

Report to	Corsham Area Board
Date of Meeting	11/09/2017
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding

Purpose of the report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below

Applicant	Amount requested
<p>Applicant: Volunteer Committee for Martins Croft Play Area Project Title: Martins Croft Project Group</p> <p>View full application</p>	£4980.00
<p>Applicant: corsham football club Project Title: Corsham football club</p> <p>View full application</p>	£2500.00

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.

2.4. If all the funding is awarded, there will be £16,765 remaining in the capital budget with 3 meetings remaining this financial year.

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 had been made to cover this expenditure.

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
2378	Volunteer Committee for Martins Croft Play Area	Martins Croft Project Group	£4980.00
Project Description: To enhance the existing play to include new equipment particularly targeted at enabling children of all abilities to play together. This is a community led project in response to identified need. The group are working passionately raising funds and making it happen. The funding requested is to help towards providing a sunken trampoline suitable for wheelchairs as well as sensory equipment such as chimes tactile board drums mirror and flowers equipment. Currently the nearest equivalent equipment is in Corsham. The group have gained the full support of the Parish Council who have agreed to maintain it and provide some funding.			
Input from Community Engagement Manager: Maintenance of the existing play area is the responsibility of the Parish Council. However this application is to support a community led initiative to enhance it beyond normally expected provision. This project therefore meets the grants criteria Providing all ability play increases inclusivity and is to be encouraged			

This project is being driven by a community group who through personal experience and community consultation have identified a need. They have gained the support of the Parish Council who will help with some initial funding and have agreed to maintain the area once the work is complete

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2484	corsham football club	Corsham football club	£2500.00

Project Description:

To replace 55 year old tractor that has given up and a mower that is worn out used very regularly to maintain playing area to toolstation standard pitches for playing senior football at Corsham.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

- The application was sent to the Sports Development Officer for any comments. Subsequently, a few additional questions were put to the applicant. These and the responses can be seen at the end of this report
- This application meets the grants criteria and can be considered for funding

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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Additional Questions and responses (Corsham Football Club)

1. In terms of benefit, will the mower/tractor be only used to maintaining the senior pitch (1 team)? If there is now affiliation with AFC Corsham youth will the club tractor/mower be available for the youth teams to use or are the pitches owned and maintain by Corsham town council?
2. Can the club provide an approximate number of people of who will benefit to show impact of project.
3. Can the club outline how they foresee income increasing

Q1) The tractor and mower will be used to maintain Southbank sports field 5.2 acre's consisting of full size football pitch and a training pitch, plus surrounding area used for a grass car park, and warm up areas. There is affiliation with A.F.C Corsham to bring youngsters through to senior level, to play at Southbank, We run 2 senior teams, 1st and reserves, we are going to trial a under 18 Floodlit team this year as friendly matches, with the view of joining league next season, and a ladies team Sunday afternoon league again next season. Leafy Lane sports Field is owned by a company called. Leafy Lane playing fields Ltd.

Q2) We have at this moment in time 51 players signed on with the Wilts F.A, and Toolstation Western League, who are at step 6 in the national grading system. The Football year starts in August through to the following May, playing 20 games each team, plus cup games every Saturday and some evening games under flood lights, with 2 months off for reseeding, fertilising, and weed killing. The tractor will also be used to pull our heavy roller, essential, after every game to roll pitch to maintain a good playing surface, which our grading requires.

Q3) Apart from the war years the club has been in existence since 1893, the highlight being winning promotion in 1996.

This year a new forward thinking committee was appointed, we have a commercial manager, with a mandate to attract other people to the club by attracting meetings, weddings , bingo, darts, we already have 2 nights a week of skittles, we have tennis outside courts, all mostly local people from Corsham & district, we host the Corsham 10k run,(1200 runners) again a lot of local runners,

Our brewer Greene king are refurbishing our bar and cold cellar, the large hall and bar has been decorated, and a new carpet laid, we are also installing broadband in September.

The Tractor and mower is essential for us to keep all this going forward. After all the football pitch and surrounding areas are the mainstay of keeping all this running. We are all volunteers and do it for the love of the club