

**Report to** Devizes Area Board  
**Date of meeting** 21 November 2016  
**Title of report** Community Area Grant funding

**Purpose of the Report:**

To consider the applications for funding listed below.

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>
Devizes Town Council	£5,000.00
The Fairway Defibrillator Fund	£500.00
Devizes Pre-School	£1,415.00
Devizes Cricket Club	£3,297.00

**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 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 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**

<b>Application ID</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project Proposal</b>	<b>Requested</b>
2132	Devizes Town Council	Christmas Lights	£5,000
<b>Project description</b>			
<p>The Town Council firmly believes that the installation of Christmas lights is a vital to support the retail sector during this important trading period and by ensuring that the town has a positive festive feel this supports the objective. Over the last few years the Christmas lights have suffered a number of failures due to their age therefore they need to be changed. A new scheme has been developed however the Town Council cannot afford to implement it in full.</p> <p>The project is the catalyst for other activities such as a Christmas Festival which is an arts based project it stimulates visitor numbers which supports the local economy and it delivers a sense of pride in the town as local people feel that care is being taken over it. Devizes Town Council has a long tradition of delivering a Christmas lighting scheme and one area in particular the beneficiaries of the project tell us the joy is lighting of the branches in the London Plane trees located in the Market Place. The current lighting scheme in these trees has now failed as the tree has grown to such an extent that the installations are beyond economic repair and need to be replaced and this is where the grant money will be spent.</p>			
<b>Proposal</b>			
That the Area Board determines the application from Devizes Town Council for £5,000.00			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 2111	The Fairway Defibrillator Fund	Defibrillator	£500
<b>Project description</b>			
<p>The residents of The Fairway Devizes wish to purchase a defibrillator for use by the surrounding local community. The provision of a public access defibrillator will allow a large section of the community to have easy access to potentially life-saving medical equipment 24 hours a day. The defibrillator will be fully automated allowing any untrained person to use it effectively.</p>			
<b>Proposal</b>			
That the Area Board determines the application from The Fairway Defibrillator Fund for £500.00			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 2136	Devizes Pre-school	Play Area	£1,415.00
<b>Project description</b>			
<p>Our Play area is in need of updating and new equipment purchasing to allow the children from the local community to access outdoor play during our free-flow play sessions. Many children who attend Pre-school do not have access to their own outdoor space and this is an essential part of their learning and development. The garden area itself needs maintenance to improve its fitness for purpose and ensure the children's safety at all times. This Phase is because storage of play equipment is in need of replacing as current facilities are not protecting them from the weather. This and further projects will enhance the outdoor space we can offer to our children and their extended families and other agencies with whom we work in partnership.</p>			
<b>Proposal</b>			
That the Area Board determines the application from Devizes Pre-School for £1,415.00			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 2040	Devizes Cricket Club	Scoreboard	£3,297
<b>Project description</b>			
<p>A new scoreboard is required at Devizes cricket club with the old one broken beyond repair. The club supports 4 senior teams and 5 junior teams as well as hosting country matches for senior men and women and juniors.</p>			
<p>Every person watching and participating in cricket at Devizes cricket club will benefit from a new scoreboard in a tremendous way. Not only does it allow parents of juniors and other spectators to understand and see the score as matches progress but it also keeps the players up to date as well. As a large community club it is important that we are showing to the community that we support that we are willing to help make their cricketing experience as easy as possible and items such as a new scoreboard can help us achieve that. Without a new scoreboard we would not be able to do this and could result in loss of participation and spectators which are both scenarios the club does not want to create. It is hugely important to the club that we can provide the best facilities around. We therefore feel we have a responsibility to our local community to keep up to date and to keep people of all ages</p>			

active in the game of cricket and having a new scoreboard goes a very long way to achieving this. In total there could be more than 1000 people benefitting from this new scoreboard annually whether they are spectators or players.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application from Devizes Cricket Club for £3,297.00

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

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