

Report to	Amesbury Community Area Board
Date of Meeting	23rd February 2012
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 5 applications seeking 20010/11 Community Area Grant Funding

1. Amesbury Town Council
2. Spurgeons
3. ABC Pre School
4. Amesbury Tuesday Club
5. Winterbourne Cricket Club

Jubilee Grants

The following 10 applications are for Jubilee grants from a separate fund.

Wilsford- Cum –Lake
Bulford
Wyle
Berwick St James
Winterbourne Stoke
Cholderton
Steeple Langford
Milston & Brigmerston
Stapleford
Tilshead

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. Amesbury Area Board was allocated a 2011/2012 budget of £50,455 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2010/11 budget was £6,088.44. This gave a total budget of £56,543.44 for the 2011/2012 budget.
- 1.5. Of this £55,978.00 has already been spent/allocated, leaving £565.44 in the 2011/12 budget. The applications in this report total £17,639. **As such, the Board does not have sufficient money remaining in the 2011/12 budget to fund all the applications in this report.** If Councillors are minded to approve these applications it is recommended that the applications are approved “in principle” and that the authority is delegated to the Amesbury Community Area Manager in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman to agree the release of funds from the 2012/13 budget as soon as this is confirmed by the Council (after the Full Council on 28 February 2012), and to arrange for payment on or after 1 April 2012. In addition, the Board is asked to identify which application(s) are a priority to be funded from the remaining 2011/12 budget.
- 1.6. The alternative to this proposal is to defer the applications until the Area Board meeting on 24 May 2012, however this may be too late for a number of the projects, including the Jubilee projects.
- 1.7. If Councillors proceed with the proposal set out above, it should be noted that this will reduce the funds available for projects in 2012/13. If all applications in this report are awarded in line with officer recommendations, this will require £17,139.00 to be used from the 2012/13 budget. It has not yet been confirmed what the Area Board’s budget for 2012/13 will be.
- 1.8. A decision was made in 2010/2011 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.
- 1.9. 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.

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.

Future rounds of funding during 2012 are planned for

- 24th May
- 19th July
- 20th September
- 22nd November

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 Amesbury Area Board.
- 4.2. See also paragraphs 1.4 – 1.7 above.

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 (Grant Register ref no)	Amesbury Town Council	Bus shelter at the junction of Mill Green Road and Boscome Road	£925.00

8.1.1. Officer recommendation is for approval as it meets the grant criteria 2011/12.

8.1.2. The application meets the Community Area Grants criteria 2011/12 (see 1.4 above) it is a project benefitting all ages of the community.

8.1.3. The application demonstrates a link to the community plan which identified a need for additional cultural activities (leisure and recreation section) by enhancing tourism, for all ages of the community and local tourism.

8.1.4. The application meets locally agreed/area board priorities

8.1.5. The project will provide a much needed bus shelter across the community, consideration has been given to ecological effects on the community by using a shelter that is no longer required from another local area, many of the users are elderly and currently have to wait in the open, subjected to the elements with no seating or shelter. There are currently bus shelters on the opposite side of the road. This shelter will enable better facilities for residents to access public transport to shops and tourist attractions in the local area.

8.1.6. This project demonstrates community cohesion and equality

If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project the project will be Delayed until alternative funding can be sought.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2. (Grant Register ref no)	Spurgeons	The Freedom Programme	£1,828

8.2.1. Officer recommendation: We are awaiting further clarification on this application.

8.2.2. The application meets grant criteria 2011/12

8.2.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan by benefitting the wider community.

8.2.4. The application meets locally agreed/area board priorities (vulnerable families Amesbury ranks 5th in the county of vulnerable families)

- 8.2.5. The Freedom Group SPURGEONS manages 6 children centres in South Wiltshire the Freedom Project is a separate project but works in close partnership with the children's centres. Its aim is to improve the lives of women and children who have been affected by Domestic Violence by helping them to understand their situation and empower them to make positive changes. To raise awareness of how DV affects children in the short / long term and support women to put the children need first. To support children attending the crèche and increase their social, emotional and educational wellbeing.
- 8.2.6. Referrals from Health Visitors Social Care Army Welfare, School and SPLITZ who have identified women and children who are severally affected by DV. A close partnership with Salisbury women's refuge exists and this offers a chance for women to make positive changes to their family life. Each new group receives 12-16 referrals the satisfaction rate from previous course run is extremely high.
- 8.2.7. This project demonstrates community cohesion equality and Inclusion.

If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project the project will be

- 8.2.9. Delayed until alternative funding can be sought.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3. (Grant Register ref no)	ABC Pre - School	Outside Play Area	£4,600

- 8.3.1. Officer Recommendation is for approval as it meets the grant criteria 2011/12.
- 8.3.2. The application meets the grant criteria 2010/11
- 8.3.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan which identified a need for community Halls leisure and cultural activities for young people.
- 8.3.4. **Children & Young People** Provide more indoor and outdoor recreational facilities and equipment for children and young people.
- 8.3.5. The application meets locally agreed/area board priorities
- 8.3.6. The Pre School is a not for profit organisation catering for children between the ages of 2.9 -5 years the last Ofstead report recommended that the Pre School need to continue to develop the outdoor environment to encourage children to investigate and explore and fully extend their physical skills.
- 8.3.7. The project will allow the pre-school to have a free flow outside space for children to learn about the outside world. The statutory Framework for the EYFS now makes it clear that the outdoor environment is as valued and important for young children's wellbeing and development as the indoor environment.
- 8.3.8. This project demonstrates community cohesion equality and Inclusion
- 8.3.9. Should the board not support this project then the project will be delayed until

further funding can be sought.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4. (Grant Register ref no)	Amesbury Tuesday Club	Fit as a Fiddle	£390

8.4.1. Officer recommendation for approval

8.4.2. The application meets the grant criteria 2010/11

8.4.3. The aims of the group include enable a healthier and more inclusive community as the community continues to grow we must make sure that we have enough community facilities in the Amesbury area particularly for social sport and health.

8.4.4. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan which identified a need for community Halls leisure and cultural activities for young people and additional community.

8.4.5. The application meets locally agreed/area board priorities

8.4.6. The Tuesday Club works with Age Uk who have themselves funded sessions in the Devizes area and fully support the work which the Tuesday club is doing. The age range of the club is 60's to mid 90's and is an opportunity for like minded blind and partially sighted people to retain and extend their levels of fitness and flexibility through regular exercise . The hidden benefits are social inclusion friendships fun laughter singing memories and good self perception.

This project demonstrates community cohesion equality and Inclusion and Hopes to attract new members from the Amesbury area and surrounding area.

8.4.7. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project the project will be Delayed until alternative funding can be sought.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5. (Grant Register ref no)	Winterbourne Cricket Club	Resurrection of Winterbourne Cricket Club	£4,896

8.5.1. Officer recommendation for approval

8.5.2. The application meets the grant criteria 2010/11 It is a project benefiting all ages of the community

8.5.3. The aim is to resurrect the club with two senior teams entered into the Hampshire Cricket League for 2012 in order for the club to be successful it is critical that the club has a strong youth structure.

8.5.4. The application demonstrates a link to the Stonehenge Community Plan which

identified a need for community Halls leisure and cultural activities for young people and additional community.

The application meets locally agreed/area board priorities. Winterbourne currently has no sporting facilities after the cricket club, which has survived for 150 years folded in 2001 The Parish Council were keen to reform the club and an appeal in the village Link magazine resulted in significant interest from local parishioners. A committee was formed to drive the project forward and support from the local people was high Over the winter groups of volunteers has been getting together to organise local fundraising events and work has begun on the refurbishment of the ground and the pavilion The cricket club will not only offer a great sporting facility but will be a venue which can bring the whole community together for such events as the Jubilee celebrations. We will also form links with local primary schools and offer community coaching sessions throughout the summer.

This project demonstrates community cohesion equality and Inclusion and Hopes to attract new members from the Amesbury area and surrounding area.

If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project the project will be Delayed until alternative funding can be sought.

Appendices – available to view online or by request.	Appendix 1 Grant application – Amesbury Town Council Appendix 2 Grant application – Spurgeons Appendix 3 Grant application – ABC Pre School Appendix 4 Grant application – Amesbury Tuesday Club Appendix 5 Grant application – Winterbourne Cricket Club
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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