

Report to	Malmesbury Area Board
Date of Meeting	19 January 2011
Title of Report	Area Board Funding

Purpose of Report

To ask councillors to consider 8 applications seeking 2010/11 Area Board Grants and the following officer recommendations:

1. Malmesbury Lawn Tennis Club – award £2,000 towards the refurbishment of two existing tennis courts, conditional on the balance of funding being in place.
2. Twynnoy Explorer Scouts – award £665 to enable the purchase of seven tents.
3. Crudwell Pre-school – award £3,215 towards replacing the surface of an external play area at Crudwell village hall, conditional on the balance of funding being in place and should other funding applications be successful, that this sum be returned to the area board.
4. Ashton Keynes Millennium Green Trust - award £2,100 towards the cost of re-establishing a roadside hedge at the Millennium Green, as a wildlife habitat; conditional on the balance of funding being in place.
5. Cotswold Water Park Trust - award £900 towards the involvement of children from the Malmesbury community area participating in willow lantern workshops and pageant, conditional on the balance of funding being in place.
6. Little Somerford Parish Hall – award £790 to provide new entrance doors for the hall.
7. Malmesbury & Village Community Area Partnership – award £468 towards the cost of publicity and communications material.
8. Luckington Children’s Playground Trust – refuse; but invite a revised application towards the cost of new play equipment and ancillary works at a future date.

To ask councillors to ring fence £8,029 (£4,029 youth transport allocation from Cabinet plus £4,000 matched funding from the area board) and make a request to Cabinet that it is carried over to 2011/12 to enable delivery of a participatory budgeting event for young people addressing their transport and access needs.

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 for 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.
- 1.5. During 2010/2011 all applicants are being encouraged to contact Charities Information Bureau who is working on behalf of Wiltshire Council to support community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils to seek funding for community projects and schemes both from the Area Board and other local and national funding sources.
- 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• How you view where you live - Malmesbury & the Villages Community Plan 2009-2013
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Malmesbury Area Board was allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £40,593 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget was £682, resulting in a balance of £41,275.
- 2.2. At the 12 May area board, funding totalling £4,230 was distributed, leaving a balance of £37,045.
- 2.3. At the 7 July area board community area grants totalling £4,420 was approved, leaving a balance of £32,625.
- 2.4. The Area Board on 12 May 2010 agreed to fund £3,000 to the Malmesbury and the Villages Community Area Plan.
- 2.5. The Area Board agreed on 7 July 2010 to match fund the transport and young people project funding allocated by Cabinet by £4,000.
- 2.6. At the 15 September area board community area grants totalling £2,453 was approved, leaving a balance of £23,172.
- 2.7. At the 10 November area board community area grants totalling £4,665 was approved, leaving a balance of £18,109.
- 2.8. Since the November meeting we have been advised that the funding for a speed detection device associated with the work of the Malmesbury Community Area Transport Group, had been found from another budget, resulting in £353 being retained by the area board. Thus there is a budget of **£18,462** available for distribution.
- 2.9. 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.
- 2.10. There are 6 funding rounds during 2010/11. The fifth is contained in this report the remaining will take place on 16 March 2011. The deadline for receipt of funding applications for consideration at the March area board is 31 January 2011.
- 2.11. Transport and Young People Project Funding
 - 2.11.1. Earlier in the year the area board sought to run a project with Malmesbury secondary school to enable students to submit projects for funding. Since none were forthcoming a fresh approach has been agreed to invite a wide range of youth groups to apply for funding through a participatory budgeting event in May 2011.
 - 2.11.2. The area board match funded the contribution by Cabinet to provide a sum of £8,029. To enable this project to proceed the area board are invited to

submit a request to Cabinet to request that this sum is ring-fenced and carried over to 2011/12 to enable delivery of a participatory budgeting event for young people addressing their transport and access needs.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

- 3.1. 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 Malmesbury Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Malmesbury Area Board will have a balance of **£8,324**

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 – “Officer Recommendations”.

8. Officer Recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1.	Malmesbury Lawn Tennis Club	Refurbishment of two existing tennis courts	£2,000

- 8.1.1. Officers recommend that Malmesbury Lawn Tennis Club are awarded £2,000 towards the cost of refurbishing two tennis courts, conditional on the balance of funding being in place.

- 8.1.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2010/11 grant criteria, as long as major maintenance work is not considered as running

costs.

- 8.1.3. There is specific reference in the Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan 2009-2013 in respect to young people having greater access to tennis facilities.
- 8.1.4. This is the only tennis facility in the town and is used by about 125 people. Membership fees are modest for young people (£20 for a young person of secondary school age) and there is also coaching provided to children (including non-members).
- 8.1.5. The club helps to enable people to keep fit as well as promoting social events.
- 8.1.6. While the applicant has not approached either the Charities Information Bureau (CIB) or any other organisations to seek funding for this project, they have been in touch regarding their major capital project which is to build two additional courts.
- 8.1.7. The applicant is contributing just over 50% of the cost of this project and while they hold significant reserves, these are being held to help lever in funding for their two new courts.
- 8.1.8. A decision not to fund this application is unlikely to cause delay in funding as officers believe the applicant would find the funding from their reserves.

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8.2.	Twynnoy Explorer Scouts	Purchase seven tents.	£665

- 8.2.1. Officers recommend that Twynnoy Explorer Scouts are awarded £665 to enable them to purchase 7 tents.
- 8.2.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2010/11 grant criteria.
- 8.2.3. The application demonstrates links to the Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan 2009-2013, in that it provides a range of activities and skills for the young people who live in the town and surrounding villages
- 8.2.4. The Twynnoy explorer scouts cater for boys and girls aged 14-18. The young people take an active role in the running of the group and in so doing gain additional skills. The group was established in September 2010 and plan to go on a number of camping trips in 2011, when the tents would be needed.

8.2.5. The applicant has not looked for any other funding for this project.

8.2.6. A decision not to fully fund this application will delay the purchase of the tents while other funding is sought.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3.	Crudwell Pre-school	Replacement of the surface of the external play area	£3,215

8.3.1. Officers recommend Crudwell Pre-school are awarded £3,215 towards replacing the surface of the external play area at Crudwell village hall, conditional on the balance of funding being in place and should other funding applications be successful, that this sum be returned to the area board.

8.3.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2010/11 grant criteria. There is some concern that the applicant approached the area board a little prematurely so that the results of another funding application for the full cost of the project (minus their contribution) is still awaited, hence the additional condition included in the recommendation.

8.3.3. The application demonstrates strong links to the Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan 2009-2013, in that it meets the local need to 'support early years, toddler groups and pre-schools in villages'.

8.3.4. The project will replace the current bark and grass surface, which is currently difficult to maintain and is simply getting worn out, with a soft impact artificial grass one.

8.3.5. The Council's Child Care Development Officer is of the opinion that Crudwell Pre-school offers high quality provision with good attendance figures of 25-30 children per term.

8.3.6. A decision not to help fund this application will delay the project proceeding while funding is sought.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4.	Ashton Keynes Millennium Green Trust	Re-establishment of a roadside hedge at the Millennium Green as a wildlife habitat.	£2,100

8.4.1. Officers recommend that Ashton Keynes Millennium Green is awarded £2,100 towards the cost of re-establishing a roadside hedge as a wildlife habitat, conditional on the balance of funding being in place.

- 8.4.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2010/11 grant criteria.
- 8.4.3. The application demonstrates strong links to the Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan 2009-2013, in that it is preserving the things that local people said they valued, 'open views of the countryside, with hedges full of wildlife', and helps to address concerns that people expressed such as preserving and managing the countryside and wildlife.
- 8.4.4. The project aims to create a new wildlife habitat by the re-establishment of a roadside hedge at the Millennium Green in the village. The over mature hedge will be layered and in parts re-planted with blackthorn and common barberry in an attempt to provide a habitat for the Brown Hairstreak butterfly and the Barberry Carpet moth in addition to attracting birds and insects.
- 8.4.5. Much of the hedge planting will be carried out by local volunteers and the parish council will undertake regular cutting of the hedge once established.
- 8.4.6. Because this hedge forms part of the Millennium Green it has the potential to add to the enjoyment of the whole community to see and enjoy natural history for many years to come.
- 8.4.7. The applicant has obtained 50% of the funding for this project from a Section 106 (Public Open Space) agreement from the parish council and has not sought further funding from elsewhere.
- 8.4.8. A decision not to fully fund this application may delay this project while other funding is sought.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5.	Cotswold Water Park Trust	Willow lantern pageant	£900

- 8.5.1. Officers recommend that Cotswold Water Park Trust is awarded £900 towards the involvement of children from the Malmesbury community area participating in a willow lantern pageant, conditional on the balance of funding being in place.
- 8.5.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2010/11 grant criteria.
- 8.5.3. The application demonstrates links to the Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan 2009-2013, in that it will provide a leisure activity for young people while at the same time acquiring new skills.
- 8.5.4. This will be the third year of operation offering young people and parent helpers 5-6 sessions to create lanterns, culminating in an evening lantern

pageant. The applicant is seeking to cascade knowledge and skills gained in previous years to enable a sustainable project in the longer term and is relying on a considerable amount of volunteer help from Trust staff and others.

- 8.5.5. Four groups from Wiltshire villages bordering the Water Park have expressed an interest to get involved. Two have been involved before, two have not. Groups of newcomers naturally need more support in order to get full benefit from the experience. Any young person can be get involved and information will be sent to local parish councils
- 8.5.6. The Council's Arts Officer supports this application although observes that similar programmes offered by the council would request a modest contribution (£25 for 8 hours artist time plus materials) from each participating group. She is however confident that the project will be well organised to ensure high quality workshops and outcomes.
- 8.5.7. The area board is being asked to fund less than 25% of the total cost of this project.
- 8.5.8. A decision not to fully fund this application may delay this project or curtail the involvement of as many local groups.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.6.	Little Somerford Parish Hall	Entrance hall doors	£790

- 8.6.1. Officers recommend that Little Somerford Parish Hall is awarded £790 to provide new entrance doors for the hall.
- 8.6.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2010/11 grant criteria.
- 8.6.3. The applicant has linked their application to the community plan for Wiltshire in that it addresses matters related to tackling climate change. In respect to the Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan 2009-2013, the availability of local village halls is valued by all members of the community by providing a venue for a variety of social activity.
- 8.6.4. The hall is well used by a wide cross section of the local community including the local toddler group, art, Pilates and dog training classes.
- 8.6.5. The current doors are over 10 years old and despite regular maintenance, now need replacing. Over recent years a considerable amount of work has been undertaken to insulate and conserve energy in the building and new doors would complete this programme.

8.6.6. A decision not to fully fund this application may delay the work.

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8.7.	Malmesbury & Villages Community Area Partnership	Publicity and communications material	£468

- 8.7.1. Officers recommend that Malmesbury & Village Community Area Partnership is awarded £468 towards the cost of publicity and communications material.
- 8.7.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2010/11 grant criteria.
- 8.7.3. The applicant is integral to the Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan 2009-2013, in that they have consulted with the community to produce it. It remains important for Malmesbury & Village Community Area Partnership (M&VCAP) to raise their profile within the community, particularly as they undertake more consultative work, some being on behalf of the area board.
- 8.7.4. The applicant is seeking to purchase banners and pop ups for use at the increasing number of events they hold and attend. This type of material is valuable to raise awareness in the community to M&VCAP.
- 8.7.5. While the area board does provide some annual funding to the applicant, this is for their running costs only.
- 8.7.6. The applicant has not looked for any other funding for this project.
- 8.7.7. A decision not to fully fund this application will delay the purchase of the publicity material while other funding is sought.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.8.	Luckington Children's Playground Trust	New play equipment and ancillary works	£9,763

- 8.8.1. Officers recommend that the application from Luckington Children's Playground Trust is refused at this stage, but invited to submit a revised application towards the cost of new play equipment and ancillary works at a future date.
- 8.8.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application does not meet the community area grant criteria which state that grants will not normally exceed £5,000 and funding will not normally be given to projects which could reasonably be expected to secure finances by other means.

- 8.8.3. There is no evidence to support that this application provides a wide community benefit and therefore should not be considered as an exception.
- 8.8.4. The applicant holds free reserves of over £19,000 in addition to the £12,500 they are willing to contribute to this project and so it is questionable whether they need funding and certainly to the level requested. This high level of reserves is probably the reason why the applicant has not been successful in receiving funding from the number of charitable organisations it has approached.
- 8.8.5. The total cost of this project is £22,763 a scheme which will largely benefit the residents of Luckington, so it is disappointing to note that the parish council appear only to be able to contribute £500.
- 8.8.6. Officer suggest that the applicant discuss their application to the area board and other funders with the Charities Information Bureau in order that a more balanced approach is adopted to funding this scheme.

Appendices	Appendix 1 Grant application – Malmesbury Lawn Tennis Club Appendix 2 Grant application – Twynnoy Explorer Scouts Appendix 3 Grant application – Crudwell Pre-school Appendix 4 Grant application – Ashton Keynes Millennium Green Trust Appendix 5 Grant application – Cotswold Water Park Trust Appendix 6 Grant application – Little Somerford Parish Hall Appendix 7 Grant application – Malmesbury & Villages Community Area Partnership Appendix 8 Grant application – Luckington Children’s Playground Trust
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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