

Report to	Pewsey Area Board
Date of Meeting	9 May 2011
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

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

1. Burbage Good Companions Club , Day out to Watercress Line, Hampshire, seeking £350, officer recommendation – approval.
2. Great Bedwyn Scout Group, Big Tidy up day, seeking £200, officer recommendation – approval.
3. Pewsey Vale Rugby Football Club, Purchase and fitting of a set of grass tractor tyres, seeking £623.40, officer recommendation – approval.
4. Great Bedwyn Play Group and Toddlers, Purchase of outdoor construction set and outdoor sun protection for the children, seeking £941.85, officer recommendation – approval.

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. 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 recommendation of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria would need the approval of the Leader, the appropriate Cabinet Member or the Cabinet.
- 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. Pewsey Area Board has been allocated a 2011/2012 budget of £44,943 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2010/2011 budget is £83. This leaves a total budget of £45,026 for the 2011/2012 budget.
- 1.6. A decision has been made 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 2011/2012 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 2011/12• Pewsey Community Area Plan
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2011/12 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. There will be six rounds of funding during 2011/12. The first is contained in this report the remaining will take place on;
 - 4 July 2011
 - 5 September 2011

- 7 November 2011
- 9 January 2012
- 12 March 2012

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 Pewsey Area Board.

4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Pewsey Area Board will have a balance of £42,911.

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 (001)	Burbage Good Companions (over 60's club)	Day out to Watercress Line in Hampshire	£350

8.1.1. The Officer recommendation is for approval

8.1.2. The application meets grant criteria 2011/12 apart from page 3 item (g) because the project has already started - the trip has already been booked and is in the Good Companions Club Programme 2011/12.

- 8.1.3. The Officer is of the opinion that as this group provides support and activities to older people on low incomes, and older people with disabilities who may not otherwise have contact with anyone that an exception should apply.
- 8.1.4. The project demonstrates a direct link to the Community Plan page 12 - 3.1 Lack of appropriate facilities and opportunities for people who are socially isolated. 3.6 Care for Older People, page 14 - 3.15 activities for older people, page 15 - 3.17 Lack of daycare/social provision in rural villages for the elderly.
- 8.1.5. The group is non profit making with 11 volunteers and provides activities for over 50's. It has over 90 members. Half of the members are widowed and live alone. The club is in its 47th year. There is little financial assistance. Income is obtained from raffles and coffee mornings. Social contact is important.
- 8.1.6. The project is a trip on a coach down to the Watercress Line, Arlesford Hampshire and then a train journey from Alresford to Alton and return including lunch. The total cost of the trip is £1000. Members will pay a fare of £20 towards the trip - a grant from the area board will keep the cost down to this manageable level.
- 8.1.7. The project is aimed at members of the Good Companions Club who are over 50, many are on low incomes and with disabilities.
- 8.1.8. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project, members would have to pay more but the club would supplement the outing.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2. (006)	Great Bedwyn Scout Group	Big Tidy Up Day	£200

- 8.2.1. The Officer recommendation is for approval.
- 8.2.2. The application meets the grant criteria 2011/12
- 8.2.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan Page 23 – 5.9 Diversionary activities for young people and page 27 – 6.13 The need for more people in communities to engage in volunteering.
- 8.2.4. The scout group is a not for profit organisation managed by a team of 14 volunteers. Total project cost is £274, Great Bedwyn Parish Council is contributing £74.
- 8.2.5. The project is to coordinate Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and other village groups/societies and residents to tidy up the village of Great Bedwyn. The project is part of the national Big Tidy Up campaign who are providing posters, stickers,

bin bags. To try and encourage people to get involved the group need to provide refreshments and tools including strong gloves, litter pickers, dog poop scoops. The group also need a skip for the morning to dispose of the litter collected. The Big Tidy Up will prepare the village for the annual open gardens day and Best Kept Village competition.

- 8.2.6. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project the group will not be able to purchase as many resources to encourage people to join in and improve collection of litter.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3. (005)	Pewsey Vale Rugby Football Club	Purchase and fitting of a set of grass tractor tyres	£623.40

8.3.1. The Officer Recommendation is for approval

8.3.2. The application meets the grant criteria 2011/12

8.3.3. The club has reserves but these are held for the building of a new pavilion

8.3.4. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan page 26 – 6.7 Improving sports, play and leisure facilities.

8.3.5. There is an aspiration to get more use of the Angela Yeates facility by sports other than rugby. Better maintenance/management of the ground will allow this.

8.3.6. The applicant is a not for profit organisation managed by nine volunteers. The principal activity of the club is of providing facilities for rugby in the area of Pewsey and Wiltshire and amongst the community.

8.3.7. The project is for the purchase and fitting of a set of grass tractor tyres for the club's second hand tractor. The current tyres being used are not suitable for use on damp/wet grass and have caused damage to the grounds. The project will enable the club to maintain the grounds all year round and enable more multi-sport use of the grounds.

8.3.8. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project it would not proceed for 1-2 years.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4. (007)	Great Bedwyn Play Group and Toddlers	Purchase of outdoor construction set and outdoor sun protection for the children	£941.85

- 8.4.1. The Officer Recommendation is for approval
- 8.4.2. The application meets the grant criteria 2011/12
- 8.4.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan Page 23 – 5.6 need to support parents in their parenting and page 26 – 6.7 improving sports, play and leisure facilities
- 8.4.4. The applicant is a not for profit organisation managed by 10 volunteers. The aim of the playgroup is to enhance the development and education of children under statutory school age by encouraging parents to understand and provide the needs of their children through community groups. The project costs are £993.85. There is contribution of £52 due to a discount from the Pre-school learning alliance.
- 8.4.5. The project is for the purchase of an outdoor construction set and outdoor sun protection for the children attending Great Bedwyn Playgroup and Toddlers, to enhance their educational opportunities during the summer months. Although the playgroup has an outdoor play area, the addition of a construction set will provide endless opportunities for imaginary play and help with maths, literacy and ICT development.
- 8.4.6. The majority of playgroup children move on to attending the village school, thus the playgroup forms a vital link for the children and helps to promote their inclusion into the community at an early age whilst promoting good community relations between future school parents. 30 pre-school children will benefit from the project together with 20-30 pre-school children who attend the toddler sessions.
- 8.4.7. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project the group would not be able to purchase the equipment thus limiting the time and scope of outdoor play for the children attending the playgroup.

Appendices – Grant application forms (available to view online at <http://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=177&MId=5357&Ver=4>)

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

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