

Report to	Tidworth Area Board
Date of Meeting	21st November 2011
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

1. To ask Councillors to consider 4 applications seeking 2011/12 Community Area Grant Funding.

a. Ludgershall Sports Football Club- purchase of team tracksuits £609

Award in full

b. Collingbourne Petanque Club-Refurbishment of Petanque Playing Area- £981

Award in full

c. Netheravon Parish Council- Extension of Millennium Park- £1842

Award in full

d. Tidworth Community Area Partnership- Transportation of young people to Christmas Band Concert- £1,050

Award in Full

Total Recommended Awards £4482

Officer Recommendation

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 (4 April 2011). 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 decision of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria and/or the officer's recommendation would need to demonstrate that the application in question has a wider community benefit, and give specific reasons for why this should justify an exception to the criteria.
- 1.3. The emphasis in the Coalition Government's Localism agenda supports the ethos of volunteering and community involvement. With this in mind Community Area Grants should be encouraged from and awarded to community and voluntary groups.
- 1.4. Area boards will not consider applications from town and parish councils for purposes that relate to their statutory duties or powers that should be funded from the local town/parish precept. However this does not preclude bids from town/parish councils, encouraging community projects that provide new opportunities for local people or those functions that are not the sole responsibility of the town/parish council.
- 1.5. Officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, although the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on the Area Board.
- 1.6. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.7. All applicants are encouraged to contact Charities Information Bureau who is working 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.
- 1.8. 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.
- 1.9. 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.

The budget for Tidworth Area Board for 2011/12 (including carry over from the previous year) was £53,794.89. At the Area Board meeting on the May 21st a spend of £1,019.00 was agreed and at the area board meeting on 17th July a spend of £6,942.81 was agreed. At the September meeting the area board approved a spend of £16,081 leaving an available budget of £29,752.89

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.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

- 3.1 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 Tidworth Area Board.
- 4.2. The available budget of the area board is £29,752.89. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations at this meeting, (community grants totalling £4482) Tidworth Area Board will have a remaining balance of £25,270.89. This includes £11,000 ringfenced at the July meeting for Tidworth Parishes to bid to for the 2012 local celebrations. The available working balance of the area board will therefore be £14,270.89.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

6. Human Resources Implications

- 6.1. There are no specific human resources 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 Tid 10/11	Ludgershall Sports Football Club	Purchase of new tracksuits	£609

- 8.1.1. It is recommended that this application is approved in full.
- 8.1.2. The application meets the Community Area Grants criteria 2011/12,
- 8.1.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Plan 2003-13 which identified the need for leisure and sports which are enjoyed by people of all ages.
- 8.1.4. The objects of the club are to promote the game of Association Football, to provide facilities for playing the sport, to arrange matches and social activities for its members

and encourage community participation.

8.1.5. The club has a constitution, management committee, holds regular meetings and has its own bank account, opened and maintained in the name of the club. Club property can only be used in furtherance of the objects of the club and the distribution of profits to club members is prohibited.

8.1.6. The success of the club and recent promotion to the Wiltshire Premier Senior division has requires that the club develops a more professional image. As a result of the promotion, significant improvements have been made to the ground, including purchase of dugouts and perimeter fencing. To further develop the professional image of the club both on and off the pitch, new matching tracksuits are required to enable the club to meet the standards of other clubs in the division.

8.1.7. The benefits of a more professional image include the opportunity to secure additional sponsorship in the future and the opportunity to attract and retain new members.

8.1.8. The total cost of the tracksuits is £609 and the area board is being asked for the full amount. The Club has secured funding of £5,000 from the Football Foundation however this funding is required to be spent in specific ways, for training of coaches through the football association and hiring of pitches etc.

8.1.9. The Club accounts show reserves of £2,589.97 however with the promotion to the Premier Senior Division the costs of running the club have gone up on a weekly basis. For example, last year the club was only required to have one referee for games, this year they also need to provide two linesmen. This cost has risen from around £35 per game to @ £90, for every home game (there are 15 home league games, plus cup matches). A further cost this year is laundry of club kit which the club managed to achieve for free last season. Laundrettes charge between £16.50 and £18.50 per kit, and the kit needs to be washed weekly, sometimes twice weekly if there are midweek games. The club therefore needs to retain its reserves to cover such increased expenditure.

8.1.10. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project, the project will be delayed pending securing of funding from alternative sources.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2 Tid 13/11	Collingbourne Petanque Club	Refurbishment of Playing area	£981

8.2.1 It is recommended that this application is approved in full.

8.2.2 The application meets the Community Area Grants criteria 2011/12.

8.2.3 The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Plan 2003-13 which identified the need for places where leisure and sports are enjoyed by people of all ages.

8.2.4 Collingboule Petanque Club is a not for profit organization, the aims of which are to provide the opportunity for the members to participate in the game of Petanque (similar

to boules) and to provide competition opportunities, to further interest in the game and to organise events in support of the clubs objectives.

- 8.2.5 The club has a constitution, management committee, its own bank account and powers to raise funds in pursuance of its objectives.
- 8.2.6 The club has 16 members and a recruitment campaign to attract new members will commence in spring 2012. Membership is open to any person, regardless of ability, race or gender.
- 8.2.7 The project is to provide a refurbished Petanque playing surface at the Barleycorn Inn, Collingbourne Kingston. Over the last two years the current playing surface has become degraded and uneven, limiting accuracy, skill development and enjoyment in the game. Enhancing the playing area will alleviate these difficulties as well as allowing for more people to take advantage of game. It will also enable matches against other teams to take place in the village.
- 8.2.8 The owners of the Barleycorn Inn have given permission for the refurbishment to take place.
- 8.2.9 Quotes have been obtained for the works which includes weed suppressant membrane, chippings, timber edging and hire of a digger and driver.
- 8.2.10 The total project cost £981.00 which is the amount applied for to the area board. The club has small reserves of £208.92 however this is needed as contingency funding.
- 8.2.11 If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project, the project will be delayed.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3 Tid 11/11	Netheravon Parish Council	Millennium Park Extension	£1842

- 8.3.1 It is recommended that this application is approved in full.
- 8.3.2 The application meets the Community Area Grants criteria 2011/12
- 8.3.3 The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Plan 2003-13 which identified the need for places where leisure and sports are enjoyed by people of all ages
- 8.3.4 The project is to extend the current Millennium Park by integrating an adjoining overgrown site into the park. This is a new project which will be maintained in the future through the parish precept. The parish council is contributing half of the costs.
- 8.3.5 The project requires removal of non indigenous trees and scrub and fencing. The aims are to give more all year round recreational space and facilities for the local community into the future. It will also offer wildlife experiences and enhance the visibility of the

park from the village street limiting anti-social behavior in the area.

8.3.6 Planning permission has been obtained for the work.

8.3.7 The project is needed as many parents have complained that they do not allow their children to go to the park because it is hidden from view and the overgrown site attracts anti-social behavior. Opening up the park to more public view from the road will help reassure parents and deter anti-social behavior making the park a place which can be enjoyed to its fullest by the local community.

8.3.8 The extension will also provide a substantial increase in the useable ground in winter time when the main park is liable to flooding, the new area being on slightly higher ground.

8.3.9 The total project cost, supported by quotes, is £3,685 and the parish council itself is contributing £1,843 which is half of the project cost. The ongoing maintenance of the park will be provided for by the parish council through its precept.

8.3.10 The project is required to be completed by the next bird nesting season to enable bird and bat boxes to be utilized effectively and support local school children in their wildlife studies.

8.3.11 If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project, the project will be delayed.

Ref	Applicant	Project Proposal	Funding Requested
8.4 Tid 12/11	Tidworth Community Area Partnership	Transport for schools to Christmas Band Concert	£1050

8.4.1. The application meets the Community Area Grants criteria 2011/12.

8.4.2. The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Plan 2003-13 through provision of leisure opportunities for people of all ages and supporting young people across the community area.

8.4.3. Tidworth Community Area Partnership is a fully constituted, not for profit organisation which exists to bring together partners from across the community area to develop a community plan and support the delivery of key local priorities through its thematic groups. The Partnership works closely alongside the area board and delivers key local events such as Blue Light Day, the Community Area Awards and other activities for older and younger people. Whilst the partnership receives funding from the area board and other partners to carry out its core activities, it needs to secure additional funding to put on community activities and events.

8.4.4. The project is to transport young people from schools across the community area to a Christmas band concert at Tidworth garrison. This follows on from a successful

concert last year which attracted up to 700 school children and which was highly commended.

8.4.4 The total project cost is £2,300 and the partnership has secured £1,250 of this in kind to supply the Band, Goody bags and venue. The partnership is applying to the area board for the remainder of the costs for the transportation totalling £1,050.

8.4.5 The project will be managed by the TCAP co-ordinator.

8.4.6 If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project, the project may not be able to go ahead.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Grant Application - Ludgershall Sports Football Club Appendix 2 Grant Application – Collingbourne Petanque Club Appendix 3 Grant Application – Netheravon Parish Council Appendix 4 Grant Application - TCAP

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