

<b>Report to</b>	Chippenham Area Board
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> March 2017
<b>Title of Report</b>	Community Area Grant Funding

**Purpose of the report:**

To consider the applications for funding listed below.

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>
<b>Applicant:</b> Chippenham Moonraker Gymnastics CIC <b>Project Title:</b> Chippenham Moonraker Gymnastics increasing participation safely  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£2664.80
<b>Applicant:</b> Wilts & Berks Canal Trust <b>Project Title:</b> Towpath raising canal bank stabilisation  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£4685.29
<b>Applicant:</b> 10th Chippenham Scout Group <b>Project Title:</b> 10th Chippenham Scout Group Sextan Cubs Summer Camp  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£950.00
<b>Applicant:</b> St Andrews Church Castle Combe <b>Project Title:</b> St Andrews Church Make History Project  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£20000.00
<b>Applicant:</b> Friends Of St Peter's C of E Academy <b>Project Title:</b> Community Running Track and Improved Play Equipment St Peters School  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£5000.00
<b>Applicant:</b> Doorway Wiltshire Ltd. <b>Project Title:</b> Doorway new staff panic alarms  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£600.00
<b>Applicant: Councillor Project</b> <b>Project Title: Equipment &amp; Storage to support volunteer litter pickers</b> View full application – See Appendix 1	£2,126

## **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**

4.1 Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure.

4.2 If Councillors approve the applications contained in this report the balance of Chippenham Area Board funding will be: **£65.00 Capital.**

## **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
<a href="#">2247</a>	Chippenham Moonraker Gymnastics CIC	Chippenham Moonraker Gymnastics increasing participation safely	£2664.80
<p><b>Project Description:</b>            Chippenham Moonraker Gymnastics is trying to increase the number of participants taking part in regular gymnastic activity by providing additional equipment for all of our sessions - pre-school recreational competitive and adult gymnastics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This application meets the 2016/17 funding criteria</li> <li>• This application demonstrates a link to key issues highlighted in the Chippenham Joint Strategic Assessment (JSA) February 2017 “Positive Leisure time Activities” “Childhood Obesity” for Children and Young People &amp; Healthy Lifestyles for Health, Wellbeing &amp; Leisure</li> <li>• This project demonstrates a link to Wiltshire Council Business Plan “To support and empower communities to do more for themselves”</li> <li>• It has not been possible for the applicant to seek a funding contribution from Chippenham Town Council on this occasion as the Town Council Grants &amp; Donations Fund has been allocated for 2016/17. Officers note that Chippenham Town Council has previously supported projects by this applicant.</li> <li>• Chippenham Moonraker Gymnastics Club serves the people of Chippenham and the surrounding area from two separate venues, in Chippenham and Corsham, as well as working with local schools providing curriculum gymnastics tuition and teacher mentoring.</li> <li>• Chippenham Moonraker Gymnastics Club is aiming to establish a fully equipped permanent gymnastics training facility in Chippenham to enable an increase in participation in gymnastic and general sporting/fitness activity in the local population.</li> <li>• Moving into a new venue which offers 24/7 access will allow the club to grow and provide the opportunity to participate in gymnastic activity to anyone of any age who wants to try, from pre-schoolers up to adults, in a safe and controlled environment.</li> <li>• At the current time there are over 400 children on a waiting list for a place at the club. The additional equipment will allow the club to increase places in sessions and enable many of those waiting to take up a place.</li> <li>• Sport England and Wiltshire Council priorities focus on increased participation for those aged 14-25, particularly women and girls, those who are non-sporty and not engaged in traditional sporting activity.</li> </ul>			

- The applicant states that work with schools and other education providers will continue to combat childhood obesity and inactivity by providing a wide range of activity programming in a safe, child-friendly environment.
- The applicant intends to increase access to their Leadership Academy volunteering programme for young people aged 11 to 18. The programme provides an opportunity for young people to achieve qualifications in Coaching, Leadership, Judging and Event Management leading to a Level 2 certificate in Leadership through Sport.
- Wiltshire Council's Sports Development Officer is of the opinion that expanding the club and its capacity would contribute to outcomes 4 and 5 of Wiltshire Council's Business Plan.
- Wiltshire Council's Sports Development Officer states that Moonraker Gymnastics has demonstrated that it can deliver high quality community sport provision. The group is more than capable of delivering this work and has a very professional, dedicated team of staff. Coaches are qualified to deliver these activities and also have relevant systems and procedures in place to ensure they deliver high quality, safe programmes of activity.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">2264</a>	Wilts & Berks Canal Trust	Towpath raising canal bank stabilisation	£4685.29

**Project Description:**

Substantial work has been done by volunteers to raise the canal bank some 1.5 meters along a 80 meter stretch of canal south of Pewsham where the canal bank tow path had collapsed in the distant past We now need to raise the tow path so it's at the correct height with the canal bank. This will not only allow the section to be strengthen which will allow the canal to be re-watered at this section and allow a diverse mixture of wildlife habitat but will also ensure walkers cyclists and buggy users will have a clear dry and stable route to other sections of the canal and surrounding footpaths.

- This application meets the 2016/17 funding criteria
- This application demonstrates a link to key issues highlighted in the Chippenham Joint Strategic Assessment (JSA) February 2017 "Positive Leisure time Activities" "Healthy Lifestyles" "Participation in Arts, Crafts & Culture" "Local Landscape & Heritage"
- This project demonstrates a link to Wiltshire Council Business Plan "To support and empower communities to do more for themselves"

- It has not been possible for the applicant to secure a funding contribution from Chippenham Town Council on this occasion as the Town Council Grants & Donations Fund has been allocated for 2016/17. Officers note that Chippenham Town Council has previously supported projects by this applicant and shall be actively working with the Canal Trust to deliver a separate large project in 2017/18.
- The applicant is confident that the local community will benefit from the restoration of the canal through their locality economically, environmentally and for recreation. Restoration of the Wilts Berks canal is in the Wiltshire Core Strategy and the route is protected. At 4.8 restoration of the canal is mentioned as a solution to lack of green tourism.
- Officers are of the opinion that this project will help to deliver priorities identified in the Joint Strategic Assessment and to deliver wide community benefit. Officers are also of the opinion that the raising of the towpath and bank stabilisation will ensure that, walkers, cyclists and buggy users will have a clear dry and stable route to other sections of the canal and surrounding footpaths. The project will also support the aim to provide an attractive destination and enhance the applicant's efforts to promote the restored canal as a visitor attraction for the area.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">2266</a>	10 <sup>th</sup> Chippenham Scout Group	Equipment for 10 <sup>th</sup> Chippenham Scout Group Sextan Cubs Summer Camp	£950.00

**Project Description:**

A joint summer camp venture with our twinned group from troop 404 American scout group from Florida involving camping hiking orienteering archery abseiling climbing backwoods cooking and visits to Stonehenge Brownsea Island and SS Shieldhall Steamship in Southampton. as we will not have access to an electric hook up on the campsite and require additional portable marquee areas we wish to purchase these items which will subsequently be used by the group on all other camping experiences.

- This application meets the 2016/17 funding criteria
- This project demonstrates a link to Wiltshire Council Business Plan and "Provide opportunities for every child and young person to improve their attainment and skills so they can achieve their full potential" Outcome 5: People in Wiltshire have healthy, active, high quality lives (healthy choices, positive activities) Outcome 4 Wiltshire has inclusive communities where everyone can achieve their potential (reducing disadvantage and poverty, health inequalities)

- This application demonstrates a link to key issues highlighted in the Chippenham Joint Strategic Assessment (JSA) February 2017 “Positive Leisure time Activities” “Childhood Obesity” for Children and Young People & Healthy Lifestyles for Health, Wellbeing & Leisure
- Match funding is not required for applications for up to and including £1,000

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">2178</a>	St Andrews Church Castle Combe	St Andrews Church Make History Project	£20000.00

**Project Description:**

The Project has been undertaken to build a small extension on the north side of the Church to house a small kitchen a washroom accessible to the disabled and a modern boiler. The vestry will also be re-housed in the new structure. The vestry is currently located in the Knights Chapel an area closed to the public for decades. The Chapel contains a beautiful stained glass window and family memorials. Its re-opening will reveal these windows and a glorious carved screen to a wider public. The Planning permission has been sought for the project and granted.

- This application meets the 2016/17 funding criteria
- This project demonstrates a link to Wiltshire Council Business Plan “To support and empower communities to do more for themselves”
- This application demonstrates a link to key issues highlighted in the Chippenham Joint Strategic Assessment (JSA) February 2017 “Positive Leisure time Activities” “Local Landscape and Heritage” “Positive Leisure time Activities”
- St Andrews Church is a Grade 1 listed building in the heart of one of Englands most beautiful villages Castle Combe.
- Officers understand that the building can host up to 200 and is widely used by local people for services, wedding, major festivals and concerts. Both the acoustics and setting make it a memorable venue and attract a wide audience. A wide variety of community events also take place and assist with the applicants fund raising efforts toward our Make History appeal.
- The Church is also a popular tourist destination which attracts thousands of local, national and international visitors every year.
- Officers are of the opinion that the installation of kitchen and toilet facilities will be of enormous benefit to all those who attend events and activities in the Church. The applicant has advised that in the absence of basic amenities, some older people can be anxious about attending events in the building and it can also cause issues for families with young children. All refreshments and hot water have to be prepared offsite and also washing up. This significantly restricts the use of the building.

- The introduction of the amenities will enable smaller local groups to use the Church e.g. local art, history, book, craft, pensioner and parent & baby groups. School visits could experience the Church Trail and Churchyard Wildlife trail.
- Officers understand that the Church contains a wealth of local information historical artefacts and displays dating back to the time of the Magna Carta. The relocation of the vestry to the planned new extension will enable the Knights Chapel to be cleared and renovated. This most historic part of the church will be opened to the public to see the beautiful stained glass window ancient local family memorials and medieval screen which are currently hidden. This enhancement to the Knights Chapel we will create greater historical interest within the building. The increased available space within the church will help enormously to assist as a display area for much historical information and artefacts. This will enhance the experience for those visiting the church and give an inspiring and historic experience for future generations to enjoy.
- The applicant intends to offer an additional reflective space in this quiet northern corner of the Church. This space will also house artefacts and significant historical material from the closed Castle Combe Museum thus providing an important new facility for locals and visitors alike.
- Officers are of the opinion that the applicant provides a unique and valuable facility for the community area; the addition of a small extension with amenities will enable the applicant to offer more opportunities for more events to be held in the heart of the village for the benefit of all visitors. As such, a funding award of more than the normal maximum award of £5,000 should be considered.

### Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">2244</a>	Friends Of St Peter's C of E Academy	Community Running Track and Improved Play Equipment St Peters School	£5000.00

### Project Description:

Although the school field is large it is often inaccessible because it gets too wet and muddy to use. The provision of improved play equipment and a running track around the perimeter of the school field will enhance community access and opportunity to improve their physical health and mental well-being. As this is an all-weather surface people will enjoy year round access to this outside facility. The school has just been notified that their application for 10000 was successful so this project has already secured significant part funding.

- This application meets the 2016/17 funding criteria



- This application demonstrates a link to key issues highlighted in the Chippenham Joint Strategic Assessment (JSA) February 2017 “Positive Leisure time Activities” “Childhood Obesity” for Children and Young People & Healthy Lifestyles for Health, Wellbeing & Leisure
- This project demonstrates a link to Wiltshire Council Business Plan “To support and empower communities to do more for themselves”
- This project also embraces the governments Change for Life initiative by providing children with the opportunity and facility to be regularly active and supports the Healthy Schools initiative
- St Peters School has a large outdoor space that cannot currently be used throughout the year as it currently becomes too wet and muddy. The introduction of a community running track around the perimeter of the school field and improved play equipment will enhance access and opportunity for the community to improve their physical health and mental wellbeing.
- Officers understand that St Peters School has strong and established wider community links with local organisations that already enjoy the use of the large outside space. This project aims to further enhance their provision and the opportunities available to the communities they serve. These groups include the pre-school, an external before and after school club provider, external sports club providers and holiday clubs who could enjoy use of the planned extended facilities beyond the school day and term time.
- The applicant is working with the Wiltshire Council Sport Development Team to explore the introduction of Multi Sports Disability Programme Athletics Summer Programme and Holiday Sports Clubs. Chippenham Harriers whose youth and beginners classes have also expressed an interest in using the new facilities.
- The applicant advises that Governors will consider free use of these facilities for voluntary groups to ensure the wider community benefit as it could be enjoyed by people of all ages and abilities over many years to come.
- Officers understand that Teachers find that children are much more receptive to learning when they have had the opportunity to undertake some physical activity. Not only does physical activity build healthy exercise habits and improve cardiovascular fitness it also sharpens co-ordination improves confidence is fun and provides other psychological benefits.
- Staff and governors at the school were inspired by similar projects in Scottish primary schools who have installed running tracks and seen the benefits from improved concentration from pupils who run a daily mile. This project will enhance their overall learning experience and improve their social and motor skills whilst engaging with others on fresh challenges.
- Officers are of the opinion that this project would introduce a valuable facility that would be an asset for both the school and local community.



**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">2327</a>	Doorway Wiltshire Ltd.	Doorway new staff panic alarms	£600.00

**Project Description:**

Staff at Doorways drop-in centre for homeless and vulnerable adults are responsible for maintaining a safe environment for volunteers and guests service users. Personal panic alarms enable them to contact local police immediately if a dangerous situation arises. We need to purchase 4 new panic alarms to ensure each member of staff has a working alarm at all times.

- This application meets the 2016/17 funding criteria
- This project demonstrates a link to Wiltshire Council Business Plan “To support and empower communities to do more for themselves” and Outcome 5: People in Wiltshire have healthy, active, high quality lives (healthy choices, positive activities) Outcome 4 Wiltshire has inclusive communities where everyone can achieve their potential (reducing disadvantage and poverty, health inequalities)
- Match funding is not required for applications for up to and including £1,000

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
Area Board Project	Councillor Peter Hutton	Tools, Equipment & Signs to support volunteer litter pickers	£2,126

**Project Description:**

- This application meets the 2016/17 funding criteria
- This application demonstrates a link to key issues highlighted in the Chippenham Joint Strategic Assessment (JSA) February 2017 “Fly tipping & Litter”
- This project demonstrates a link to Wiltshire Council Business Plan “To support and empower communities to do more for themselves”
- Officers are of the opinion that the purchase of additional items will greatly assist volunteers who are regularly carrying out litter picks

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application

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

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