

Report to Devizes Area Board
Date of meeting 13 May 2019
Title of report Community Area Grant Funding

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below.

Applicant	Amount requested
Devizes parkrun	£2,500.00
Devizes Town Youth FC	£750.00
Market Lavington Parish Council	£1,358.00
West Lavington Village Hall	£2,064.00
Devizes Canoe Club	£3,818.62
All Cannings Village Hall	£1,900.00
Total grant amount requested at this meeting	£12,390.62
Total capital funding allocated to Devizes Area Board 2019/20	£ 49,886.22
Total amount awarded so far, 2019/20	£0.00
Amount remaining if all grants are awarded as per report	£37,495.60

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 available here: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/community-area-grants-criteria-2015-16-april.pdf>

The funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/areaboardscommunitygrantsscheme.htm>

2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded in the 2019/2020 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 has been made to cover this expenditure.

5. Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

6. Human Resources Implication

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
3293	Devizes parkrun	New parkrun for Devizes area	£2,500.00

Project Description

parkruns set up in other communities have shown considerable benefits to the mental and physical health of both participants and volunteers. The events strive to reduce and remove barriers at every level, are passionate about community engagement and welcome active and inactive people to come and volunteer, walk, jog and run at events. parkruns give a unique opportunity to bring diverse communities together in a safe and fun environment. parkruns are free removing a key barrier to entry for those with lower disposable incomes.

Recent studies which involved parkrunners who identified as having experienced mental health difficulties concluded that volunteering, being outside and participating in a community activity can be beneficial. Participants reported that parkrun gives them a sense of identity, being part of the parkrun community and reducing the stigma associated with mental health difficulties. Each participant in the research reported that parkrun was beneficial to their mental health. The research revealed that parkrun increases confidence, helps to reduce isolation, depression, anxiety and stress and gives participants space to think. Volunteering opportunities at parkrun increase inclusivity as people who do not want to walk or run, or are unable to, can participate by volunteering.

Due to the lack of large open spaces in the Devizes area, Rowdeford School with its grounds and woodland provides a good location for this project. A parkrun ambassador has visited the site and a suitable 5km course has now been set and measured.

<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application from Devizes parkrun for £2,500.00 to help set up a new parkrun within the community area.</p>
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Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3287	Devizes Town Youth FC	New defibrillator for Club	£750.00

Project Description
DTYFC wish to purchase a defibrillator to complement its current emergency first aid equipment. The age group of children and young people that the club caters for are in the highest risk group for sudden cardiac arrest. For every minute without CPR and defibrillation a victim's survival rate reduces by 7-10 and the club reports that the nearest defibrillator is over 10 minutes away by car. The club feels this is not a requirement but a necessity that they have this equipment available on site.

DTYFC currently has over 200 young people registered at the club and in the region of 25 adult volunteers. In addition to this we have visiting teams, parents and guardians. The club also holds an annual 6-a-side tournament that sees in the region of 3,000 players and spectators pass through the gates over that weekend.

The equipment will also be accessible to all that attend DTFC for different activities, which would include senior football, boxing, judo, zumba and social events.

<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application from Devizes Town Youth FC for £750.00 towards a new defibrillator for the club.</p>
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Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3284	Market Lavington Parish Council	CCTV for Old School Community Building	£1,385.75

Project Description
Market Lavington Parish Council is looking to install 5 CCTV cameras around the newly restored Old School Community Building to deter acts of vandalism and anti-social behaviour which have escalated over recent months.

The parish council has reported receiving complaints from several regular user groups, regarding the young people congregating at the back of the Old School. This has included complaints about the level of noise and bad language, to group leaders being too intimidated and frightened to go out to the rear of the building to collect items from the storage facilities. The parish council has concerns that continued activity of this nature could not only put off existing, but potentially new users of the Old School, which will have an adverse effect on revenue.

The Police have been very helpful in carrying out additional patrols, spending more than the

requisite amount of time in their shift. They have advised the parish council that it would be a good idea to install CCTV to help deter this behaviour and if it does occur, to provide evidence for them to act upon.

The Old School is a grade 2 listed building. Permission to install the CCTV cameras is still pending with Conservation Officers, who are very understanding of the need to install the cameras. As a condition on the award of this grant, it is recommended that permission is granted first before any funding is released.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application from Market Lavington Parish Council for £1,358.75 towards new CCTV for The Old School Building. Permission to install the CCTV should be granted before any funding is released.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3259	West Lavington Village Hall	New integrated P.A. system for the hall	£2,064.00
<p>Project Description</p> <p>In March 2019, the village hall received area board funding for a new professional digital projector and electrically operated screen, which is currently being installed. The hall committee would like to continue the upgrade of the hall's audio-visual system by installing an integrated PA system to give high quality sound.</p> <p>The hall is regularly used for meetings, gatherings, business events, etc. where the provision of a modern PA system in a building which has echo problems is felt to be essential. This project forms part of a significant upgrade for the main hall enabling us to hire it out to a wider range of users.</p> <p>The application forms the second part of a project to upgrade facilities at the village hall; the first part was considered at the March '19 area board meeting. As this second one comes in a new financial year, this is within the grant scheme criteria and can be considered.</p>			
<p>Proposal</p> <p>That the Area Board determines the application from West Lavington Village Hall for £2,064.00 towards a new PA system.</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3252	Devizes Canoe Club	Strength and Conditioning Training Equipment	£3,818.62
<p>Project Description</p> <p>DCC is a successful racing club. Members train throughout the year and use gym equipment to build strength. The club has two experienced coaches who train the junior paddlers and make extensive use of the club's gym for strength training.</p> <p>The club has grown steadily in numbers and footfall since it started 10 years ago. Last year</p>			

there were over 150 members. Most are from the Devizes area and range in age from 8 to 75. The club offers assistance to those who might struggle to pay membership fees and have ramps and other facilities for physical access to make the club open to all. It offers training courses for beginners to the sport and run regular club sessions including a comprehensive training schedule. It encourages paddlers of all abilities to train and to compete.

To support members further and encourage training, the club would like to buy a range of better strength training equipment that is easier to store and will allow more people to use it at any one time.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application from Devizes Canoe Club for £3,818.62 towards new training and gym equipment.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3222	All Cannings Village Hall	New Audio-Visual equipment	£1,900.00

Project Description

All Cannings Village Hall would like to install new projector and screen equipment into the building. This equipment will be linked to the internet to provide a wider range of uses.

The new equipment will encourage new users to the hall and will help to strengthen the community by providing more opportunities for people to come together and socialise.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application from All Cannings Village Hall for £1,900.00 towards new AV equipment.

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

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