

Report to	Southern Wiltshire Area Board
Date of Meeting	1 October 2020
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding

Purpose of the report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below

Applicant	Amount requested
Applicant: Firsdown Parish Council Project Title: Firsdown play area zip wire upgrade View full application	£4000.00
Applicant: Hamptworth Croquet Club Project Title: Keeping Hamptworth Croquet Club Open View full application	£5000.00
Applicant: Winterslow Parish Council Project Title: Barrys Fields Football officials facility View full application	£2500.00

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 2020/2021 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.

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
3864	Firsdow Parish Council	Firsdow play area zip wire upgrade	£4000.00
Project Description: The relocate the existing shelter to allow for the installation of a new safer and longer zip wire for the benefit of parish and visiting families alike.			
Input from Community Engagement Manager: This is a much used and highly valued local facility that will be enhanced as a consequence of this work. The request meets the grants criteria and the Parish Council is contributing over half of the amount required.			
Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3833	Hamptworth Croquet Club	Keeping Hamptworth Croquet Club Open	£5000.00
Project Description: Hamptworth Croquet Club needs to purchase specialist lawn care equipment in order to stay open. We, like our landlord have been financially hit by the Covid crisis, and now face the challenge of having to maintain our own lawns. This means buying specialised equipment as croquet lawns need to be kept like putting greens or bowling greens all year round.			

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

This is a well-used asset, which attracts croquet players from many miles around, bringing in much needed income into the local economy. The grant request meets the criteria. The total costs are £16,838 and the club is contributing the remainder.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3834	Winterslow Parish Council	Barrys Fields Football officials facility	£2500.00

Project Description:

The Council has planned to refurbish the large disabled toilet room at Barrys Fields for some time. It is important that we provide a shower facility for sports participants who have impaired mobility. Football use of Barrys fields continues to increase with approx. 180 children and young people girls and boys taking part this year. There will also be two new adult teams playing from this season. PC funds have been dramatically impacted by Covid and the project has been on hold but there is now an urgent requirement to provide football officials with a dedicated shower and changing area that meet FA requirements. We can achieve this by reconfiguring the existing toiletsink etc and installing the proposed shower and partitions. No grants are available from the FA and the football club have also been hit by increased costs relating to Covid.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

Following consultation with the Chairman and local councillor – this grant was approved in August, as the parish council needed the funds to carry out urgent work ahead of the football season. This report is for the area board to ratify that decision.

Proposal

That the Area Board ratifies this earlier made urgent decision.

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

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