

Report to Pewsey Area Board
Date of meeting 9th January 2017
Title of report Health and Wellbeing Funding

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below together with the recommendations of the Health and Wellbeing Group.

Applicant	Amount requested	Health and Wellbeing Group recommendation
Mobility and Friendship Group – Great Bedwyn	£900	To approve
Leaflet to promote all local transport schemes in Pewsey	£790.	To approve subject to quotes

1. Background

The recommendation from the Health and Wellbeing Group has been made in accordance with the following guidelines:

- **Health and Wellbeing Groups Spending Guidelines**

Members of the Health and Wellbeing Group have considered this application and identified it as a priority for Area Board funding.

2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that Health and Wellbeing Groups awarded in the 2016/2017 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of it being awarded.
- 2.2. Councillors will need to be assured that carers, older and/ or vulnerable people will benefit from the funding being awarded. The money must be used to invest in projects that will support adults living within a community area. While not exclusively restricted to older people, the investment should be made in such a way as to make the maximum impact on health and wellbeing within a given community area.
- 2.3. Councillors will need to ensure measures have been taken in relation to safeguarding older and vulnerable people.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

Health and Wellbeing 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

- 4.1. **Pewsey Area Board was allocated £6700**

4.2. **The Pewsey Area Board Health and Wellbeing Funding balance for 2016/17 is £4056.01**

4.3. All decisions must fall within the Health and Wellbeing Funding allocated to Pewsey Area Board.

4.4 If funding is awarded in line with the Health and Wellbeing recommendations outlined in this report

1. Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

2. Human Resources Implications

There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

3. Equality and Inclusion Implications

Ensuring that Community Area Boards and Health and Wellbeing Groups fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in designing local positive activities for young people is essential to meeting the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.

4. Safeguarding Implications

The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children and young people. The Community Engagement Manager has assessed this application agreed it meets safeguarding requirements.

5. Applications for consideration

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
	Mobility and Friendship Group Great Bedwyn	Funding to support second term	£900
<p>Project summary:</p> <p>Mobility Training and social wellbeing for the older generation.</p> <p>Project description</p> <p>This comprises an afternoon of a forty five minute physical training session, a thirty minute social time with tea and biscuits, and then a forty five minute 'Chair Yoga' session. We use school term times and the group meets every Wednesday afternoon in term time We started in September, this year and are just finishing our first term. We are looking for funding to back the second term (January – April 2017).</p> <p>We aim to increase and sustain mobility in the older generation, and help to minimise social isolation. These aims, if achieved, will improve health and wellbeing and help to reduce both hospital admissions and social care demands.</p> <p>How many older people/carers to do you expect to benefit from your project?</p> <p>We have set ourselves a target of thirty. That is probably the maximum the Village Hall can take for physical exercise.</p> <p>To date we have had a total of 24 different individuals at various times. We have ten weeks of</p>			

experience so far. The maximum on any one day has been 18, and the lowest only 4. (There was a clash with the WI on that particular day). Our average attendance is just over 10.

How will you encourage volunteering and community involvement?

We need to promote our group in the local community using all the local agencies by providing information about the group. We plan to use as many different channels as we can.

This includes posters, on line information, using other local group activities to promote us at their meetings. We are publishing our latest newsletter in adjoining Parish Newsletters, and asking our clients to 'bring a friend'.

How will you ensure your project is accessible to everyone (for example: people living with a disability or on low incomes, or vulnerable, or socially isolated etc.)?

Accessibility is provided by the Bedwyns Link Scheme and we encourage existing clients to bring friends and neighbours - buddying-up. (one regular client is brought by the Link Scheme weekly - a round trip of some 14 miles)

The Bedwyn Surgery is a source of clients, both for those needing help with physical limitations and also for those with isolation or low income needs, which may not otherwise be known about. Our publicity makes the point that the charges we ask for are Voluntary, and no one is questioned about the sum they pay.

How will you work with other community partners?

We are gradually becoming better known, and are trying to work with all the other village agencies; Link Scheme, Surgery, Parish events.

We already have get a special hourly rate from the Village Hall Committee, and plan to approach local businesses for donations.

We are looking to work with a local health trainer, and we hope for cooperation

Safeguarding

I and our two professional trainers have assessed the risks and hazards of this training with regard to the age and limitations of our clients. We are well aware of potential falls or slips and are constantly instructing them, assisting them and demonstrating to them about keeping safe. All the training is carried out with each client having a chair beside them. Some sit or hold on and we are all very aware of the hazards of falls.

We usually have at least one and often three of us who are DBS checked.
(Two as Link Scheme drivers, and another as a surgery employee)

Monitoring

The main measure of our success will be the stabilising of our numbers of clients. If we can increase our average attendance, we will become less dependent on donations and possibly at some future date become financially viable.

The other measure is the feedback we are getting from clients on their enjoyment and their 'feel good factor'. This at present is good and very satisfactory.

Finance

Our initial accounts are attached. We are roughly breaking even on our first term. Our plan is to start the Spring term with sufficient donations to see us through till Easter.

We operate as part of the Bedwyns Link Scheme, and our finances will be part of their accounts. The Scheme is a registered charity and is supervised by Trustees.

If your project will continue after the Wiltshire Council funding runs out, how will you continue to fund it?

We are looking for other funding partners, and if we can increase and stabilise our numbers the need for funding will become less and simpler to find.

Recommendation of the Health and Wellbeing Group

That the application meets the grant criteria and is approved for the amount of £900

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
	Pewsey Partnership for Older People (POPP)	Community Transport leaflet	£790.
<p>Project summary</p> <p>A leaflet to promote all local transport schemes in Pewsey and to encourage volunteer drivers e.g. Link , PHAB, mini-buses, Connect 2</p> <p>Project description</p> <p>Partnership for Older People in the Pewsey area (POPP) was formed by Age UK Wiltshire and the Pewsey C.E.M. with the first meeting held in March 2016 to explore whether a partnership would be beneficial and to identify priorities; over 30 organisations and individuals attended.</p> <p>It was agreed that a partnership of organisations that worked in the area and local people would be beneficial if it achieved something.</p> <p>The priorities identified were</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Transport - Support for Carers - Helping older people to get online - Identifying older vulnerable people - Getting GP surgeries on board. <p>The next meeting in July therefore had speakers from Community Transport and Carers Support to enable the partnership to focus on these key issues. It was apparent that there was a wider range of Community Transport options for the Pewsey area than everyone knew about. It was decided that it would be effective to bring this information together into an updated leaflet on Community Transport for the Pewsey area to help people identify what services were available and which could be the most helpful to them.</p> <p>Community First who shared the information on Community Transport have produced a draft Pewsey Community Transport leaflet in an easy to read format with all the contact information</p>			

for local schemes. It is proposed to produce 4,000 leaflets and have them distributed locally as well as online using the Community Matters, AUKW and Community First websites and various social media accounts

A draft leaflet was shared at the POPP meeting in November and attendees put forward ideas and suggestions for the content and design. The aim is to have the leaflet ready for distribution in January / February 2017. This would be done online via village websites, Our Community Matters and delivery of leaflets to local service outlets and community groups.

We will work with Community First to monitor the effectiveness of the leaflet with the transport providers.

£790 is required for print and design through Community First. Other quotes are being obtained.

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That the application meets the grant criteria and is approved for the amount of £790

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

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