

Report to	Chippenham Area Board
Date of Meeting	19 th March 2018
Title of Report	Community Area Grant Funding

Purpose of the report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below.

Applicant	Amount requested
Applicant: Sheldon Road Methodist Church Project Title: Beacon Centre Equipment regeneration View full application	£1,800
Applicant: Kington St Michael Village Hall Project Title: Kington St Michael Village Hall roof repair View full application	£5,000
Area Board Project Project Title: Kissing Gates	£6,000
Area Board Project Project Title: OurWalk	£1,000
Area Board Project Project Title: Fly Tipping Signage	£273
Area Board Project Project Title: Installation of Cycle Racks/Stand	£18,700

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 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 had been made to cover this expenditure.

4.2 Applications will be considered at each Area Board meeting of the year while funding remains. The funding round on 19th March 2018 is the final funding round in 2017/18.

4.3 For 2017/18 Chippenham Area Board was allocated a budget of **£67,043 capital funding**. Following the awards made at the Area Board meeting on 15th January 2018 the balance of funding is **£32,783**.

4.4 If Councillors approve the applications contained in this report, the balance of Chippenham Area Board funding will be **£10**.

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
2763	Sheldon Road Methodist Church	Beacon Centre Equipment regeneration	£1,800
Project Description: <p>Replacement of tables and chairs. The Beacon Centre is used by approximately 700 people throughout the week and on a Saturday for various community and charity purposes. The majority of these service users are from Chippenham and the surrounding area. We need to offer tables and chairs for these groups and our current supply are over 20 years old and are showing their age. Some of the groups who use the Beacon Centre are: Parish Nursing, Colouring Art Group, Chippenham Youth Theatre, Childminders Group, Carer Support, Alzheimer Support and Society Luncheon Club, Richmond Fellowship, Chippenham Street Pastors, Rainbow Guides and Mencap Support Group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This application meets the 2017/18 funding criteria• This application demonstrates a link to the Wiltshire Council Business Plan “Strong Communities” “Community Wellbeing” and “Improved Leisure Provision”• This application demonstrates a link to a priority selected at the Chippenham Our Community Matters event on 6th February 2017 “Community Events and Activities” “Positive Leisure Time Activities” and “Social Isolation and Loneliness”• Chippenham Town Council has made a financial contribution to this project.• The applicant continues to successfully deliver a variety of projects, events and activities for the benefit of the community.• Officers are of the opinion that the Beacon Centre is a valuable and well used community facility.• If the board makes an award to this project, the award is conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.			
Proposal <p>That the Area Board determines the application.</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2635	Kington St Michael Village Hall	Kington St Michael Village Hall roof repair	£5,000

Project Description:

The village hall roof is in a poor state and needs to be stripped off, battens checked and replaced where necessary and tiles replaced where necessary with new tiles when tiles are relayed.

- This application meets the 2017/18 funding criteria
- This application demonstrates a link to the Wiltshire Council Business Plan “Strong Communities” “Community Wellbeing” and “Improved Leisure Provision”
- This application demonstrates a link to a priority selected at the Chippenham Our Community Matters event on 6th February 2017 “Community Events and Activities” “Positive Leisure Time Activities” and “Social Isolation and Loneliness”
- Kington St Michael Parish Council has made a financial contribution to this project.
- Officers understand that the Village Hall is the hub of the village, the hall is fully booked for most of the time and continues to provide a wide variety of events and activities taking place there for the benefit of the community.
- Officers are of the opinion that the Village Hall is a valuable and well used community facility.
- If the board makes an award to this project, the award is conditional upon the balance of funding being in place and that any and all necessary permissions are secured

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Area Board Project	Requested
Project Title: Kissing Gates	£6,000
<p>Project Description:</p> <p>Form a Task Group to work with Rights of Way Officer and invite suggestions for locations to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Replace existing stiles that restrict access ○ Replace existing open/shut park gates to create a safer environment particularly for small children and dogs. E.g.: A recent dog fatality when a dog chased a pigeon out of a park through an open gate and was killed on the road ○ Install to reduce illegal vehicular/motorbike access ○ Install in new locations to address damage to fencing E.g. A location where fencing is repeatedly broken and pulled down to enable shortcut to be taken; this is dangerous as children and animals may run out on to a busy road when the fence is pulled down. The installation of a gate will avoid the need for multiple repairs ○ This project will cover the town and surrounding parishes in the Chippenham Community Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This application meets the 2017/18 funding criteria ● This application demonstrates a link to the Wiltshire Council Business Plan “Good Countryside Access, Cycling and Walking opportunities” “Strong Communities” “Community Wellbeing” and “Improved Leisure Provision” ● This application demonstrates a link to a priority selected at the Chippenham Our Community Matters event on 6th February 2017 “Improved Rights of Way” “Protecting the Countryside” “Local Landscape & Heritage” “Community Events and Activities” “Positive Leisure Time Activities” ● Officers are of the opinion that this project will improve access and walking opportunities, prevent damage to existing fences and illegal vehicular access and accidents ● If the board makes an award to this project, the award is conditional upon any and all necessary permissions being secured 	
<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.</p>	

Area Board Project	Requested
Project Title: OurWalk	£1,000
<p>Project Description:</p> <p>The Communities Team, working in partnership with the Wiltshire History Centre, Public Health Wiltshire, Wiltshire Ramblers and the Open University, is seeking to develop a mobile phone application to enable local people to create their own healthy, local history walks in the Chippenham and North Wiltshire area.</p> <p>The OurWalk Application will be available to download on smartphones and it will list local walks and walking groups in the area. Users will be able to map and create their own walks, add content such as history, car parks, shops, pubs and promote these walks via social media. A funding bid has been made to the Heritage Lottery Fund to support the cost of developing the application and a contribution is now sought from Chippenham Area Board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This application meets the 2017/18 funding criteria • This application demonstrates a link to the Wiltshire Council Business Plan “Strong Communities” and “High Recycling Rates and Reduced Litter” • This application demonstrates a link to a priority selected at the Chippenham Our Community Matters event on 6th February 2017 “Protecting the Countryside” “Fly tipping and Litter” and “Local Landscape & Heritage” • Officers are of the opinion that this project will help to deter potential fly tippers. • If the board makes an award to this project, the award is conditional upon the Councillors working with officers from Streetscene regarding the placement of the signs. 	
<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.</p>	

Area Board Project	Requested
Project Title: Fly Tipping Signage	£273
<p>Project Description:</p> <p>In order to address the incidents of fly tipping in the Chippenham Community Area, 50 signs will be purchased and displayed for short periods of time in “hot-spots” where fly tipping has been reported. Notices may also be used in other locations to deter incidents. The signs will be made available to Chippenham Area Board Division Councillors to deploy in their divisions in appropriate locations. Locations will be identified and agreed in partnership with local Highways & Streetscene Officers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This application meets the 2017/18 funding criteria • This application demonstrates a link to the Wiltshire Council Business Plan “Good Countryside Access, Cycling and Walking opportunities” “Strong Communities” “Community Wellbeing” and “Improved Leisure Provision” • This application demonstrates a link to a priority selected at the Chippenham Our Community Matters event on 6th February 2017 “Improved Rights of Way” “Protecting the Countryside” “Local Landscape & Heritage” “Community Events and Activities” “Positive Leisure Time Activities” • Officers are of the opinion that this project will improve access and walking opportunities in the Chippenham Community Area and indeed across Wiltshire. 	
<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.</p>	

Area Board Project	Requested
Project Title: Installation of Cycle Racks/Stands	£18,700
<p>Project Description:</p> <p>Form a Cycle Task Group and work with partners to identify locations to install cycle racks in Chippenham. The racks will be accessible and convenient. As close as possible to the destination entrance, prominently located, with plenty of space to get bikes in and out, without unnecessary detours or flights of steps. Have good natural surveillance. Be secure against theft and vandalism, appropriate to the type of area and length of stay expected. Parking stands which enable the bicycle frame and at least one wheel to be locked, catering for different sizes and shapes of bikes. Longer stay parking should be covered, well-lit and have CCTV where practical/feasible. Where two-tier parking is introduced, low-level parking should be provided for the convenience of those who are unable or unwilling to lift their cycles. Be free of charge wherever possible. Have sufficient capacity for existing peak demand plus future growth. Be clean and well maintained. In recent years there have been a wide range of new designs for cycle parking available on the market. Many of these are well designed and allow cycle parking provision that suits its surroundings rather than a “one size fits all” approach. This project demonstrates Chippenham Area Boards commitment to encourage and facilitate cycling in and around the town and community area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This application meets the 2017/18 funding criteria • This application demonstrates a link to the Wiltshire Council Business Plan “Good Countryside Access, Cycling and Walking opportunities” “Strong Communities” “Community Wellbeing” and “Improved Leisure Provision” • This application demonstrates a link to a priority selected at the Chippenham Our Community Matters event on 6th February “Reducing car use and traffic” and “Cycling and walking” • Officers are of the opinion that this project will improve access and cycling opportunities • If the board makes an award to this project, the award is conditional upon any and all necessary permissions being secured 	
<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.</p>	

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

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