

Report to	Corsham Area Board
Date of Meeting	8 June 2010
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 5 applications seeking 2010/11 Community Area Grant Funding

1. Potley Youth Group – award £965 for a Summer Holiday Activity project for 5 to 12 year olds
2. Corsham Cricket Club – award £3,609 towards improved facilities to the club and for the promotion an expansion of girls' cricket. Conditional upon the balance of funding and any necessary building regulations being met.
3. Corsham Community Centre – award £970 to attract new users to the centre.
4. Neston Memorial Hall – award £995 to purchase and install two new doors.
5. Colerne Village Hall Association - £1,500 to purchase and install new heaters Conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

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.
- 1.5. Corsham Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £43,772 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget is £4332.00 this leaves a total budget of £48,104 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 2010/11• Corsham 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 5 rounds of funding during 2010/11. The first is contained in this report the remaining will take place on;
 - 17 August 2010
 - 19 October 2010
 - 30 November 2010
 - 1 February 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 Corsham Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Corsham Area Board will have a balance of £40,065

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)	Potley Youth Group	Summer Holiday Activity Project	£965

8.1.1. Potley Youth Group – Award £965 for the Summer Holiday Activity Project.

8.1.2. This application meets the grant criteria for 2010/11.

8.1.3. This application demonstrates a link to the Corsham Area Community Plan “Lack of youth facilities” and involving young people in meaningful activities.

8.1.4. Potley Youth Group was formed at the end of 2009 by local residents and is affiliated to Youth Action Wiltshire. They are moving forward in trying to involve young people in the local community.

8.1.5. The Summer Holiday Activity Project aims to help young people aged 5 – 12 years old develop through structured physical activity that helps them to understand themselves, the community and the environment in which they live through a series of outdoor activities.

8.1.6. Potley Youth Group tries to be as inclusive as possible and this project is assisting those who might not otherwise be able to participate in activities.

8.1.7. A decision not to fund this project will probably result in it not happening owing to limited funding opportunities.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2. 023	Corsham Cricket Club	Improved facilities for the promotion and expansion of girl's cricket	£3,609

8.2.1. Corsham Cricket Club – Award £3,609 to improve facilities at the club to promote and expand girl's cricket. Conditional upon the balance of the funds being available and necessary building regulations being met.

- 8.2.2. This application meets the grant criteria for 2010/11.
- 8.2.3. This application demonstrates a link to the Corsham Area Community Plan “Providing recreation activities”.
- 8.2.4. Corsham Cricket Club is a well established and organised group and is respected by other officers of Wiltshire Council and outside agencies. They are a not for profit organisation.
- 8.2.5. Corsham Cricket Club has seen an increase in girl members and anticipates a further increase this year owing to nationwide coaching schemes. The club want to be in a position of retaining interest by offering toilet and changing facilities to cater for their needs.
- 8.2.6. The club will be able to be more inclusive to the female population of the community and allow them to participate in sport by making the necessary changes outlined above.
- 8.2.7. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund this project then it will be delayed until other funds are identified and this might result in losing the girls’ section.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3.030	Corsham Community Centre	To purchase additional tables	£970

- 8.3.1. Corsham Community Centre – Award £970 to allow them to purchase additional tables for the centre conditional upon any necessary building regulations being met.
- 8.3.2. This application meets the grant criteria for 2010/11.
- 8.3.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Corsham Area Community Plan “People value access to a wide range of leisure, sporting and cultural activities for all ages but wish to see them enhanced and developed”.
- 8.3.3. Corsham Community Centre are a not for profit organisation who operate the centre to benefit residents of the Corsham Community Area.
- 8.3.4. The centre feel that additional tables would benefit the existing members but also allow them to offer larger and more functions into the halls, bringing in much needed funding to be able to maintain a hub of community life.
- 8.3.5. If the Area Board decides not to fund this project then it would be delayed until

other funding streams are identified.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4.034	Neston Memorial Hall	To install new internal doors within the main hall	£995

8.4.1. Neston Memorial Hall – Award £995 to allow the installation of two new doors conditional upon any necessary building regulations being met.

8.4.2. This application meets the grant criteria for 2010/11.

8.4.3. This application demonstrates a link to the Corsham Area Community Plan “Improving facilities which will enhance the community as a whole”.

8.4.4. This group are a not for profit organisation who operate the centre to benefit residents of the Corsham Community Area.

8.4.5. The new proposed doors will assist in reducing heat loss from the building so reducing the need to use more energy. It will also assist with preventing younger members that use the hall from having access to areas of the hall they should not be in.

8.4.6. Neston Memorial Hall attempt to be as inclusive as they are able and offer access to the building to all members of the community.

8.4.7. If the Area Board decides not to fund this project then it would be delayed until other suitable funding streams are identified.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5.029	Colerne Village Hall Association	Replace heaters	£1,500

8.5.1. Colerne Village Hall Association – Award £1,500 to replace heaters in the building conditional upon the balance of the funding being in place and any necessary building regulations being met.

8.5.2. This application meets the grant criteria for 2010/11.

- 8.5.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Corsham Area Community Plan “People value access to a wide range of leisure, sporting and cultural activities for all ages but wish to see them enhanced and developed”.
- 8.5.4 Colerne Village Hall Association wishes to replace heaters that are 10 years old with newer more energy efficient models and reducing their future energy bills. This will also make the building warmer in the winter months and allow them to attract a wider user population.
- 8.5.5 If the Area Board decides not to fund this project then it would be delayed until other suitable funding streams are identified.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Grant application – Potley Youth Group Appendix 2 Grant application – Corsham Cricket Club Appendix 3 Grant application – Corsham Community Centre Appendix 4 Grant application – Neston Memorial Hall Appendix 5 Grant application – Colerne Village Hall Association
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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