

Report to	Corsham Area Board
Date of Meeting	24 March 2011
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask councillors to consider one application seeking 2010/11 Community Area Grant Funding.

This report is also asking Councillors to consider 4 applications for 2011/2012 Community Area Grant Funding.

1. Wiltshire Wyverns Rugby League Club – Award £800 to purchase new kit. Subject to an agreement from Corsham Rugby Club to allow use premises, facilities and pitch.

All of the funding for 2010 / 2011 financial year will be allocated if the above application is agreed. The next Corsham Area Board meeting will not take place until 2 June and a further 4 applications were submitted before the application deadline for 24 March area board meeting. Therefore I am asking Corsham Area Board to agree that the 4 applications below are considered at 24 March meeting but allocated from 2011/2012 budget when it is released from Wiltshire Council to the Corsham Area Board in the new financial year in April.

2. Jamie's Farm Box – Award £5,000 to install a kitchen space within a barn conversion as a therapy kitchen space. Subject to the balance of funding and planning permission being in place.
3. Colerne Village Hall Association – Award £5,000 To install 21 solar panels onto the roof of the building to enable the building to become more self sufficient. Conditional upon planning permission and the balance of funding being in place
4. Neston Drama Group – Award £1,000 to install and upgrade stage lighting.
5. Mansion House Playgroup – Award £1,032 to install an all weather shelter to enable children to use an outdoor space for longer periods of time. Subject to planning permission and the balance of funding being in place.

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. Corsham Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £43,772 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget is £4332.00. This equates to a total budget of £48,104 for the 2010/2011.
- 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 Community Area Manager.

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2010/11• Corsham Community Area Plan
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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.
- 2.2. There will be no further funding opportunities in this financial year.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

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 Corsham Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Corsham Area Board will have allocated all grant application funding at their disposal for 2010/2011.

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	Wiltshire Wyverns Amateur Rugby League Football Club (WWARLFC)	To purchase new kit needed to start a new club.	£800

- 8.1.1. WWARLFC – Award £800 to enable the club to purchase new kit to start up a new club. Subject to an agreement from Corsham Rugby Club to allow use premises, facilities and pitch

- 8.1.2. This application meets the grant criteria for 2010/11.

- 8.1.3. This application demonstrates a link to the Corsham Area Community Plan providing new sporting activities in the community.
- 8.1.4. WWARLFC is a new not for profit organisation and contributes to the desired outcomes of providing leisure time activities for young people in Corsham Community.
- 8.1.5. This project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities of encouraging positive lifestyle changes.
- 8.1.6. A decision not to fund this project will probably result in it not happening owing to limited funding opportunities.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2.	Jamie's Farm	To install a kitchen space within a barn conversion to be used as therapy space	£5,000

- 8.2.1. Jamie's Farm – Award £5,000 to install a kitchen space within a barn conversion as a therapy space. Subject to the balance of funding and planning permission being in place.
- 8.2.2. This application meets the grant criteria for 2010/11.
- 8.4.2 This application demonstrates a link to the Corsham Area Community Plan "Education and Lifelong Learning" "Improving facilities which will enhance the community as a whole".
"Offering facilities and activities for young people" "Promoting local food and produce".
- 8.2.3. This group is a newly formed and is a not for profit organisation which offers alternative educational and life perspectives to vulnerable children.
- 8.2.4. This project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities of encouraging positive lifestyle changes; create stronger and more inclusive communities and the promotion of ideas about safe, cohesive and resilient communities
- 8.2.5. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund this project then it will be delayed until other funds are identified.

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8.3.	Colerne Village Hall Association	To install 21 solar panels to the roof of the village hall	£5,000

8.3.1. Colerne Village Hall Association – Award £5,000 to install 21 solar panels to the roof of the village hall to make them more energy efficient and self sustainable. Subject to planning permission and the balance of funding being in place.

8.3.2. This application meets the grant criteria for 2010/11.

8.3.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Corsham Area Community Plan. “Providing meeting places for members of the community.”

8.3.4 This group is a not for profit organisation.

8.3.5 If the Area Board decides not to fund this project then it would be delayed until other funding streams are identified.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4	Neston Drama Group	To supply and fit new stage lighting	£1,000

8.4.1 Neston Drama Group – Award £1,000 to supply and fit new stage lighting in the hall.

8.4.3 This application meets the grant criteria for 2010/11.

8.4.4 This application demonstrates a link to the Corsham Area Community Plan “Improving facilities which will enhance the community as a whole”. “Offering facilities and activities for people”.

8.4.5 This group is a not for profit group who exist as an amateur drama group and bring benefit to the local community.

8.4.6 This project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities of encouraging positive lifestyle changes; create stronger and more inclusive communities.

8.4.7 If the Area Board decides not to fund this project then it would significantly affect the viability of the project.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5	Mansion House Playgroup	To erect an all weather outdoor shelter	£1,032

8.5.1 Mansion House Playgroup – Award £1,032 to enable the group to erect al all weather outdoor shelter to enable children to use the outdoor space for longer periods of time. Subject to planning permission and the balance of funding being in place.

8.5.2 This application meets the grant criteria for 2010/11.

8.5.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Corsham Area Community Plan “Improving facilities which will enhance the community as a whole”.
“Offering facilities and activities for young people” “Building a sustainable and resilient community”.

8.5.4 This group is a not for profit organisation.

8.5.5 This project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities of encouraging positive lifestyle changes; create stronger and more inclusive communities and the promotion of ideas about safe, cohesive and resilient communities.

8.5.6 If the Area Board decides not to fund this project then it would delay it until suitable alternative funding could be found.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Grant application – WWARLFC Appendix 2 Grant application - Jamie’s Farm Appendix 3 Grant application - Colerne Village Hall Association Appendix 4 Grant application - Neston Memorial Hall Appendix 5 Grant application – Mansion House Playgroup
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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