Applicant: Melksham Christmas lights group Project Title: Rejuvenation of infrastructure for lower end of Melkshams Christmas Display View full application	£2450.00
Applicant: TransWilts CIC Project Title: Melksham Station Northern Access View full application	£5000.00
Applicant: Cllr Jon Hubbard Project Title: Melksham Parkrun	£1000.00

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.

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
1947	Poulshot Village Hall	Poulshot Village Hall UVPC cladding	£2390.00
Project Description: Our village hall is the focal point of the village community where groups hold meetings and the table tennis clubs play. It is used for parties for the young and old .It is a very important part of village life. It is also used by people from outside the village .It is not a graded building and was the old village school. It faces onto our lovely village green. Decoration of the hall both inside and out is an ongoing process. We have had the inside of the hall decorated by Community Payback with whom we have a close working relationship. However they cannot decorate the outside of the hall due to the heights involved .They would not be insured for the work. A major extension was carried out some 8 years ago included in this work was the installation of white UVPC double glazed windows. To paint the fascia's			

soffits and the gable ends at regular intervals will cost about 5000 each time so we have looked at saving costs in the long term by looking at the possibility of cladding the fascia's soffits and gable ends with white UVPC cladding. This will save a lot in future maintenance costs.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

The grant application meets the 2016/17 grants criteria.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2008	Pyatts Corner Residents, Keevil	Improvement to footpath beside Keevil Village Playing Field	£982.40

Project Description:

To replace the current slippery and sloping grass pathway beside Keevil Village Playing Field linking the 2 existing hard surfaced paths to the Playing Field from Martins Road and Pyatts Corner with a permanent path surfaced with self-binding gravel. We are a small group of local residents. We have been awarded 1000 to improve the footpath from disbursement funds on the winding up of the Keevil Society. This amount is however insufficient to complete the project.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

The grant application meets the 2016/17 grants criteria.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2039	Melksham Christmas lights group	Rejuvenation of infrastructure for lower end of Melkshams Christmas Display	£2450.00

Project Description:

To create a new network of permanent cabling and associated running gear to allow the expansion of the towns festive display to the lower end of Melksham which is often criticised as being forgotten compared to the top of town. Work to be carried out by our volunteers including young and retired members alongside voluntary professional installers.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

The grant application meets the 2016/17 grants criteria.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2078	TransWilts CIC	Melksham Station Northern Access	£5000.00
<p>Project Description: Provide a costed deliverable scheme for a northern access - pedestrian and cycle to Melksham Station. The application is for matched funding to support a grant application of 60000 from GWR Community and Customer fund.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: The grant application meets the 2016/17 grants criteria.</p>			
<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
N/A	Cllr Jon Hubbard	Melksham Parkrun	£1000.00
<p>Project Description: Working in partnership with Melksham Without Parish and Melksham Town council's we are hoping to establish a ParkRun event based in Melksham at the King George V Playing fields.</p> <p>The set up cost for this would be £3000. Melksham Without have already agreed to support £1000 of this and Melksham Town Council are considering the application on Monday 22nd August to support by a similar amount. I am hoping that Melksham Area Board will support the activity by also contributing £1000.</p> <p>This event will help the town in many ways, including bringing more people into the town and providing a fantastic public health activity.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: The grant application meets the 2016/17 grants criteria.</p>			
<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.</p>			

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

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