

Report to	Marlborough Area Board	Agenda Item No.14a
Date of Meeting	8 February 2011	
Title of Report	Community Area Grants	

Purpose of Report

1. To ask Councillors to consider 9 applications seeking 20010/11 Community Area Grant Funding:

Marlborough Town Council - £5,000

Baydon Parish Council - £2,977

Winterbourne Monkton and Berwick Bassett Parochial Church Council - £810

Little Dragons Pre-School - £991

We Love Marlborough - £861

Marlborough Area Development Trust - £1,391

Wagtails Before and After School Club - £995

Ramsbury Neighbourhood First Responder Team - £3,400

Rambury and Axford Parish Council - £2,217
2. To consider whether the area board wishes to delegate authority to the Community Area Manager, in consultation with the area board unitary members, to deal with specified contingent matters between meetings.

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 as to 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. Marlborough Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £45,472 for community grants, community partnership core funding and area board projects. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget is £7,409. This leaves a total budget of £52,881 for the 2010/2011 budget.
- 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 Marlborough Community Area Manager Julia Densham (julia.densham@wiltshire.gov.uk).

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 20010/11• Marlborough Community Area Plan 2004/14
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. 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.
 - There will be six rounds of funding during 20010/11. The sixth and final round is contained in this report.

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 Marlborough Area Board.
 - 4.2. If the grant requests detailed in this report are awarded, Marlborough Area Board will have a balance of £14,779. This figure includes the remainder of the carry forward figure, £4,609, which was ring fenced for youth projects at the meeting on 8 February 2010 and an amount of £4488 which is ring fenced for the production of the community area plan.
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	Marlborough Town Council	To upgrade the audio-visual system in Marlborough Town Hall.	£5,000

- 8.1.1. It is recommended that councillors consider this application from Marlborough Town Council for £5,000 towards the costs of upgrading the audio visual system in the town hall to provide better facilities for the delivery of a range of cultural events including exhibitions, workshops and performances, conditional on the balance of funding being in place.

- 8.1.2. Officers are of the opinion that the application meets grant criteria 2010/11.
- 8.1.3. This application demonstrates direct links to the 2004-2014 Marlborough Community Plan in the following sections: to increase the number of appropriate cultural venues (section 8.3), to encourage community events that create a sense of pride and well-being (section 8.5) and to involve young people in activities (section 8.8).
- 8.1.4. This project demonstrates links to Wiltshire Council's priorities in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire that aim to create stronger and more inclusive communities, encouraging communities to take part in cultural events that bring different age groups together, and help young people to take part in positive activities.
- 8.1.5. Community support is evidenced by the significant contribution by the Marlborough Players to these improvements. The project proposal would also allow Marlborough Downs Movies to further their stated ambitions to develop a film festival. As an important public building in the town centre, it is hoped that these improvements to Marlborough Town Hall will help tourism and retail trade.
- 8.1.6. Should the area board decide not to fund these improvements, the project will be delayed while Marlborough Town Council seeks alternative funding sources.

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8.2.	Baydon Parish Council	To provide various safety aspects related to the parish council play area.	£2,977

- 8.2.1. It is recommended that councillors consider this application from Baydon Parish Council for £2,977 towards the costs of improving the safety of the parish play area, including the installation of gates and fences, clearing obstructions and improving the entrance surface, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.
- 8.2.2. Officers are of the opinion that the application meets grant criteria 2010/11.
- 8.2.3. This application links to the 2004-2014 Marlborough Community Plan under the following sections: to use leisure facilities to engage young people to have a sense of belonging and pride of place (section 8.7) and to increase numbers of young people engaging in activities (section 8.8).
- 8.2.4. This project demonstrates a link to Wiltshire Council's priorities in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire that aims to build 'resilient communities' with high social capital through people feeling socially included, to encourage communal activities and events that bring different age groups together and to promote healthy lifestyles.
- 8.2.5. Baydon Parish Council has been working with Wiltshire Council to access possible S106 'open space' funds that may be available for this project. If this grant is

awarded and the S106 monies become available, the parish council has committed to returning the community area grant to the area board.

- 8.2.6. Should the area board decide not to fund the project, Baydon Parish Council will have to delay the project while it seeks alternative funding.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3.	Winterbourne Monkton and Berwick Bassett Parochial Church Council	To provide 4 tables and 12 chairs to furnish the new community room.	£810

- 8.3.1. It is recommended that councillors consider this application from Winterbourne Monkton and Berwick Bassett Parochial Church Council for £810 towards the costs of purchasing four tables and 12 chairs to furnish the newly created meeting space in the church.
- 8.3.2. Officers are of the opinion that the application meets grant criteria 2010/11.
- 8.3.3. This application links to the 2004-2014 Marlborough Community Plan under the following sections: to encourage community events that create a sense of pride and well-being (section 8.5) and to increase numbers of young people engaging in activities (section 8.8).
- 8.3.4. This project demonstrates a link to Wiltshire Council's priorities in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire that aims to build 'resilient communities' with high social capital through people feeling socially included, enabling people and communities to build skills, abilities, knowledge and confidence to take effective action and play leading roles in the development of their communities and so enhance their quality of life.
- 8.3.5. Winterbourne Monkton and Berwick Bassett Parochial Church Council have identified the lack of a meeting place in the village beyond the local pub. This project will provide meeting space for the church council, the parish council and will be available to all other community groups that wish to use of it.
- 8.3.6. Should the area board decide not to fund the project, Winterbourne Monkton and Berwick Bassett Parochial Church Council will have to delay the project until alternative funding is sought.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4.	Little Dragons Pre-School	To provide 4 pieces of outdoor play equipment.	£991

- 8.4.1. It is recommended that councillors consider this application from Little Dragons Pre-School for £991 for purchase of two planters, a chalk board and a outdoor seat to enhance the outdoor play area and extend the range of learning opportunities.

- 8.4.2. Officers are of the opinion that the application meets grant criteria 2010/11.
- 8.4.3. This application links to the 2004-2014 Marlborough Community Plan under the following section: maintain the viability of village primary schools by providing high-quality child care provision that brings children into the pre-school and in turn to the village primary school that currently has vacancies (section 2.7).
- 8.4.4. This application works towards alleviating the lack of pre-school places in the Marlborough area as identified in the Marlborough Community Childcare Plan 2010 as the school has provision to increase its intake in future years.
- 8.4.5. This project demonstrates a link to Wiltshire Council's priorities in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire that aims to build 'resilient communities' by improving the facilities and activities to which children and young people have access.
- 8.4.6. Little Dragons Pre-School has been running for 25 years and has developed very strong links with the village primary school which currently has vacancies. Attracting more children to the pre-school may help fill the primary school's vacancies and strengthen its viability.
- 8.4.7. The pre-school's outdoor play area is a fenced section of the village hall playing field and is accessible to all younger village children out of pre-school hours who wish to make use of the equipment that caters for younger age groups.
- 8.4.8. Should the area board decide not to fund the project, Little Dragons Pre-School will either have to develop more fundraising events (which it already runs for other projects) or not go ahead with the desired purchases.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5.	We Love Marlborough	To provide exhibition materials and promote the Children's Arts Festival exhibition in Marlborough Town Hall.	£861

- 8.5.1. It is recommended that councillors consider this application from We Love Marlborough for £861 towards the costs of providing promotional and display materials for the 3 day exhibition of children's art work, conditional on the balance of funding being in place.
- 8.5.2. Officers are of the opinion that the application meets grant criteria 2010/11.
- 8.5.3. This application links to the 2004-2014 Marlborough Community Plan under the following sections: to continue to raise the profile of arts and crafts together with artists and makers (section 8.4), encourage community events that create a sense of pride and well-being (section 8.5), to use leisure and cultural activities to engage young people who may have no sense of belonging or pride of place (section 8.7) and to involve young people in activities (section 8.8).

- 8.5.4. This project demonstrates a link to Wiltshire Council’s priorities in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire that aims to help children to succeed in school and take part in positive activities.
- 8.5.5. We Love Marlborough have identified an opportunity to develop children’s creative abilities in partnership with community area primary schools and Marlborough High Street retailers. This project aims to encourage an understanding of the connections between the community and the high street.
- 8.5.6. Local schools and retailers have supported the project by contributing more than half the funds required to finance the exhibition of children’s artwork.
- 8.5.7. Should the area board decide not to fund the project, We Love Marlborough will have less opportunity to raise the profile of this event and may have to charge a nominal entrance fee into the exhibition.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.6.	Marlborough Area Development Trust	To run a community fair during National Science and Engineering Week.	£1,391

- 8.6.1. It is recommended that councillors consider this application from Marlborough Area Development Trust for £1,391 towards the costs of running a community fair at St John’s School, Marlborough, to which all residents of the community area are invited, conditional on the balance of funding being in place.
- 8.6.2. Officers are of the opinion that the application meets grant criteria 2010/11.
- 8.6.3. This application links to the 2004-2014 Marlborough Community Plan under the following section: to encourage community events that create a sense of pride and well-being (section 8.5) and expanding the use at St John’s School as a community college (section 8.8).
- 8.6.4. This project demonstrates a link to Wiltshire Council’s priorities in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire that aims to build ‘resilient communities’ through people feeling socially included, enabling people and communities to build skills, abilities, knowledge and confidence to take effective action and play leading roles in the development of their communities. This project aims to get more young people to take part in a wide range of positive activities and play and also increases children and young people’s access to facilities and activities.
- 8.6.5. Marlborough Area Development Trust hope that the community fair will become an annual event and aim to attract sponsorship to ensure its sustainability in future years.
- 8.6.6. Should the area board decide not to fund the project, Marlborough Area Development Trust will have to charge an admission fee and reduce the number of participatory activities.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.7.	Wagtails Before and After School Club	To expand the club's stock of games and equipment.	£995

8.7.1. It is recommended that councillors consider this application from Wagtails Before and After School Club for £1,000 for the purchase of games and equipment to increase the variety of activities.

8.7.2. Officers are of the opinion that the application meets grant criteria 2010/11.

8.7.3. This application links to the 2004-2014 Marlborough Community Plan under the following sections: to increase numbers of young people engaging in activities (section 8.8). The Baydon Village Plan also states that residents would like to see an expansion and development of all children's groups and clubs in particular after school clubs.

8.7.4. This project demonstrates a link to Wiltshire Council's priorities in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire that aims to get more young people to take part in a wide range of positive activities and play and also increases children and young people's access to facilities and activities.

8.7.5. Wagtails Before and After School Club operates from 7.45am before school and until 6.00pm after school, and 4 days per week during the holidays, giving parents the opportunity to work. The club is also open to children from the surrounding rural area and is not restricted to those attending the Baydon St Nicholas Primary School from which the club runs. The club provides places for children with Special Education Needs and Disabilities.

8.7.6. Wagtails have just achieved the 'Aiming Higher' Quality Assurance Award.

8.7.7. Should the area board decide not to fund the project, Wagtails Before and After School Club would have to prioritise their needs and restrict their purchases.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.8.	Ramsbury Neighbourhood First Responder Team	To purchase and install 4 community Public Access Defibrillators and provide CPR, first aid and cPAD training.	£3,400

8.8.1. It is recommended that councillors consider this application from Ramsbury Neighbourhood First Responder (NFR) Team for £3,400 towards the costs of purchasing and installing 4 cPADs and to provide defibrillator, CPR and first aid training, to village residents, conditional on the balance of funding being in place.

8.8.2. Officers are of the opinion that the application meets grant criteria 2010/11.

- 8.8.3. This project demonstrates a link to Wiltshire Council's priorities in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire that aims to help communities to help themselves, and to build 'resilient communities' through enabling people and communities to build skills, abilities, knowledge and confidence to take effective action and play leading roles in the development of their communities and so enhance their quality of life.
- 8.8.4. Currently response times for ambulances exceed national targets. While the Ramsbury NFR Team is already in existence and there are also defibrillators at the fire station and the surgery, none of these provide a 24/7 rapid response service.
- 8.8.5. Ramsbury Surgery and the parish council support the project and have made a financial contribution. The NFR Team also has the backing from organisations such as the Recreation Centre, Ramsbury Roxy and Ramsbury Amenity Group. Training sessions are also planned for other local clubs and organisations such as the WI, church groups, village pubs and the Legion.
- 8.8.6. Ramsbury Neighbourhood First Responders Team is trained and administered by St John's Ambulance. Access to the defibrillators is controlled by the ambulance service.
- 8.8.7. Should the area board decide not to fund the project, Ramsbury NFR Team will have to reduce the number of defibrillators purchased.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.9.	Ramsbury and Axford Parish Council	To replace the slide at the Whittonditch play area.	£2,217

- 8.9.1. It is recommended that councillors consider this application from Ramsbury and Axford Parish Council for £2,217 towards the costs of replacing the slide, supplying and laying grass tiles and security fencing.
- 8.9.2. Officers are of the opinion that the application meets grant criteria 2010/11.
- 8.9.3. This application links to the 2004-2014 Marlborough Community Plan under the following sections: to provide leisure facilities that to engage young people who may have no sense of belonging or pride of place (section 8.7) and to increase numbers of young people engaging in activities (section 8.8).
- 8.9.4. This project demonstrates a link to Wiltshire Council's priorities in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire that aims to get more young people to take part in a wide range of positive activities and play and also increases children and young people's access to facilities and activities.
- 8.9.5. Ramsbury and Axford Parish Council wish to replace the slide which was subject to an adverse comment on their annual RoSPA report. The safety surface must also be replaced as it is non-compliant.
- 8.9.6. Should the area board decide not to fund the project, Ramsbury and Axford will have to delay the project until alternative funding is sought.

8.10. Allocation of Grant Funding to date:

- Aldbourne Scout and Guide Supporters - £1,738 towards the refurbishment of the Scouting and Guide Hall
- Kennet Valley Village Hall - £1000 for two matching reinforced frames to house wall hanging & photo montage
- Aldbourne Festival Committee - £1,250 towards 17th Century re-enactment as part of Aldbourne Ten Year Festival
- Baydon Cricket Club - £515 for the purchase of new equipment
- Aldbourne Parish Council - £773 – to upgrade the footpath to improve access for all to the play area and village green
- Marlborough Apple Day - £709 to raise awareness of local apple varieties and orchard habitats and launch a Community Orchard
- Ramsbury Allotment Association - £697 to install water pipe to allotments
- Aldbourne Website Group - £3,490 to purchase and install weather station and webcam equipment
- Kennet Valley Hall Association - £2,000 to remove the obsolete heating system and replace with a new more efficient and economical system

To date, £12,172 in Community Area Grants, £2,800 in Area Board Projects (Youth) and £4,488 to Marlborough and Villages Community Area Partnership has been awarded from the Area Board budget of £52,881.

9. Delegated Authority

9.1. Purpose of Report

- 9.1.1. The purpose of the report is to ask the area board to consider whether it wishes to delegate authority to the Community Area Manager to take certain contingency decisions between meetings where necessary.

9.2. Background

- 9.2.1. There is currently no provision to make decisions between meetings of an area board. If an issue, such as an urgent grant application, arises then this would require an extraordinary meeting.
- 9.2.2. The proposal to grant delegated power to the Community Area Manager would enable contingent decisions to be made without the need of an extraordinary meeting. The details of the decision would then be reported to the next meeting of the board to ensure transparency.
- 9.2.3. The delegated authority is only intended to be used for matters of contingency which cannot wait until the next meeting of the area board and would not be used as a matter of routine. The majority of decisions will continue to be taken at a public meeting.

9.3. Recommendation

9.3.1. It is proposed that the area board agrees:

That in respect of contingent matters that may arise from time to time between meetings of an Area Board, the Community Area Manager, in consultation with the unitary members of the Area Board, be granted delegated authority to make decisions provided any expenditure does not exceed £1,000 from the budget delegated to the area board. A report explaining the decision and the reasons why it was considered to be urgent shall be reported to the next ordinary meeting of the area board to ensure that such decisions are subject to public examination.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Grant application – Marlborough Town Council Appendix 2 Grant application – Baydon Parish Council Appendix 3 Grant application – Winterbourne Monkton and Berwick Bassett Parochial Church Council Appendix 4 Grant application – Little Dragons Pre-School Appendix 5 Grant application – We Love Marlborough Appendix 6 Grant application – Marlborough Area Development Trust Appendix 7 Grant application – Wagtails Before and After School Club Appendix 8 Grant application – Ramsbury Neighbourhood First Responder Team Appendix 9 Grant application – Ramsbury and Axford Parish Council
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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