

## Agenda Item 11

<b>Report to</b>	Southern Wiltshire
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	06/06/2013
<b>Title of Report</b>	Community Area Grants

### 1. Purpose of the report:

To ask Councillors to consider the following applications seeking funding from the Area Board.

<b>Application</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
<b>Applicant:</b> Nomansland Sports Association <b>Project Title:</b> Skate Park and Sports Facilities	£5,000	Approve (capital)
<b>Applicant:</b> River Bourne Community Farm CIC <b>Project Title:</b> Creation Of Public Seating Area & Barn Refurbishment	£3,870	Approve (capital)
<b>Applicant:</b> Firsdowm Parish Council <b>Project Title:</b> New equipment for Firsdowm Parish Council play area	£1,734	Approve (capital)
<b>Total amount requested at this meeting</b>	<b>£10,604</b>	<b>Available if approved</b>
Capital funding available 2013/14	£45,274	£34,670
Revenue funding available 2013/14	£12,199	£12,199
Total funding available for the year 2013/14	£57,473	£46,869

### 2. Main Considerations

Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2013/14 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.

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 (5 April 2013). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance 2013/2014.

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.

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.

### 3. The applications

<p><b>Applicant:</b> Nomansland Sports Association  <b>Project Title:</b> Skate Park and Sports Facilities</p>	<p><b>£5000</b></p>	<p><b>Approve</b></p>
<p>The total project cost is £450,000. A significant amount of matched funding has been sourced and applied for to progress this project.</p> <p>This application meets grant criteria 2013/14.</p> <p>The project is for the combined construction of a skate park and a new sports facility building incorporating changing rooms and a clubhouse.</p> <p>The skate park will be a free formed concrete construction which has the advantages of being both durable and a low aesthetic impact due to the landscaping of the construction. The sports facilities have been designed in accordance with the requirements and guidance provided by Sport England and the Football Association to meet the needs of grass roots sport.</p> <p>The facilities also include a number of sustainable building and energy innovations which will help the building achieve a very low environmental impact and also reduce running costs for the charity. The aim of this project is to fulfil the local needs, and at the same time provide a facility that requires no ongoing fundraising to service and maintain.</p> <p>The existing temporary portacabin facilities are not fit for the multiple users and functions required and are expensive to maintain and service.</p> <p>An extensive consultation in the local area has been ongoing for over 2 years. Over 175 responses have been received, 153 supporting the club house and 138 a skate park. We have had an initial design meeting for the skate park which 30 local people and children under 16 attended.</p> <p>This is a significant project that will bring much needed facilities to the village. It has local support and will provide long term community benefit.</p>		
<p><b>Applicant:</b> River Bourne Community Farm CIC  <b>Project Title:</b> Creation Of Public Seating Area &amp; Barn Refurbishment</p>	<p><b>£3870</b></p>	<p><b>Approve</b></p>
<p>The total project cost is £ 7,740. The contributions are in the form of donations and fundraising and in-kind support for the completion of the work.</p> <p>This application meets grant criteria 2013/14.</p> <p>Creation of Public Space - The building of an attractive seating area next to the existing farm shop/cafe to allow the farm to open on a daily basis and accommodate</p>		

an increasing number of visitors.

Barn Refurbishment - the replacement of dilapidated corrugated plastic at the rear of barn, the replacement of dilapidated barn doors and the enclosing of a number of fridges & freezers in the barn (which serve the shop/cafe/meat sales) to create an attractive and safe environment for farm's fundraising events and to provide space for hire to the community, in response to demand.

The seating area would act as a meeting point for walkers encouraging the use of the farm's nature trails and local public footpaths. The farm shop would act as an information point for organisations, families and individuals wishing to discover local walks and take part in the farm's flora and fauna recording survey. The Meadow and Downs Nature Trail leads directly from the farm to a field in Laverstock on which the farm has Natural England Higher Level Stewardship and from there to Laverstock Downs, a site of special scientific interest.

The Community Farm is in its third year and receives numerous enquiries from the public wanting to visit the farm on a daily basis. At the moment, the farm is unable to do this as there are inadequate facilities. The farm shop/cafe is housed in a portacabin and seating is minimal. With a seating area alongside the shop/cafe, the farm will be able to welcome many more visitors and the whole community will benefit from the farm being open on a daily basis, particularly young families, the elderly and walkers using the farm's nature trails. The farm would be looking to invite many more targeted groups from the community to the farm, for instance, the farm is a short distance from Wessex Care Homes who have already stated their intention to visit the farm shop/cafe when adequate facilities are in place.

The barn refurbishment will create an attractive space for community events and hirings such as barn dances and other music events. The completed project will greatly enhance the community's experience on the farm and the farm will benefit from increased revenue, via the shop and cafe and hiring of the barn and via farm events held in the barn, thus moving the farm closer to financial sustainability. With a busier farm and increased revenue, the farm would also be looking to increase the number of staff, both paid and those working on a voluntary basis.

This project will enhance the community facilities at the farm. It has community support and will provide long-term community benefit.

<b>Applicant:</b> Firsdowm Parish Council <b>Project Title:</b> New equipment for Firsdowm Parish Council play area	<b>£1,734</b>	<b>Approve</b>
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The total project is £3,984. The Parish Council are contributing £500 along with R2 funds of £1750.

This application meets grant criteria 2012/13.

The project will bring new facilities for Firsdowm play area. Including a Dinosaw and Horse Spring Rider. Also new seats for the swings.

The play area is a well used and valuable recreational amenity area for families. It is the only play area in the Parish. It is an enclosed and safe site, away from traffic. The new play equipment will greatly improve the play area and provide new play facilities for families.

This project will improve the facility for children and families in the village. It has community support and will provide long-term community benefit.

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