

<b>Report to</b>	Amesbury Area Board
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	13/09/2019
<b>Title of Report</b>	Community Area Grant funding

**Purpose of the report:**

To consider the applications for funding listed below

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>
<p><b>Applicant:</b> Bulford Parish Council <b>Project Title:</b> Defibrillator</p> <p><a href="#">View full application</a></p>	<p>Amount requested £1,200.00 Total cost of project £2,400.00</p>
<p><b>Applicant:</b> Amesbury Rugby Club <b>Project Title:</b> Amesbury Rugby Club - Mobile Training Lights</p> <p><a href="#">View full application</a></p>	<p>Amount requested £4,750.00 Total cost of project £9,500.00</p>
<p><b>Applicant:</b> Berwick St James Reading Room <b>Project Title:</b> Berwick St James Reading Room Moving Front Door.</p> <p><a href="#">View full application</a></p>	<p>Amount requested £4,500.00 Total cost of project £9,000.00</p>

**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 2018/2019 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**

Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure. Prior to this meeting there was a balance of £40,850 to allocate for the remainder of this financial year. If all projects are funded as outlined the area board will have a balance of £30,400.

### **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
<a href="#">2976</a>	Bulford Parish Council	Defibrillator	£1200.00
<p><b>Project Description:</b></p> <p>As Bulford has an aging population and is growing by the minute a defibrillator is considered a helpful tool in case of emergencies of the Cardiac type. We have found a suitable site and hope to go ahead with this project later this year. The defibrillator will be sited for use by anyone who needs it including the emergency services. It could help save a life and help anyone having a Cardiac Arrest.</p> <p>Our reserves are depleted rapidly due to an unusual need to hire tree surgeons to cut down many of our trees. We have also used some of our reserves to upgrade our playground.</p> <p><b>Input from Community Engagement Manager:</b></p> <p>These devices are growing in popularity across the county and whilst there is little evidence that they are being used in large numbers, there are isolated recordings that when needed they have saved lives especially in more rural communities.</p> <p><b>Proposal</b></p> <p>That the Area Board determines the application. Subject to the balance of funding being in place.</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">2980</a>	Amesbury Rugby Club	Amesbury Rugby Club - Mobile Training Lights	£4750.00
<p><b>Project Description:</b></p> <p>For the purchase of mobile flood lighting that will enable men and women teams to train in the evenings during the winter months at their own designated ground and avoid the cost of hiring facilities not ideal for rugby. Both teams are in a league and competing across Dorset Wiltshire and Hampshire against teams who have the advantage of flood lights at their ground.</p> <p>In the short term 50 Adult rugby players both men and women from the local community and in the future young age group rugby not currently catered for in the local community will benefit from this project as it is designed to provide mobile lighting for weekday evening training when it is otherwise too dark. This will enable training to continue through the winter months. With limited pitch space allocated to sport and in rugby, the project will provide funds to invest in lighting to offer much more training opportunities and to a wider group of people.</p> <p>The total cost of the lights is more than our free reserves. We anticipate that our membership income which is due in at the start of the season will more than double our free reserves enabling us to fund the shortfall. As a new club, we have many competing priorities for our cash with 3 strips required to enable the men's and ladies to have their own strips. Currently the club is managing this situation by sharing shirts.</p>			

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

This is a relatively new venture for this club and these lights will enable the teams to train even when the dark nights set in without having to hire indoor facilities thus depleting their funds even further.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application. Subject to the balance of funding being in place.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">2917</a>	Berwick St James Reading Room	Berwick St James Reading Room Moving Front Door.	£4500.00

**Project Description:**

The RR consists of one main room a hall and WC and no storage room for equipment. By moving the front door, we can create a small storage space in the hall to store the tables and chairs. At present, these are kept in the main room taking up valuable space.

The Reading Room is used as a village hall and is situated in the centre of the village. It is the only community gathering space available for the village to use. We hold all our parish and village meetings lectures, weekly yoga and exercise classes and summer art classes in the building. Families use it for children's parties and the elderly for coffee mornings. All our fund -raising events like Christmas bazaars art shows etc are also held here. All these events are attended by the residents of BSJ and the neighbouring villages. From the older generation to give them somewhere to meet to the younger to do classes and have parties. With the extra space made available by removing the tables and chairs it would create a larger space for all these events which would in turn increase its usage and would foster greater community participation in our activities.

Reserve funds held for replacing and repairing thatch roof. In 2001 the thatch was replaced at a cost of £8,468.46. The building has cob walls which need regular attention.

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

This is the only community facility in the village and is well used and maintained by the present committee. These improvements will make the room much more inviting and make the space easier to use without having to move furniture around. WC also hold elections at these premises.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application. Subject to any building regulations and balance of funding being in place.

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

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