

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13

Report to	Pewsey Area Board
Date of Meeting	12 March 2012
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider one applications seeking 2011/12 Community Area Grant Funding, together with 21 parish applications for Jubilee funding.

1. Savernake Forest Scout Group (Burbage) – new equipment Seeking **£1000**. Officer recommendation approval.

Jubilee Applications

2. Requests for funding from 21 parishes following the last meeting of the area board where it was agreed to offer up to £250 per parish council for funding towards jubilee celebrations. – total requested **£5,075**. Officer recommendation approval

The decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on this Area Board.

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 (15 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.

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2011/12• Pewsey Community Area Plan
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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.
- 2.2. There will be six rounds of funding during 2011/12. The sixth is contained in this report;

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 Pewsey Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations and including the jubilee applications, Pewsey Area Board will have a balance of -£912. It was agreed at the last meeting that whilst the jubilee applications would be agreed at the 12 March meeting, if there was an overspend the payments would be paid out of the 2012/13 budget **subject to area board funding being made available**.

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 (pew.11.24)	Savernake Forest Scout Group (Burbage)	New equipment (sports, education and electrical) and craft tools	£1,000

- 8.1.1 Recommend to award £1,000 as the application meets the grant criteria 2011/12.
- 8.1.2 The project demonstrates links to the Community Plan Community Plan as it supports young people, provides activities for young people, provides diversionary activities for young people, reduces anti-social behaviour by improving available activities, education and involvement. Community plan reference 5.7; 6.6; 6.8; 7.4 and 8.2
- 8.1.3 The applicant is the Savernake Forest Scout Group which has re-started after 10 years – it has 17 members on the management group.
- 8.1.4 The costs of the project are for the cost of sports equipment (£171.23), Educational Equipment (£32.95), Printer, cameras, GPS, walkie talkies (£628.15) and Craft Tools £169.82.
- 8.1.5 The project is for equipment. Currently the equipment being used is either; old or in poor condition, limited in number, loaned or borrowed from others, or is just not available. Once past the initial short term equipment hurdle the focus will be on refurbishment projects to bring the venue up to a better standard.
- 8.1.6 The youth funding awarded at the January meeting of the area board was used to purchase stationery and some camping equipment.
- 8.1.7 If the Area Board did not fund the project the group will not be able to purchase the equipment for quite some time – whilst they are actively fund raising there are many things that are needed. After initial start up funding will be through continuous subscriptions, donations and fundraising activities.

8.2 Jubilee Funding applications

- 8.2.1 The total cost of applications is £5,075 – there wasn't any specific criteria set.

Officer recommendation approval.

Village	Event	Funding to be used towards	Amount
Rushall	Garden Party with sports and games	Overall costs plus memorabilia gift for children	250
Pewsey	Family event with marguees and tv screens, attractions, lighting of beacon	Climbing wall hire and fun rides	250
Grafton	Lunch and Olympics on the Green	Hire of tents, bunting	250
Alton	Party and Beacon	Union flags for church and hall, plus bunting and decorations	250
Chirton	A fun day at the school playing field, games, hog roast, cream tea, music etc	Bone china mug to all children in the two village slus school children	250
Upavon	A series of events in streets	purchase of bunting and decorations and a mug for each child under 11	250
Easton Royal	Tea party and games in afternoon with evening bbq and music then beacon	Band and food for party and bbq	250
Great Bedwyn	Party with entertainment	Hire of marquee	250
Manningford	Hog roast, marque, local band, entertainment picnic at Martinsell and bbq and hog roast at totteridge farm	Towards hog roast and marquee hire	250
Milton Lilbourne		Cost of arrangements and hire of equipment	250
Wilsford	Village street party	Food, beverages, table cloths and bunting	250

Marden	Street Party, hog roast, fun and games, unveiling of clock	Bunting, hog roast, memorabilia	250
Ham	Pig roast	Commemorative medals and glasses one per family	250
North Newton	Street Party	Bunting, decorations, hire of equipment, food etc	250
Patney	Lunch and games, lamb roast	Hire of toilets, bunting and tablecloths	225
Shalbourne	Jubilee medals and street party	Medals and street party costs	250
Stanton St Bernard	Hog roast, childrens events, dancing and music, and beacon and picnic on hillside (two days)	Hog roast, bunting,, table ware,	250
Burbage	A day and evening street party	Jubilee coin for the children	250
Woodborough	Village picnic lunch with games	Purchasing catering supplies and equipment, decorations & publicity	250
Beechingstoke	Family Picnic	Chairs tenting and bunting	100
Little Bedwyn	tbc	tbc	250

Appendices – Grant application forms (available to view online at). Jubilee application forms available on request.

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

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