

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Pewsey Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>8 July 2013</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Area Board Funding</b>

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask councillors to consider 6 applications seeking 2013/14 Community Area Grant funding and one for youth funding (deferred from last financial year).

1. Pewsey Vale Bowls Club is requesting £5,000 towards works required to enable them to move onto mains drainage – Officer recommendation is for members to consider this for approval.
2. Marden Village Trust is requesting £1,250 towards a defibrillator and CPR training for Marden village – Officer recommendation is for members to consider this for approval.
3. Milton Lilbourne Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee is requesting £3,000 towards resurfacing improvements to car park – Officer recommendation is for members to consider this for approval.
4. Devizes & District PHAB is requesting £2,500 towards a new replacement accessible minibus – Officer recommendation is for members to consider this for approval.
5. Pewsey Children's Carnival Club is requesting £1,000 towards a number of Marquees – Officer recommendation is for members to consider this for approval.
6. Pewsey Youth Council/Youth Advisory Group is requesting £500 towards their 'Have a go at Carnival' fortnight – Officer recommendation is for members to consider this for approval.

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.

Further information about each application and the Officer's comments can be found later on in this report.

## 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 (5 April 2013). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the [Area Board Grants Guidance 2013/2014](#).
- 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 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.
- 1.4. The area board may want to link funding to local priorities, including those identified in their Community Plan, Local Area Joint Strategic Assessment and any other community based consultative work.
- 1.5. Pewsey Area Board has been allocated a 2013/2014 budget of **£49,132** for community area grants, digital literacy grants, community partnership core funding, area board operational funding and area board/councillor led initiatives. In 2013/14 only capital funding is available for community area and digital literacy grants.
- 1.6. In addition to CAGs and digital literacy 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.
- 1.7. In support of the Olympic and Paralympic legacy, in 2013/14 the Pewsey area board invites applications that encourage young people and people with disabilities to become more actively involved in sports, outdoor activities, recreation, arts and volunteering
- 1.8. Applications of up to and including £500 can be made for a Community Area Grant, which will not require matched funding. Amounts of £501 - £5,000 will be required to find matched funding. The area board will rarely award more than £5,000. Grants of up to £500 are available for Digital Literacy projects.
- 1.9. New for 2013/14 is a single on-line application process for Community Area Grants (CAG) and Digital Literacy grants, introduced to provide an easy step by step application process. The

application process and funding criteria can be found [here](#).

- 1.10. Area boards will not consider 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.
- 1.11. 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.
- 1.12. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting whilst there is money available.
- 1.13. All recipients of area board funding are expected to complete an evaluation form as soon as the project has been completed and provide receipts if requested. Groups are encouraged to up-load information and photographs about their project on to their area board [blogsite \(pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk\)](http://pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk). Failure to evaluate projects will preclude applicants/organisations being considered for future funding.

<b>Background documents used in the preparation of this report</b>	<u><a href="#">Area Board Grant Criteria and Guidance 2013/14 as approved by delegated decision</a></u>  <u><a href="http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/adopted-pewsey-ca-plan-2011-new-intro.pdf">Pewsey Community Area Plan http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/adopted-pewsey-ca-plan-2011-new-intro.pdf</a></u>  <u><a href="http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/notes-from-discussion-groups-pewsey-forward.pdf">Outcome of 2012 Pewsey JSA event http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/notes-from-discussion-groups-pewsey-forward.pdf</a></u>
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## 2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Pewsey Area Board has been allocated a 2013/2014 budget of **£49,132** that may be allocated through Community Area Grants, Digital Literacy Grants, Area Board/Councillor Led Initiatives and core funding for the CAP.
- 2.2. Councillors will need to ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation outlined in Section 1 of this report.
- 2.3. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in

2013/2014 are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.

2.4. There are now five funding rounds remaining (including this one) during 2013/14. Deadlines for receipt of funding applications are as follows:

- Friday 24 May 2013 for determination at the 8 July 2013 area board meeting
- Friday 26 July 2013 for determination at the 9 September 2013 area board meeting
- Friday 27 September 2013 for determination at the 11 November 2013 area board meeting
- Friday 29 December 2013 for determination at the 13 January 2014 area board meeting
- A date for the March meeting has not yet been set

2.5. 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.

### **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 accordance with officer recommendations Pewsey area board will have a balance of **£35,882 (taking into consideration the PCAP application which is covered in a separate report the balance would be £28,517).**

### **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 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 will be outlined in section 8, "Officer Recommendations" of the funding report.

## 8. Officer Recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1.	Pewsey Vale Bowls Club	To move from septic tank disposal to main drains	£5,000

- 8.1.1. It is the Officers recommendation that an award of £5,000 for works to enable the disposal of waste from a septic tank system to mains drainage is considered for approval.
- 8.1.2. This application meets grant criteria 2013/14 and has been classified as a capital project by Wiltshire Council finance department.
- 8.1.3. The total project costs are £13,700. The remainder of the funding will be made up by the club through it's 'sink fund' and fundraising.
- 8.1.4. Pewsey Vale Bowls Club was formed in 1923 – in 1953 it moved to the present site which has six rinks and a private clubhouse, with a fully licensed bar. It is a mixed club with 45 men and 25 female members plus a few social members. It is affiliated to Bowls England and Bowls Wiltshire, and are members of the Salisbury and District Association.
- 8.1.5. The septic tank is causing subsidence at one end of the club house building. The method of disposal is also increasingly coming under pressure, due to the amount of use of the facilities by the members, visiting teams and the wider community. They therefore need to move onto main drains which the landlords and the parish council are encouraging them to do. By filling in the tank they then hope to be able to rebuild, enlarge and modernise the changing rooms and toilets, adding disabled facilities.
- 8.1.6. The Council's Sports Development Officer has met with the group and discussed their plans for development. They are keen to be able to provide better facilities for their existing and potential new

members and are keen to work with him to increase participation as and when their infrastructure is improved to be able to accommodate more.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2.	Marden Village Trust	Defibrillator and CPR training	£1,250

8.2.1. It is the Officers recommendation that an award of £1,250 for the purchase of a defibrillator and CPR training is considered for approval. Members may wish to bear in mind that the award made to date for this type of activity was to Pewsey Parish Council as a contribution of £500 towards their project which was to purchase a total of 8 defibrillator machines.

8.2.2. This application meets grant criteria 2013/14 and has been classified as a capital project by Wiltshire Council finance department.

8.2.3. The total project costs are £2,720. The remainder of the funding will be made up by the Village Trust and pledges of money and in kind contributions from members of the community. The match funding is confirmed.

8.2.4. The funding put forward should cover the running costs for the 7 year life of the AED. Any unforeseen expenditure should only be of a minor nature and future funds required would be raised either from the village trust or more likely by arranging fund raising events within the village. The response to this project within the village has been met with a very positive response and it is felt raising additional funding will not be a problem.

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8.3.	Milton Lilbourne Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee	To excavate an area of 15 metres in front of the hall and a concrete edging to be laid to prevent gravel falling into the highway and a drain to alleviate flooding – whole car park to be regarded to 40mm using drive gravel	£3,000

8.3.1. It is the Officers recommendation that an award of £3,000 for works

outlined above is considered for approval.

- 8.3.2. This application meets grant criteria 2013/14 and has been classified as a capital project by Wiltshire Council finance department.
- 8.3.3. The total project costs are £6,643.20. The remainder of the funding will be made up from existing hall funds.
- 8.3.4. Pewsey area board awarded £2,343 to the Village Hall in 2011 to resurface the driveway entrance into the village hall (adjacent to the road).
- 8.3.5. The new soak away and resurface would mean the whole car park could be used all year around and the icy state in winter would no longer exist. The whole project would improve the overall look of the hall and improve its profile and bookings would then hopefully increase, which would enable them to complete other upgrades.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4.	Devizes & District PHAB	To purchase a new accessible mini bus	£2,500

- 8.4.1. It is the Officers recommendation that an award of £2,500 towards a new minibus is considered for approval.
- 8.4.2. This application meets grant criteria 2013/14 and has been classified as a capital project by Wiltshire Council finance department.
- 8.4.3. The total project costs are £34,751. The remainder of the funding has been made up by Wiltshire Community Transport Fund, and the PHAB organisation.
- 8.4.4. To purchase a new replacement 12 seater Peugeot Boxer accessible minibus (van conversion) for the Pewsey area with hydraulic lift. It will be able to transport one person remaining in their wheelchair plus seated passengers - the minibus will also have Tip and Fold seats to make the vehicle operate at its highest capacity, It will replace a 10 year old 16 seater minibus which is too big for the Pewsey area.
- 8.4.5. It will provide accessible door to door transport for elderly, disabled, special needs and socially excluded which at present is not available, operating for non profit.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5.	Pewsey Childrens Carnival Club	Childrens Carnival Marquees	£1,000

- 8.5.1. It is the Officers recommendation that an award of £1,000 towards the purchase of Marquees for Children’s Carnival events be considered for approval.
- 8.5.2. This application meets grant criteria 2013/14 and has been classified as a capital project by Wiltshire Council finance department.
- 8.5.3. The total project costs are £2,500. The remainder of the funding has been obtained by the Colin Lampard Trust and the Carnival Committee.
- 8.5.4. Pewsey Children’s Carnival Club runs events for young people (aged 1-19) as part of Pewsey Carnival. It is dependent on volunteers to run the activities but experience says putting all the activities into one large marquee intimidates volunteers and reduces sponsorship opportunities. By purchasing 5 separate industrial strength marquees the organisers plan to have an area for teas/cakes, burgers, starting positions etc. They can then cleanly articulate to volunteers a small task that needs doing and maybe attract sponsorship. The marquees would also be available to other community groups on the same basis so they could get volunteers.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.6.	Pewsey Youth Council/Youth Advisory Group	Funding towards ‘Have a Go at Carnival’ Project	£500

- 8.6.1. It is the Officers recommendation that an award of £500 for this project is considered for approval.
- 8.6.2. This application was deferred from the January 2013 meeting which considered youth funding. At the time there were more applications that there was funding, and as the activity wasn’t until September 2013 the group agreed to the deferral. It met the criteria for youth funding at that time.
- 8.6.3. The total project costs are £1,000. The remainder of the funding has been approved from the Wiltshire Youth Services Council Voluntary Sector Grants Fund.
- 8.6.4. The project is to give teenagers the opportunities to “have a go” at



something they've never tried before. This could be taking part in a football training session; being coached at tennis; water polo; clay pigeon shooting; a class on how lighting and sound works in a theatre; an art class; how to bake a cake; how to make a curry; how to knit; how to fish..etc. The idea is that people in the community offer to run a session(s) for a specified number of teenagers, e.g. 4 people for clay pigeon shooting; 10 people for a class on baking a cake. This would be at a specified time over the Carnival period, e.g. Tuesday evening 6.00 to 7.30 at X.

8.6.5. The costs of the project will be for travel, venue hire, equipment, advertising and professional input.

<b>Appendices</b>	Appendix 1 Grant Application – <a href="http://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=177&amp;MId=7446&amp;Ver=4">http://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=177&amp;MId=7446&amp;Ver=4</a>
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report other than those requested in the funding criteria e.g. estimates.

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