

Report to	Pewsey Area Board
Date of Meeting	10 January 2011
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider eight applications seeking 20010/11 Community Area Grant Funding.

1. Burbage Baby & Toddler Group – To purchase soft play equipment. Seeking £550. **Officer Recommendation - Approval**
2. POP (Participate, Overcome, Perform) – Dance workshops and performance. Seeking £840. **Officer Recommendation – Approval** as a one-off project which will only be funded this year.
3. Pewsey Parish Council – Start up costs for running two car parks. Seeking £1,700. **Officer Recommendation - Approval** – it should be noted that the Area Board will be unable to fund future running costs.
4. Rushall & Charlton Village Hall – the purchase of tables and storage trolley. . Seeking £400. **Officer Recommendation - Approval.**
5. Charlton St Peter and Wilsford Parish Council. Parish notice board. Seeking £265. **Officer Recommendation - Approval.**
6. Alton Barnes Parish Council – To enhance boundary between car park and bridleway to prevent camping. Seeking £660. **Officer Recommendation - Approval.**
7. Wilcot Village Hall – the purchase of tables and storage trolley. Seeking £823. **Officer Recommendation - Approval.**
8. Shalbourne Primary School – support and training for vulnerable low income parents with young babies – funding for baby equipment. Seeking £606. **Officer Recommendation - 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 decision of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria and/or the officer's recommendation would need to demonstrate that the application in question has a wider community benefit, and give specific reasons as to why this should justify an exception to the criteria.
- 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. Pewsey Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £44,949 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget is £38. This gives a total budget of £44,987 for 2010/2011. The balance at the last meeting was £27,713 and at the last meeting the Area Board approved grants totalling £18,438 - this leaves a total budget of £9,275. However one applicant has indicated that they will be claiming £400 less than agreed which gives a balance of £9,675.
- 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.

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 20010/11• Pewsey 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 fifth is contained in this report the remaining will take place on;

- 7 March 2011 (subject to available funds)

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 Pewsey Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer approval recommendations Pewsey Area Board will have a balance of £3,831.

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.

8. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1 (117)	Burbage Baby & Toddler Group	Purchase of soft play equipment	£550

- 8.1.1. The Officer recommendation is that this application be approved.
- 8.1.2. The Officer is of the opinion that this application meets grant criteria 2010/11
- 8.1.3. The project doesn't demonstrates a direct link to the (20010/11) Community Plan,

however the activity contributes to the ambition of resilient communities.

- 8.1.4. The applicant is Tiddlywinks – Burbage Baby & Toddler Group which is a not for profit organisation. There are 6 people involved in the management of the organisation. The Group is contributing £220 towards the project and £350 is coming from BEAM (Burbage Energy Action Management). Total project costs are £1,120.
- 8.1.5. The project is to provide new physical play equipment will encourage physical, creative and social development for children aged between 0-5 years and the equipment. It is vital that this service is local in an area where public transport is infrequent. There is a weekly attendance fee which is kept to a minimum which enables the group to meet basic costs.
- 8.1.6. If the Area Board made the decision not to fund the project, the toddler group would not have age appropriate indoor physical play equipment. Therefore children attending would not have the same physical play opportunities and as a result, would be less healthy.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2. (80)	POP (Participate, Overcome, Perform) Youth Dance	Dance Workshop and Performance	£840

- 8.2.1. The Officer recommendation is that this application be approved
- 8.2.2. The Officer is of the opinion that this application meets grant criteria 2010/11.
- 8.2.3. The application states that this is a one-off project. If it continues for future years the Area Board will be unable to fund running costs.
- 8.2.4. The applicant is POP Youth Dance a not for profit organisation – the applicant is receiving £160 from Wiltshire Youth Arts Partnership – the total project cost is £1,000.
- 8.2.5. The application demonstrates a link to the Pewsey Community Area Plan 2010/11 within the Education & Lifelong Learning Section: 5.2 Quality of Education; 5.2 Target/outcome: Healthy Lifestyle; 5.5 widening range of opportunities for young people; 5.9 Diversionary activities for young people.
- 8.2.6. P.O.P Youth Dance project involves Wiltshire Youth Arts Partnership and Pewsey Centre (supported by the Youth Development Officer) and young people from the Community Area. Planning for the performance will be led by young people. The performance will be called “Creative Juice”.
- 8.2.7 The applicant states that this will be a one-off event to promote health and

wellbeing, dance music and leadership skills by young people although it is hoped to become an annual event.

8.2.8 If the event continues and becomes an annual dance festival, the aim is that it will be supported 'in kind' from local community groups and through fundraising events in the build up to the dance festival.

8.2.9 A decision not to fund the project would mean that Creative Juice would have to be run as a purely performance event and not offer workshops in dance and music for participants, audience, friends, family and community representatives. The group would not be able to host many dance and music sessions in the build up to the event therefore impacting on the quality of the performances and workshop activities. This would affect the young people's confidence and have a negative impact on the event.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3 (120)	Pewsey Parish Council	Start up costs towards running the Wiltshire Council owned car parks in the village of Pewsey	£1,700

8.3.1 The Officer Recommendation is that this application be approved although it must be noted that this is one-off funding and running costs cannot be sought from the Area Board in future years.

8.3.2 The Officer is of the opinion that this application meets grant criteria 2010/11

8.3.3 The application demonstrates a link to the Pewsey Community Area Plan 2010/2011 on pages 9-11 "The Economy". The project will not only benefit the fragile local economy but the wider community of the Pewsey Vale by maintaining Pewsey as a service centre.

8.3.4 The applicant is Pewsey Parish Council who will provide £1,710.57 in match funding. The total project cost is £3,410.57

8.3.5 The project is to provide start up funding to enable the Parish Council to take over the running of the Broomcroft Road/Hallgate car park and the North Street car park.

8.3.6 If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project the project would still proceed, however the impact on the electorate of Pewsey Vale would be high as the precept for Pewsey Parish Council would need to be increased and requests for donations made to the outlying villages.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4 (118)	Rushall & Charlton Village Hall	Purchase of 5 small tables and storage trolley	£400

- 8.4.1 The Officer Recommendation is that this application be approved.
- 8.4.2 The Officer is of the opinion that this application meets grant criteria 2010/11
- 8.4.3 The application doesn't demonstrate a specific link to the Pewsey Community Area Plan but it is recognised that village halls are part of the fabric of local communities, and a vital resource for local people for recreation, social events, meetings etc, much of which is included in the Pewsey Community Area Plan. Village halls help to facilitate many of the objectives of the Plan.
- 8.4.4 The applicant is the Rushall & Charlton St Peter Village Hall, a not for profit organisation managed by 10 people. The total project costs are £519. The Village Hall is contributing £119 towards the project.
- 8.4.5 The project is for the purchase of 5 small tables and a storage trolley which will ensure that there is enough to fill the hall for large events.
- 8.4.6 The village hall facilities are for the benefit of all. At a recent harvest supper there were large numbers of people attending and the number of tables was insufficient.
- 8.4.7 If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project the purchase of the tables would be delayed at least until the outcome of this financial years accounts is known – last year there was a loss.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5 (122)	Charlton St Peter & Wilsford Parish Council	Purchase and installation of a new Parish Notice Board for Charlton St Peter	£265

- 8.5.1 The Officer Recommendation is that this application be approved.
- 8.5.2 The Officer is of the opinion that this application meets grant criteria 2010/11
- 8.5.3 The application has no direct link with the Pewsey Community Area Plan, however it is recognised that communication in rural villages is vital, and notice boards provide a much needed resource for the community.
- 8.5.4 The applicant is Charlton St Peter & Wilsford Parish Council. The total project costs

are £530. The Parish Council is contributing £265 towards the project.

8.5.5 The project is for the purchase and installation of a new parish notice board. The existing one is in a poor state of repair, it is small and leaks and is not lockable.

8.5.6 If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project will not proceed.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.6 (121)	Alton Barnes Parish Council	To enhance the boundary between the hard car park and the bridleway on Workway Drove	£660

8.6.1 The Officer Recommendation is that this application be approved.

8.6.2 The Officer is of the opinion that this application meets grant criteria 2010/11.

8.6.3 There is no specific link to the community plan but the project will improve the state of the countryside in this area.

8.6.4 The applicant is Alton Barnes Parish Council. The total project cost is £1,320 with the Parish Council is contributing £660.

8.6.5 The project is to enhance the boundary between the hard car park and the bridleway on Workway Drove. It is to stop people camping on the hillside and using the bushes on the bridleway as a toilet. People camped there in large numbers between the summer and autumn solstices and refused to move. The farmer who rents the land (which is owned by New College Oxford) will plant Sarsens Stones in an upright position on the boundary of the car park and install a gate or barrier in the centre to allow access to farm traffic.

8.6.6 The whole community will benefit from this as it is felt it will keep mess out of the countryside.

8.6.7 If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project it is feared that the area will be destroyed.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.7 (124)	Wilcot Village Hall	To purchase modern lighter tables and a trolley	£823

8.7.1 The Officer Recommendation is that this application be approved.

8.7.2 The Officer is of the opinion that this application meets grant criteria 2010/11.

- 8.7.3 The application doesn't demonstrate a specific link to the Pewsey Community Area Plan but it is recognised that village halls are part of the fabric of local communities, and a vital resource for local people for recreation, social events, meetings etc, much of which is included in the Pewsey Community Area Plan. Village halls help to facilitate many of the objectives of the Plan.
- 8.7.4 The applicant is Wilcot Village Hall which is a not for profit organisation. The management is made up of 14 people. The total project cost is £823.
- 8.7.5 The project is to purchase 7 aluminium folding tables and a storage trolley. The current tables are wooden folding ones and create a potential health and safety hazard as difficult to move, put up and set down.
- 8.7.6 If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project this would have an impact on other projects that the hall wishes to work on in the coming months.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.8 (126)	Shalbourne Primary School	To provide baby equipment to enable opportunities for social interaction, support and training for vulnerable low income parents with young babies	£606

- 8.8.1 The Officer Recommendation is that this application be approved.
- 8.8.2 The criteria states that projects that receive funding from Wiltshire Council should not be eligible unless it can demonstrate wide community benefit. A Partner in this project is the Sure Start Children's Centre, which is currently delivered in part by Wiltshire Council. The Officer feels that this project does demonstrate wide community benefit because Shalbourne (Shalbourne, Grafton & Chute Super Output Area) features 10th out of 281 including being in the 10% most deprived in the South West and 10% most deprived in England in the Barriers to Housing and Services Domain (indices of deprivation) which includes The sub domain - Geographical Barriers
- 8.8.3 The project has a direct link with the Pewsey Community Area Plan in Social Care/Health 3.1 – Lack of appropriate facilities and opportunities for people who are socially isolated.
- 8.8.4 The applicant is Shalbourne CE Primary School and the project will take place in one of the mobile classrooms.
- 8.8.5 The project is to purchase equipment for babies and this will provide good facilities and enable parents to come and receive support, social interaction and training. The Children's Centre will provide officer resources, but would not be able to provide the equipment – therefore this project adds much value to the out reach

work and the facility may be used for other activities.

8.8.6 If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project, it will not go ahead.

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

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