

<b>Report To</b>	<b>Melksham Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Tuesday, 12 April 2022</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Melksham Area Grant Report</b>

## Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Melksham Area Board. These could include; community area grants, health and wellbeing, young person's grants and Area Board initiatives.
- To document any recommendations provided through sub-groups.

## Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Young People	Health and Wellbeing
<b>Opening Balance For</b> <u>2022/23</u>	£ 22,309	£ 18,349	£ 7,700
<b>Awarded To Date</b>	£ nil	£ nil	£ nil
<b>Current Balance</b>	£ nil	£ nil	£ nil
<b>Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations</b>	£ 14,929	£ 18,349	£ 7,700

## Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG602</a>	Community Area Grant	Shaw Playing Field and Village Hall	Shaw Village Hall Gable End Capital Repairs	£14760.00	£7380.00

### Project Summary:

**Our independent surveyors report has identified significant cracking in the mortar joints of the lightweight blockwork inner leaf, and significant movement in the North upper gable wall. These defects are as a result of poor construction methods from when the Hall was first built in the 1970s and specifically, with regard to the gable end, the absence of diagonal bracing members and GMS lateral restraint straps. There are also defects in the paved areas. Because these faults relate to poor construction and gradual degradation since then, they are not covered by insurance. This has been confirmed by our insurance broker. The Project is to arrest the movement on the gable end, repair the cracking in the mortar joints, and repair the external paving as follows:**

- Gable end - remove the existing gable down to ceiling joist level, provide wind bracing and binder together with lateral restraint straps to the small extension roof, rebuild the gable in a vertical plane and rebed the verge.
- Mortar Joints - repoint the major cracking in the existing stonework.
- External Paving - remove defective paving and relay with slabs or concrete as necessary.
- Cleaning and decoration – tidy the site and decorate as necessary after the works are complete.

## 1. Background

Area Boards have authority to approve funding under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria. This document is available on the council's website.

Three funding streams are available to the Area Board, each with an annually awarded amount. These funding streams are as follows:

- ♦ Community Area Grants (capital)
- ♦ Young People (revenue)
- ♦ Health and Wellbeing (revenue)

The Area Board will be advised of the funding available prior to their first meeting of each financial year.

## 2. Main Considerations

2.1. Councillors need to be satisfied that the applications meet the requirements as set out in the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria and that the health and wellbeing and young persons funding guidelines have been adhered to.

2.2. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.

2.3. Councillors need to consider any recommendations made by sub groups of the Area Boards.

## 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

Councillors must ensure that the Area Board has sufficient funding available to cover the grants awarded.

## 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.

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

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