

Report to Marlborough Area Board
Date of meeting 13 March 2018
Title of report Community Area Grant Funding

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below.

Applicant	Amount requested
MINALplay – creation of new car parking at playground	£2,700.00
Kennet Valley Hall - Replacement of Front Entrance Doors	£3,096.00
Alzheimer's Support - Equipment for Mildenhall Memory Group	£475.00
Baydon Primary School - Library area improvement	£942.00
Total grant amount requested at this meeting	£7,201.00
Total capital funding allocated to Marlborough Area Board 2017/18	£34,915.00
Total amount awarded so far, 2017/18	£29,051
Amount remaining if all grants are awarded as per report	-£1,337

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

4.1. Financial provision has been made to cover this expenditure.

4.2. Councillors must note that if all applications are awarded the amounts of funding requested, Marlborough Area Board's budget for 2017/18 will be overspent. Councillors are encouraged to consider the Marlborough area's Joint Strategic Assessment priorities when considering which applications to support.

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
2690	MINALplay	Create new car parking at the village's new playground	£2,700
<p>Project Description</p> <p>Several years ago, MINALplay undertook to replace the equipment in Mildenhall's village playground at Thicketts Lane. This included play equipment for young children, older children and outdoor gym equipment that could be used by all ages. This work, supported by Marlborough Area Board, created a very attractive new play facility for the village.</p> <p>The playground has become so successful, it brings families from outside of the village to come and play, have picnics etc. These people usually drive because of the nature of the roads into Mildenhall. This then leads to parking issues close to the playground in the nearby roads and causes a problem for residents.</p> <p>MINALplay, in partnership with Mildenhall Parish Council, would like to purchase a piece of land close to the new playground and create hard standing to be used as a car park for</p>			

the playground. This will give visitors somewhere safe and off-road to park whilst enjoying the playground. Space will be created for six to eight visiting cars.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application from MINALplay for £2,700.00

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2762	Kennet Valley Hall	Replacement of Front Entrance Doors	£3,096.00

Project Description

The front entrance door assembly was installed when Kennet Valley Hall was built in 1976. Unfortunately, the 40 year old wooden structure shrinks and expands according to weather conditions causing malfunction to the new automated entry system. The project is to replace the complete front entrance door assembly using researched materials of proven stability. A secondary benefit will be to create a front entrance of a more contemporary design which will further upgrade the hall's presentation as a top-quality venue.

Kennet Valley Hall and its many user groups help to meet many of the priorities identified in Marlborough's latest Joint Strategic Assessment by providing cultural and recreational activities for the whole community, including young people and older people. This is especially important in a rural community such as Lockeridge, where there are very few facilities and the hall serves a wide area.

For a number of years, the hall's committee has been working on an ambitious programme of improvements that have made it an attractive and welcoming venue for a wide range of community groups and social functions.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application from Kennet Valley Hall for £3,096.00

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2764	Alzheimer's Support	New musical equipment for Mildenhall Memory Group	£475.00

Project Description

Mildenhall Memory Group opened its doors in January 2018 to people with dementia living in the Marlborough area and their family carers. Music for the Mind is one of the core activities offered and the group is seeking funding for musical instruments including a portable electronic keyboard and percussion instruments. This supply of equipment will be able to remain at the village hall to be used by the group weekly and not be carried back and forth.

Singing together in a supportive friendly group is an enjoyable and hugely therapeutic for people living with dementia and carers alike. Music for the Mind sessions are carefully structured to be both stimulating and fun. Well-loved classics are part of the mix and participants learn new tunes and sing rhymes and action songs that help physical co-

ordination. Music appears to unlock parts of the brain and people often retain song words and melodies longer than other memories. The benefit of the activity can be felt long after - the increase in confidence helps both the person and family carer to live better with dementia.

The regular group meetings create an opportunity for people to socialise and for carers to share experiences and offer mutual support as well as seek professional advice. Social isolation and stress levels are reduced and carers health and wellbeing improves. The Mildenhall Memory Group opened its doors in January and already has 10 regular attendees and their carers and we anticipate in excess of 40 people for the Music for Minds once the group is fully established.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application from Alzheimer’s Support for £475.00

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2767	Baydon St Nicholas School	School library area improvement	£942.00

Project Description

The library area in Baydon St Nicholas School is located in the corridor with classroom and toilet doors leading off it. The school would like to make the area more welcoming and inspiring by providing flexible shelving, soft seating and cushions. The school would like to brighten up the area with posters and use a Time to Read clock to signpost the area. The aim is to encourage the children to use the library more for reading on their own, in groups and with Teaching assistants or parent helpers. The school would like to make the library area look less like a corridor and more like a warm and welcoming library.

All year groups within the school would greatly benefit from a more attractive communal library area. This will be achieved by encouraging children to pick up a book and sit down to read in a comfortable and welcoming library area. It will give children the opportunity for some quiet reading and thinking time and will provide an alternative to children reading in their classrooms or at a desk. It is hoped this will inspire children and develop a life-long enjoyment of reading.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application from Baydon St Nicholas School for £942.00

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

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