

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Bradford on Avon Area Board</b>	<b>Agenda Item No.9</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> July 2010</b>	
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Community Area Grants</b>	

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask Councillors to consider 2 applications seeking 20010/11 Community Area Grant Funding

1. Staverton Sports Football Club, Youth Football Goals Project, £694

**It is recommended that Staverton Sports Football Club is awarded a grant of £694 to buy new youth football goals.**

2. Winsley Cricket Club, Outdoor Cricket Nets, £2,500

**It is recommended that Winsley Cricket Club is awarded £2,500 to construct new outdoor cricket nets with the condition that the money is not released until all match funding is 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. EXAMPLE Two applicants withdrew their applications and hope to reapply at a future date. One application did not meet the funding criteria and was referred to Charities Information Bureau (CIB) for support to seek funding from elsewhere. CIB work on behalf of Wiltshire Council to 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.
- 1.5. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.6. Bradford on Avon Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £47,110 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget is £5,122. This leaves a total budget of £52,232 for the 2010/2011 budget.
- 1.7. 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.
- 1.8. The 2010/2011 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website ([www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards)) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

<b>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Area Grant Application Pack 20010/11</li><li>• Bradford on Avon Community Area Plan</li></ul>
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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;
  - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2010
  - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2010
  - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2011
  - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 Bradford on Avon Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Bradford on Avon Area Board will have a balance of £49,038.

## **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
8.1 033	Staverton Sports Football Club	Youth Football Goals	£694

**8.1.1. It is recommended that Staverton Sports Football Club is awarded a grant of £694 to buy new youth football goals.**

8.1.2. This application meets the community area grant criteria 2010/11.

8.1.3. Staverton was previously part of the Trowbridge Community Area (at the time in which the last community plans was produced). Both the Trowbridge Community Plan and the Bradford on Avon Community Plan cite lack of activities for young people as a community concern. Therefore the bid responds to the need for sports activities for young people in this area.

8.1.4. In 2007, 300 Staverton residents responded to a local questionnaire asking which sport facilities they would prefer to have locally. 58% of respondents wanted football facilities on the local recreation ground. Staverton Parish Council have also written to express their complete support for the bid and describing their vision 'to provide first class sports and recreational facilities for the rapidly expanding community of Staverton'. Members of the grants advisory group were fully supportive of the application and raised no concerns.

8.1.5. Staverton Sports Football Club is registered under the Wiltshire Football Association. The Club aims to provide facilities, promote the game of Association Football, to arrange matches and social activities for its members and community participation and is governed by a committee which is elected annually. Membership of the club is open to anyone by way of a Membership Application Form. Members pay an annual membership fee to the club. The club is non-profit making and all monies raised are re-invested to improve the facilities. Staverton Football pitch is used by a local Staverton Youth Team and local youth teams for Trowbridge. Staverton Youth Team is looking to expand and actively recruit new members from the village.

8.1.6. Staverton Sports Football Club has applied for a grant from the area board to buy a set of moveable youth goal posts for £1,589. The Club has already received a grant of £795 from the Football Association with the condition that the goal posts purchased are from an approved supplier. A quote for Youth Size Steel Portable Freestanding goals from a FA approved supplier has been supplied with the grant application. Staverton Sports Football Club need new youth goal posts as those they are currently using (which were donated to the club) are not health and safety compliant. New, safe goal posts would enable more youth teams to use the pitch.

8.1.7. If the Area Board decides not to fund this project, it will not be possible for Staverton Sports Football Club to buy new youth goal posts. It is also possible that the club will lose the funding they have already received from the Football Association as this must be used by the end of August 2010.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2.036	Winsley Cricket Club	Construction of outdoor cricket nets	£2,500

**8.2.1. It is recommended that Winsley Cricket Club is awarded £2,500 to construct new outdoor cricket nets with the condition that the money is not released until all match funding is in place. At present, there remains £7000 of outstanding costs for the project (if area board funding is agreed). The applicant has confirmed that future fundraising activities are planned.**

8.2.2. This application meets the community area grant criteria 2010/11.

8.2.3. The project aims to improve sports coaching facilities for young people. Therefore it responds to the concerns raised in the Bradford on Avon Community Plan about the lack of sports coaching facilities for young people and the lack of some outdoor facilities.

8.2.4. The grant advisory group required additional information in the form of a breakdown of costs and that the Cricket Club consulted with the Parish Council. Winsley Cricket Club have contacted Winsley Parish Council with an outline of the project. At the time of writing, the Club had not as yet had an official response from the parish council. Eight new councillors were elected to Winsley Parish Council on the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2010. Winsley Cricket Club have confirmed that they are in contact with Bingham Ground Services and a site meeting is to take place on the 15<sup>th</sup> July with a view to quoting a cost for the project. A representative from the cricket club will be able to give more information about the outcome of the meeting at the area board on the 21<sup>st</sup> July.

8.2.5. Winsley Cricket Club is a local sports group which is funded through subscription, match fees and events. There are currently 50 adult members and 70 youth members. The club is governed by a committee of 6 members. The Club has two teams playing in the Bath under 11 league on Monday evenings and under 9's play Kwik cricket on Sundays. Winsley cricket club also has arrangements with St Laurence School so that they are able to use the groups for youth coaching and has hosted the West Wiltshire Schools Primary Kwik Cricket Competition.

8.2.6. Winsley Cricket Club has requested grant funding from the area board to go towards the construction of outdoor cricket nets. These nets were requested by the Youth Cricket Manager to assist with the coaching of young people aged 9 – 13. The club have provided the following reasons for needing the new nets:

- The number of young people now wanting to come to the Youth Scheme.
- Next year, the majority of the Under 11's will have to progress to the Under 13's grouping and that he anticipates that the Club will continue this group as well as under 9's and under 11's.
- The under 13's would receive a higher standard of coaching using cricket balls.
- Safety netting would reduce the possibility of children being hit.
- Artificial surface facilities would be available when the ground is unfit due to weather conditions.
- The Club's facilities are well used and there is already pressure on the maintenance.

The club are hoping to raise the full amount and construct the nets by spring 2011. The project is a one-off capital project. The club have already been successful in attracting funding from the Hebron Medlock Educational Charity and has also applied to the Col Llewellyn Palmer Trust.

8.2.7. If the area board decides not to support this project, Winsley Cricket Club will need to look for alternative sources of funding.

<b>Appendices(on website only):</b>	<a href="#">Appendix 1 Grant application – Name applicant’s organisation</a> <a href="#">Appendix 2 Grant application – Name applicant’s organisation</a> <a href="#">Appendix 3 Grant application – Name applicant’s organisation</a>
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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