

Report to	Trowbridge Area Board	Item No.14
Date of Meeting	13th May 2010	
Title of Report	Community Area Grants	

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 3 applications seeking 20010/11 Community Area Grant Funding

1. Southwick Playing Field – Construction of a tarmac path around the playing field - requested £5,000
2. Newtown School – Upgrade changing facilities and provide temporary cover over the outdoor swimming pool – requested £2,300
3. Newtown Area Residents Association - To provide security lighting at Bond Street Buildings to increase community safety - requested £929.05

Total requested = £8,229.05

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. Trowbridge Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £77,592 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. To date £29,268 has been allocated from this budget leaving £48,324 to allocate.
- 1.5. 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 volume of paper used. However, the application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council web site and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.6. 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2009/10 & 2010/11• Trowbridge Community Area Plan• Local Agreement for Wiltshire
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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 5 further rounds of funding during 2010/11 dependent on amounts of funding remaining. These will take place on:
 - 1st July 2010
 - 9th September 2010
 - 18th November 2010
 - 20th January 2011
 - 17th March 2011

3. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

- 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 Trowbridge Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Trowbridge Area Board will have a balance of £40,094.95 in its budget.

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 Diversity 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

The full applications are available at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards

Applicant 8.1	Project summary	Funding requested
Southwick Playing Field	Construction of a tarmac path around the playing field to connect with an existing path, pelican crossing and Frome Road to encourage walking and the use of the play area	£5,000

- 8.1.1. The applicant meets the grant criteria 2010/11.
- 8.1.2. The application demonstrates links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan 2004 – 14 themes: 2 - Housing and the Built Environment; 3 – Culture, including Leisure, Recreation, Heritage & the Arts; 5 – Transport, Access and traffic; 7 – Health and Social Care

- 8.1.3. The application demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambitions “Building Resilient Communities and Protecting the Environment”
- 8.1.4. The applicant is contributing £1,589 towards the project and has received £5,000 from the Parish Council towards this application.
- 8.1.5. The applicant states that the project will not happen if the grant is not awarded
- 8.1.6. **It is recommended that a grant of £5,000 is approved.**

Applicant 8.2	Project summary	Funding requested
Newtown School	To upgrade the changing facilities for the outdoor swimming pool providing windows, doors and heating and a temporary cover over the pool. This will provide facilities for other local schools and community use	£2,300

- 8.2.1. The applicant would not meet the grant criteria 2010/11 as it is a school applying. However there is a case for the project having wider community benefit which is why has been put forward for consideration.
- 8.2.2. The application demonstrates links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan 2004 – 14 theme 6 Education and Lifelong Learning
- 8.2.3. The application demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambition “Building Resilient Communities” and “lives not Services”
- 8.2.4. Wiltshire Council’s Leisure Services has rated this a low priority in terms of its own leisure facilities priorities but recognises that higher quality facilities such as this may contribute to increased participation levels
- 8.2.5. The applicant is contributing £900 towards this application and has received £9,100 from Awards for All funds.
- 8.2.6. The applicant states that the project cannot be completed if the grant is not awarded meaning the pool would only be available during the summer and good weather
- 8.2.7. **It is recommended that a grant of £2,300 is approved if Members believe that there will be a wider community benefit than the school itself.**

Applicant 8.3	Project summary	Funding requested
Newtown Area Residents Association	To fit security lighting on Bond Street Buildings to provide lighting for an unmade up private road to allay the fear of crime.	£930

- 8.3.1. The applicant meets the grant criteria 2010/11
- 8.3.2. The application demonstrates a link to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan 2004 – 14 theme 8 Community Safety.
- 8.3.3. The application demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire’s ambitions “Safer Communities which also feel safe”
- 8.3.4. Wiltshire Council’s Community Safety Service would support this application from

the point of view to preventing any further assaults within the area and the residents being prepared to pay the ongoing costs. The application is a positive step made by the community for all that uses the area. It is a bonus for the residents that in addition to the lighting possibly discouraging any future attacks that it also reduces the chances of their property being targeted.

8.3.5. The applicant is contributing £65 towards the application.

8.3.6. **It is recommended that a grant of £929.05 is approved.**

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Grant application – Southwick Playing Field Appendix 2 Grant application – Newtown School Appendix 3 Grant application – Newtown Area Residents Association
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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