

Report to	Pewsey Area Board
Date of Meeting	10 May 2010
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

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

1. Woodborough Parish Council, Erection of two kissing gates and repair of one stile, seeking £305. Recommended for approval.
2. Pewsey Environmental Action Team (PEAT). Initial costs, seeking £1,000. Recommended for approval on condition of the remaining funding being obtained.
3. Bedwyn & District British Legion Club, refurbishment of the building, including replacing kitchen and toilets and decoration of hall, seeking £2,121 Recommended for approval.
4. Great Bedwyn Parish Council, Display Panel to coincide with Kennet & Avon 200 year celebration, seeking £700. Recommended for approval on condition of sponsorship and remaining funding being awarded (currently unconfirmed).
5. Great Bedwyn Cricket Club, New Score Box, seeking £1,040. Recommended for approval.

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. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting (providing there is money available).
- 1.5. Pewsey Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £44,949 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget is £38. This leaves a total budget of £44,987 for the 2010/2011 budget.
- 1.6. 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.
- 1.7. 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 20010/11• Pewsey Community Area Plan
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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 six rounds of funding during 20010/11. The first is contained in this report the remaining will take place on;

- 5 July 2010
- 6 September 2010
- 22 November 2010
- 10 January 2011
- 7 March 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 Pewsey Area Board.

4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Pewsey Area Board will have a balance of £39,821

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)	Great Bedwyn Parish Council	Kennet & Avon 200 Year Celebration Wharf Panel Display	£700

8.1.1. Officer recommendation is that this application be approved on condition that the remaining sponsorship and funding (currently provisional) is obtained.

- 8.1.2. The application meets grant criteria 2010/11
- 8.1.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan on page 11 (maximise tourist assets)
- 8.1.4. The applicant is Great Bedwyn Parish Council who are contributing £700 towards the panel. The total project costs are £2,310 and £860 is sought from sponsorship and from British Waterways Board.
- 8.1.5. The project is for the production of a display panel detailing the canal, local walks, wildlife and places of interest which will be launched at an event to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Kennet & Avon Canal. Total project cost £2,310.
- 8.1.6. The display panel will be accessible to everyone
- 8.1.7. If the Area Board made the decision not to fund the project then the panel would not be able to be produced.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2. (Grant Register ref no)	Woodborough Parish Council	Kissing Gates	£305

- 8.2.1. Officer recommendation is that this application be approved.
- 8.2.2. The application meets grant criteria 2010/11
- 8.2.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan on page 26 – improvements to sports, play and leisure facilities and page 35 – green lanes/rights of way.
- 8.2.4. The applicant is Woodborough Parish Council who are contributing £305 match funding.
- 8.2.5. The project is for 2 kissing gates and the repair of a stile. Total project cost is £610.
- 8.2.6. If the Area Board decided not to approve this application the project would be delayed whilst alternative funds were sought.

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8.3. (Grant Register ref no)	Great Bedwyn Cricket Club	Build new scoreboard for club	£1,040
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8.3.1. Officer Recommendation is that this application be approved.

8.3.2. The application meets grant criteria 2010/11

8.3.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan on Page 26 Improving sports, play and leisure facilities.

8.3.4. The applicant is the Great Bedwyn Cricket Club, a not for profit organisation with a membership of 70 people. The club is seeking to achieve ECB Clubmark accreditation. The Club is contributing £1,080 match funding.

8.3.5. The project is to build a new score box. It is important that the club maintains its current position in the West of England cricket league and provides a good standard of cricket with good equipment and facilities. Total project cost £2,080

8.3.6. The ground is made available to Great Bedwyn and other local participating schools through annual tournaments and provides social membership to the local community. The membership fees are very low compared to other clubs which encourages people on low incomes to join the club for sport or social activities.

8.3.7. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project the project will be delayed or cancelled.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4. (Grant Register ref no)	Pewsey Environmental Action Team (PEAT)	Initial costs, publicity and awareness raising events.	£1,000

8.4.1. Officer Recommendation is that this application be approved conditional upon the remainder of the funding being obtained.

8.4.2. The application meets grant criteria 2010/11

8.4.3. The application demonstrates a link to many of the priorities listed in the Pewsey Community Plan from page 33 to 35.

8.4.4. The applicant is a not for profit organisation that has been developing for just over a year based on goodwill and volunteer effort. PEAT aims to facilitate action by raising awareness to residents of the Pewsey Vale and generally foster a more sustainable way of life. The group is contributing £345 towards the project.

8.4.5. The project is for funding for publicity (leaflets, posters), one awareness raising event to be held in a village hall and three sub-group events (food, natural world

and energy). Total project cost £2,634.

8.4.6. PEAT's activities are open to all sections of the community and most will be free or low cost. Some of the activities will help to reduce disadvantage by helping people to cut their costs e.g. energy efficiency, grow your own food.

8.4.7. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project the group would have to reduce the number of activities undertaken which would greatly reduce their impact.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5. (Grant Register ref no)	Bedwyn & District British Legion Club	Replacement of kitchen	£2,121

8.5.1. Officer Recommendation is that this application be approved.

8.5.2. The application meets grant criteria 2010/11

8.5.3. Whilst the application doesn't demonstrate a specific link to the Community Plan it is recognised that community facilities are part of the fabric of local communities and a vital resource for local people for recreation, social events, meetings etc, much of which is included in the Pewsey Community Area Plan.

8.5.4. The project will be of great benefit to the newly established Great Bedwyn Youth Group (funded by the Area Board) which use the club for their meetings and they and the scouts wish to use the kitchen to learn basic cookery and food hygiene skills. It is also planned to run a community café which would not be possible from the existing kitchen.

8.5.5. The applicant is the Bedwyn and District British Legion Club which is a not for profit organisation. The Club is contributing £2,121 toward the project. Current user groups include Scouts, Youth Group, Pantomime Society, History Society, Bedwyn and District Branch and Young Members Group, Keep Fit, Yoga, Darts Teams.

8.5.6. The project is to replace of existing kitchen which is currently unusable with a new kitchen, including a separate handwashing sink, fridge, cooker, extractor fan and storage and decorate. Total project costs are £4,242.

8.5.7. The project is very much about the users being able to access skills through education but also improved facilities that people will be comfortable using. The community café will assist in creating good community relations.

8.5.8. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project the club will continue to run fundraising events but the project will be delayed significantly.

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

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