

Report to	Marlborough Community Area Board	Agenda Item 11a
Date of Meeting	13 April 2010	
Title of Report	Community Area Grants	
Purpose of Report		
To ask Councillors to consider 3 applications seeking 20010/11 Community Area Grant Funding		
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Aldbourne Scout and Guide Supporters – seek £1,738 towards the refurbishment of the Scouting and Guide Hall.2. Kennet Valley Village Hall – seek £1,000 towards the production of 2 matching reinforced frames to house a new embroidered wall hanging and a montage of historic photos.3. Aldbourne Festival Committee – seek £1,250 towards the 17th Century re-enactment taking part at Aldbourne Ten Year Festival.		

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 Two applicants withdrew their applications. One hopes to reapply at a future date. The other application did not meet the funding criteria and was referred to the Charities Information Bureau (CIB) for support to seek funding from elsewhere. CIB work on behalf of Wiltshire Council to support community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils to seek funding for community projects and schemes both from the Area Board and other local and national funding sources.
- 1.5 Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.6 Marlborough Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £45,472 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget is £7,409, has been allocated to taking forward the 'Dreams and Wishes' work with young people. This leaves a total budget of £52,881 for the 2010/2011 budget.
- 1.7 The Board should also note that there are 2 applications for grants from Aldbourne, but that these are from different community groups.
- 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 the 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

- Community Area Grant Application Pack 20010/11
- Marlborough Community Area Plan

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.
- 2.2. There will be 6 rounds of funding during 2010/11. The first is contained in this report the remaining will take place on;
 - 22 June 2010
 - 31 August 2010
 - 19 October 2010
 - 23 November 2010
 - 8 February 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 Marlborough Area Board.
- 4.2. If these grants are awarded, Marlborough Area Board will have a balance of £48,893.

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 – “Recommendations”.

8. Recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	Aldbourn Scout and Guide Supporters	Refurbishment of the Scouting and Guide Hall	£1,738

- 1.8.1 This application meets 2010/2011 criteria and it is recommended that Aldbourne and Guide Supporters are considered for a grant of £1,738 towards the refurbishment of the Scouting and Guide Hall, conditional of the balance of funding being in place.
- 8.1.2 This application demonstrates direct links to the 2004-2014 Marlborough Community Plan under Culture, 'Involving young people in activities with the aim of increasing numbers of young people participating in activities'.
- 8.1.3 Scouting and guiding in Aldbourne currently has membership of around 140 girls and boys aged between 5 and 15 years. They meet primarily in the scout and guide hut to have fun and learn valuable life skills. Aldbourne Scout and Guide Unit provide support to young people in their physical and mental development. Activities range from cookery, crafts, music, building things and first aid.
- 8.1.4 The Aldbourne Scout and Guide Hut has been used by hundreds of young people over the last 40 years. It is in need of refurbishment, including replacing damaged doors and window frames, painting the interior of the hut and new shelving to store tents. This will ensure the future sustainability of the building and the improvements would make the building a more attractive facility to use.
- 8.1.5 The Aldbourne Scout and Guide Groups are totally inclusive and are open to all young members of the local community. Their membership includes a young girl who has been in rainbows, brownies and now guides with learning difficulties and some speech problems.
- 8.1.6 A decision not to fund this application will result in a delay of the project proceeding.

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8.2	Kennet Valley Village Hall	Production of two matching reinforced frames to house a new embroidered wall hanging and a montage of historic photos.	£1,000

8.2.1 This application meets 2010/2011 grant criteria and It is recommended that Kennet Valley Village Hall is considered for a grant of awarded £1,000 towards the purchase of two matching reinforced frames to house a new embroidered wall hanging and a montage of historic photos.

8.2.2 This application demonstrates indirect links to the 2004-2014 Marlborough Community Plan under Culture, exploring the need for a range of cultural facilities and continuing to raise the profile of arts and crafts. The Plan also supports the highly valued contribution made by volunteers to help sustain a range of cultural opportunities.

8.2.3 The major project has been self funded by two organisations; the Marlborough Embroiders' Guild (whose home is Kennet Valley Hall) and the Kennet Valley Heritage Group. For the last 3 years the Embroiders' Guild have been producing an 8 foot by 3 foot wall hanging depicting the features, buildings and characteristics of the Upper Kennet Valley. The Kennet Valley Heritage Group, a group of local volunteers has accumulated a large archive of old historic photos of the Valley for posterity. The plan is to produce a montage of the photos to create a pictorial display showing the social historical of the valley.

8.2.4 This project proposes to house the embroidered wall hanging and montage of historic photos in two reinforced frames to be kept in Kennet Valley Village Hall, which will ensure the preservation of both pieces of artwork. From a cultural and educational perspective, it would benefit the whole community, visitors and future generations to the hall.

8.2.5 The embroidered wall hanging and montage of photos will be accessible to both the local community and visitors.

8.2.6 A decision to fund this project would demonstrate a commitment to supporting local heritage and give the community a valuable opportunity to learn about the history of their area.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3	Aldbourn Festival Committee	17th Century re-enactment taking place as part of the Ten Year Aldbourn Festival.	£1,250

8.3.1 This application meets 2010/2011 grant criteria and it is recommended that Aldbourn Festival Committee is considered for a grant of £1,250 towards the re-enactment taking place at the Ten Year Aldbourn Festival. This is conditional on the balance of funding and all the appropriate licences being in place.

8.3.2 This application demonstrates indirect links to the 2004-2014 Marlborough Community Plan under Education, promoting good quality education and lifelong learning to release the creativity and talents of individuals and communities. It also links to the need to encourage community events that create a sense of pride and well-being under the Culture theme.

8.3.3 Aldbourn Festival is held every ten years and is organised by the Memorial Hall, Aldbourn Band and members of the village. The festival celebrates all the positive aspects of living in the village and is an opportunity to bring the local community together. There are several events over the festival period including a concert by the Albourn Band with the The Songmen Male Voice choir, a 17th Century tug of war tournament, popular hobby horse races and a family banquet.

8.3.4 Every Aldbourn Festival has a theme which runs throughout the festival. In previous years these have included; Georgian, Victorian and Saxon themes. The theme for 2010 is 'Roundhead & Cavaliers' which will include a series of events and demonstrations of costume ideas, music, dance and manners of the 17th Century. The Civil War Society will be re-enacting a battle which will give a valuable insight into the conflicts of 17th Century life. The village will also set up an encampment to show the trades, skills and domestic daily life of a rural community in 1642. Local residents will be encouraged to take part and dress up in the costume of the period.

8.3.5 The applicant is requesting £1,250 towards the re-enactment, which represents 50% of this aspect of the project cost.

8.3.6 There will be no discrimination, either positive or negative, with regard to the target group of beneficiaries who will be mainly local residents.

8.3.7 A decision to fund this project would provide a real opportunity for residents and visitors, especially young people to learn more about the local history of the 17th

Century in an exciting and interactional way.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 – Grant application Aldbourne Scout & Guide Supporters Appendix 2 – Grant application Kennet Valley Village Hall Appendix 3 – Grant application Aldbourne Festival Committee
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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