

Report to Marlborough Area Board
Date of meeting 18 July 2017
Title of report Community Area Grant Funding

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below.

Applicant	Amount requested
Froxfield War Memorial Hall Refurbishment of Toilets	£950.00
Ramsbury Pre-School New Build	£5,000.00
Total grant amount requested at this meeting	£5,950.00
Total capital funding allocated to Marlborough Area Board 2017/18	£39,436.00
Total amount awarded so far, 2017/18	£13,101.15
Amount remaining if all grants are awarded as per report	£20,384.85

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 2017/2018 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 has been made to cover this expenditure.

5. Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

6. Human Resources Implication

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
2435	Froxfield War Memorial Hall	Refurbishment of Gentlemen’s Toilet Facilities	£950.00
<p>Project Description</p> <p>Froxfield is a small village in a rural setting which has lost many village facilities over the years and the Village Hall has become a centre for many village clubs and families to use for their activities. The Hall is set on the Village Green in the centre of Froxfield and it has become the hub of village activities being hired and used by the social club, Brass Band, Village Morris Dancers and for Church activities as well as hire by private individuals.</p> <p>Unless the Village Hall can be kept in a good overall condition, there will be nowhere else in the village for these local groups to meet and nowhere for other local activities to take place. This refurbishment work will help the hall to become more sustainable in that it will help to create somewhere more pleasant and attractive for hirers to use and come back to.</p> <p>The hall is run on a tight budget and has just pulled itself back from a deficit and now has some reserves in the bank. Some of this money will be used toward this refurbishment but the hall also has plans for an upgrade to their lighting, also making the building more sustainable.</p>			
<p>Proposal:</p> <p>That the Area Board determines the application from Froxfield War Memorial Hall for £950.00</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2179	Ramsbury Pre-school	New Pre-school building for Ramsbury	£5,000.00
<p>Project Description</p> <p>Ramsbury has a population of around 2,000 with a high proportion of young families drawn to the village with the provision of an Ofsted Outstanding primary school. There has been a pre-school in the village for approximately 40 years. It provides essential low-cost early years education for Ramsbury and surrounding villages five days a week enabling families of all backgrounds to access valuable educational social provision in our rural location. It has a staff of 6 pre-school teachers and a volunteer committee.</p> <p>There are 30 children registered with the pre-School and it can currently take a maximum of 24 children per session. The pre-school is currently using the Methodist Church Hall, although this is a fear that this might have to close leaving nowhere for the pre-school to go. Having investigated several options, a purpose-built building would ensure pre-school provision to the families of Ramsbury and surrounding hamlets.</p> <p>Planning permission for the new building has been secured and it will be close to Ramsbury's primary school. This will provide a good link to the children leaving the pre-school and starting at the primary school.</p> <p>The committee have a total of some £356,000 to raise. This application first came to Marlborough area board in November 2016 but members felt the fundraising total was too far off and deferred it. The pre-school is now much closer to its target and the area board is now happy to consider this application.</p>			
<p>Proposal:</p> <p>That the Area Board determines the application from Ramsbury Pre-school for £5,000.00</p>			

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

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