

Report to	Pewsey Area Board
Date of Meeting	14 May 2012
Title of Report	Area Board Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 6 applications seeking 20012/13 Community Area Grant Funding and 3 seeking Jubilee Funding

1. Shalbourne Cricket Club, Development of Junior Section, Seeking £938, Officer recommendation approval.
2. Great Bedwyn Playgroup and Toddlers, Laptop and Children's Furniture, Seeking £644, Officer recommendation approval.
3. 1st Upavon Scout Group, reopening of the scout group, Seeking £534, Officer recommendation approval.
4. Alton Barnes Village Hall Committee, Commemoration of 200th Anniversary of the cutting of the Alton White Horse, Seeking £500, Officer recommendation approval.
5. Rushall & Charlton Village Hall, Security/Safety Lighting, Seeking £1,000, Officer recommendation approval.
6. Easton Royal Village Hall Committee, Heating Controls for the Hall, Seeking £400, Officer recommendation approval.
7. Little Bedwyn Parish Council – Jubilee Funding of £250, officer recommendation approval
8. Wootton Rivers Parish Council – Jubilee Funding of £250, officer recommendation approval
9. Wilcot & Huish Parish Council – Jubilee Funding of £250, officer recommendation 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 Adult Care, Communities and Housing (4 April 2012). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance 2012/2013.
- 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 and the nurturing of resilient communities. With this in mind Community Area Grants (CAGs) should be encouraged from and awarded to community and voluntary groups. Likewise, Small Grants (new this year) should be awarded to similar groups, as well as un-constituted groups of people wanting to improve things near to where they live.
- 1.4. Pewsey Area Board has been allocated a 2012/2013 budget of £44,943 for community grants, small grants, community partnership core funding and area board/councillor led initiatives. The area board at its last meeting committed £9,772 which needs to be taken from this figure giving a starting balance of £35,171
- 1.5. Applications of up to and including £1,000 can be made for a Community Area Grant, which will not require matched funding. Amounts of £1,000 - £5000 will be required to find matched funding. The area board will rarely award more than £5,000.
- 1.6. Small Grants, new for this year will fund up to £350, where the total cost of the project does not exceed £350. This grant is aimed at enabling groups (including those not formally constituted) to implement projects, involving local people to make their community a better place to live.
- 1.7. Area boards will not consider Community Area Grant (CAG) 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.
- 1.8. In addition to CAGs and Small Grants, councillors can submit an Area Board/Councillor Led Initiative. This enables area boards to tackle sticky community issues and/or community identified priorities. Cabinet have emphasised that they do not wish these to be used to avoid complying with Community Area Grant criteria or for filling gaps where there are council service shortfalls. The application process and form has been updated to bring it in line with the other grants.

- 1.9. Officers are required to provide recommendations in their funding reports (except in the case of Area Board/Councillor led initiatives), although the decision to support applications is made by Wiltshire Councillors on the Area Board.
- 1.10. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.11. Applicants are encouraged to contact and seek funding help from Charities Information Bureau (CIB) who work on behalf of Wiltshire Council. CIB 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.
- 1.12. The 2012/2013 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards) and paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.
- 1.13. A decision was 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.
- 1.14. All recipients of area board funding are expected to complete and return an evaluation form as soon as the project or activity has been completed and this should be accompanied by receipts and invoices, as well as photographs if possible. Failure to return the evaluation requested will preclude them from being considered for any future funding from the area board. This applies to all grants made by the area board.
- 1.15. On 9 May 2011 it was agreed that in respect of urgent matters and exceptional circumstances that may arise from time to time between meetings that the Pewsey Community Area Manager, in consultation with the Councillors of the Pewsey Area Board, be granted delegated authority to approve expenditure not exceeding £500 from the Pewsey Area Board budget. A report explaining any such decision and the reasons why it was considered to be urgent shall be reported to the next ordinary meeting of the Pewsey Area Board.
- 1.16. A budget ring-fenced for the needs of young people will again be made available in 2012/2013. How this will be allocated will be the decision of the area board.
- 1.17. Pewsey Area Board has a separate Community Area Transport Group (CATG) budget of £12,377 for 2012/13.

<p>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Board Grant Guidance 2012/13 as presented for delegated decision • Pewsey Community Area Plan
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2012/13 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. There will be 6 rounds of funding during 2012/2013. The first is contained in this report the remaining will take place on;
 - 2 July 2012
 - 10 September 2012
 - 12 November 2012
 - 14 January 2013
 - Date to be confirmed March 2013

3. Environmental & Community Implications

- 3.1. Area Board Grants 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 £30,405

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 and Small Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, town and parish council's equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes, where they meet the funding criteria.
- 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	Shalbourne Cricket Club	Development of Junior Section	£938

8.1.1. Officer recommendation approval

8.1.2. This application meets the grant criteria 2012/13

8.1.3. This application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan Page 24 6.6 – lack of activities for young people aged 8 years to 12 years, encouraging volunteering 6.11 and improving sports, play and leisure facilities 6.7

8.1.4. The applicant is a non profit organisation managed by a committee of 6 people.

8.1.5. The total project costs are £938

8.1.6. The club would like to develop alongside the senior cricket team run at Shalbourne. This would include training some of the senior members as volunteer coaches recruiting children from the village to the club and providing fun cricket sessions during the summer. The club would also like to provide junior cricket sessions during the summer holidays. The intention is to target under 12's cricket this summer.

8.1.7. During the summer 2011 the cricket club ran some adhoc cricket coaching/taster sessions for children in the village and this attracted about 15 young people (both boys and girls) aged between 7 and 12 years old.

8.1.8. If the Area Board decides not to fund this project then it will be delayed until funds are sought from elsewhere, and this will be a shame because many parents have asked if cricket is going to be provided every year, since the taster sessions.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
9.1	Great Bedwyn Playgroup and Toddlers	Laptop and Children's Furniture	£644

9.1.1 Officer recommendation approval

9.1.2 This application meets the grant criteria 2012/13

9.1.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan Page 20 5.1 – provision of high quality pre-school educational provision.

9.1.4 The applicant is a non profit organisation managed by a committee of 11 people.

9.1.5 The total project costs are £644

9.1.6 Great Bedwyn Playgroup and Toddlers have recently been registered to expand their provision from 26 to 32 children. The purchase of new furniture and a more powerful laptop will support this expansion and bring increased access to pre-school education for the local community. The new laptop will vastly improve their professionalism, operational efficiency and service offered to parents. It will also free up more staff time to devote to the children who attend the playgroup. The funding will also provide extra child sized tables and chairs.

9.1.7 If the Area Board decides not to fund this project then it will be delayed until funds can be sourced from elsewhere which will result in a less efficient operation.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
10.1	1 st Upavon Scouts Group	Re-opening of 1 st Upavon Scout Group	£534

10.1.1 Officer recommendation approval

10.1.2 This application meets the grant criteria 2012/13

10.1.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan Page 24 6.6 lack of activities for young people aged between 8-12 years old.

10.1.4 The applicant is a non profit organisation managed by a committee of 21 people.

10.1.5 The total project costs are £834 – £300 has been provisionally agreed by the Scout Association. Funding is needed for equipment and uniforms

10.1.6 The project is the re-opening of this Scout Group to Beavers, Cubs and Scouts in order to meet the demand for Scouting in this and surrounding communities. Scouting provides physical, intellectual, spiritual and social development for youth aged 6-14 years, to enable them to become responsible citizens and reach their full potential as members of their community. The group proposes to run camps and activities for the youth members and their families as well as workshops for teens and adults. The group plans to have an active role in the community, working with the parish council and churches on various projects. They also intend to work with other community groups/associates and charities in order to assist with their projects.

10.1.7 If the Area Board decides not to fund this project then it would be very difficult to

proceed. Funding is needed for equipment, admin and uniforms – and the group wants to get started as soon as possible.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
11.1	Alton Barnes Village Hall Committee	Commemoration of the 200 th Anniversary of the cutting of the Alton White Horse	£500

11.1.1 Officer recommendation approval

11.1.2 This application meets the grant criteria 2012/13.

11.1.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan Page 24 6.11 encouraging volunteering 6.5 White Horses at Alton and Pewsey and whilst village halls are not mentioned specifically in the community plan they are integral to bringing communities together and it is hoped that the celebrations will raise funds for improvements to the village hall roof.

11.1.4 The applicant is a non profit organisation managed by a committee of 11 people.

11.1.5 The project is for a reception to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the cutting of the Alton White Horse and funding is required for Barbeque refreshments. The village event will take place on 30th June 2012.

11.1.6 If the Area Board decides not to fund this project then the village hall will not be able to fund refreshments for the event, which may deter people from taking part.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
12.1	Rushall and Charlton St Peter Village Hall Committee	Security/Safety Lighting	£1000

12.1.1 Officer recommendation approval

12.1.2 This application meets grant criteria 2012/13

12.1.3 This application doesn't demonstrate a specific a link to the Community Plan as there is no reference to village halls in general. However village halls are integral to bringing local people together, and this village hall is very well used by members of the village and also outside hirers.

12.1.4 The applicant is a non profit organisation managed by a committee of 13 people.

12.1.5 The total project costs are £1,000.

12.1.6 The village hall has areas of total darkness in the car park which is very unsafe, particularly for older people. The project is for LED lights attached to the building to light up the dark areas.

12.1.7 If the Area Board decides not to fund this project then it will be delayed until funds are sought from elsewhere.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
13.1	Easton Royal Village Hall Committee	Heating controls for the hall	£400

13.1.1 Officer recommendation approval

13.1.2 This application meets the grant criteria 2012/13

13.1.3 This application demonstrates a specific link to the community plan page 33 83 energy conservation. In addition, village halls are integral to bringing local people together.

13.1.4 The applicant is a non profit organisation managed by a committee of 10 people.

13.1.5 The total project costs are £547. The Village Hall Committee is contributing £147.

13.1.6 The project is for the installation of a 7-day time clock to control the heating to achieve economies in heating costs. It is essential to maintain moderate heating during the winter months when the hall is not used to prevent deterioration of the hall's fabric. The controls will ensure that heating is provided at the right time and period. It should even result in reduced heating costs.

13.1.7 If the Area Board decides not to fund this project then it will be delayed until funds are sought from elsewhere.

Jubilee Applications

Little Bedwyn Parish Council	£250	A village party will take place and the funding is to be put towards a commemorative stile
Wilcot & Huish with Oare Village Hall	£250	A garden party in the meadow – funding towards general costs of the party
Wootton Rivers Parish Council	£250	A street party, funding towards decorations and a commemorative gift for each child in the village

Appendices:	Grant application forms (available to view online at http://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=177&MId=6116&Ver=4)
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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