

Report to	Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board
Date of Meeting	23rd March 2011
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider applications seeking 2010/11 Community Area Grant Funding

1 Grant application – Longleaze Pre School seeking £930 funding to replace an access ramp and hand rail to the community preschool and nursery.

2 Grant application – Purton Institute Village Hall charity seeking £820 towards refurbishing kitchen in village hall.

3 Grant application – Wilts and Berks Canal Trust Wootton Bassett seeking £1736 to improve surface of tow path.

4 Grant application – Thames Hall Management Committee seeking £1045 to replace central Heating boiler.

5 Grant application – Cricklade Bloomers seeking £1630 to purchase lamp post baskets for Spring and Autumn to supplement the Summer planting.

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).
- 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. Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £62,298 for community grants and includes the sum of £10,336 for community planning. The Area Board has allocated further sums for community led planning to the sum of £15,200 on 2nd February 2011
- 1.6. Following allocation at the previous Area Boards, and return of £58 unspent funds for Youth Transport, the sum of £13,639 remains.
- 1.7. Where the demand for funding exceeds the funds available applications meeting the area board priorities will be given priority.
- 1.8. 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.
- 1.9. 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 20010/11• Wootton Bassett and Cricklade 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. Should a project such as community planning require more time to complete, a request to Cabinet could be made to make an exception for the budget/award to be carried forward for longer.
- 2.2. There have been 6 rounds of funding during 2010/11. The next funding round commences for the year 2011/2012 and the meeting will take place on;
 - 25th May 2011

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 Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board will have a balance of £ 7478. This sum can be carried over to 2011/2012 financial year for future allocation.

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	Longleaze Pre - School – (a community pre - school)	Seeking to replace an access ramp and hand rail to the community preschool and nursery	£930

8.1.1. The Grant meets the criteria for a community area grant 2010/11

8.1.2. The grant demonstrates a link to the Community Plan - supporting local schools, preparing children for their academic years and supporting vulnerable people in an area of deprivation.

8.1.3. The grant meets locally agreed/area board priorities by prioritising young people - the project works with children under 5.

8.1.4. The group is a not for profit organisation.

8.1.5. The grant is to provide access to both the younger children and the older children, following installing an extra gate to secure the safety of the children and erecting a shelter, the ramp is required to be replaced so that the facilities can be utilised by all.

8.1.6. The grant will provide a safe access for the 60 children and their parents carers.

8.1.7 Should the grant not be awarded funding the project would be delayed and the younger children would need to continue using the original access, thus interrupting the over three's outside play activities. Funding would need to be sought elsewhere,.

Ref	Applicant	Project Proposal	Funding Requested
9	Purton Institute Village Hall Charity	Towards refurbishing kitchen in village hall.	£820

9.1.1 The Grant meets the criteria for a community area grant. 2010/11

9.1.2 The grant demonstrates a link to the Community Plan, creating opportunities for recreation culture and leisure.

9.1.3 The grant meets locally agreed/area board priorities for young people and older people with community groups, eg. Dance shows, art exhibitions, cultural and local events, engaging the community and building networks.

9.1.4 The group is a not for profit group.

9.1.5 The grant is to assist with the refurbishment of the village hall kitchen.

9.1.6 The project will enable the facilities to come up to standard and increase hirings, thus increase community capacity.

9.1.7 Should the grant not be awarded, funding from other sources would need to be obtained and this would delay the project.

9.1.8 The applicant is part funded by the Parish Council for the Charity's Administration of £9K and has thus not applied for a grant for this project from the Parish Council

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
10	Wilts and Berks Canal Trust Wootton Bassett	seeking to improve surface of tow path	£1736

10.1.1. The Grant meets the criteria for a community area grant. 2010/11

10.1.2. The grant demonstrates a link to the Community Plan, promoting tourism, protection of sites of historic interest, developing the canal and promoting health

10.1.3. The grant meets locally agreed/area board priorities, in developing the canal.

10.1.4. The group is a not for profit organisation.

10.1.5. The grant is to improve the surface of the towpath along the Wilts and Berks Canal by completing laying of limestone scalplings and compacting fully. The Senior Rights of Way Warden informs that limestone aggregate is suitable for footpath works as long as it is laid correctly and compacted..

10.1.6 The grant will increase the number of towpath users.

10.1.7 Should the grant not be awarded, alternative funding would need to be sought and this would delay the project. A previous request was refused due to the lack of information regarding the suitability of the limestone scalplings, this has now been formally determined as suitable.

Ref	Applicant	Project Proposal	Funding Requested
11	Thames Hall Management Committee	Seeking to replace central Heating boiler.	£1045

11.1.1 The Grant meets the criteria for a community area grant. 2010/11

11.1.2 The grant demonstrates a link to the Community Plan, reducing anti social behaviour, promoting youth activities, youth facilities, arts and culture and reducing the

impact on the environment.

11.1.3 The grant meets locally agreed/area board priorities with particular reference to working with young people and older people. .

11..1.4 The group is a not for profit organisation

11..1.5 The grant is to replace on old boiler with a more environmentally friendly combi-boiler and removal from kitchen will provide much needed space

11.1.6 The project will benefit users of the Thames Hall Cricklade and provide adequate facilities for young people in the area.

11.1.7 Should the grant not be awarded funds would need to be found elsewhere

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
12	Cricklade Bloomers	Cricklade Bloomers seeking to purchase lamp post baskets for Spring and Autumn to supplement the Summer planting	£1630

12.1.1 The Grant meets the criteria for a community area grant 2010/11

12.1.2.The grant demonstrates a link to the Community Plan , supporting the community and promoting Tourism in the Market Town.

12.1.3.The grant meets locally agreed priorities, promoting tourism development of market town and community involvement.

12.1.4.The group is a not for profit organisation.

12.1.5.The grant is to purchase and plant extra plant lamp post baskets to supplement the summer planting by adding Spring and Autumn planting to the local community .

12.1.6 Should the grant not be awarded the project could not take place.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Grant applications – 1 Grant application – 2 Grant application – 3 Grant application – 4 Grant application – 5 Grant application. Letter
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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