

Report to	Melksham
Date of Meeting	16/04/2014
Title of Report	Community Area Grants and Partnership funding

1. Purpose of the report:

To ask Councillors to consider the following applications seeking funding from the Melksham Area Board, together with the Partnership funding and the funding for the Community Project Support Officer.

Application	Grant Amount	Full Project costs
Applicant: Villagers Short Mat Bowls Club Project Title: Villagers SMBC - replacement equipment	£490	£1,020 on Capital
Applicant: Queensway Chapel Project Title: Youth Cafe	£1,000	£5,243 on Capital expenditure
Total grant capital allocation for the year 14/15	£47,438.90	
Total revenue allocation for the year	£8372	
Total Capital amount requested at this meeting	£1,490	
Total Revenue amount requested at this meeting	£8,372	
Remaining Capital if allocated to this report	£45,948.90	

2. Main Considerations

Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2014/15 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 Cabinet member for Communities, Campuses, Area Boards, Leisure, Libraries and Flooding. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance 2014/2015.

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>Applicant: Villagers Short Mat Bowls Club Project Title: Villagers SMBC - replacement equipment</p>	<p>Amount Requested from Area Board: £490</p>	
<p>This application meets grant criteria 2014/15.</p> <p>Project Summary: We are a new short mat bowls club although we have inherited some antiquated equipment. This bid is made to replace one of the threadbare mats and other pieces of equipment which are barely 'fit for purpose'. We are hoping to fund the remainder of the items listed below with our own funds (as we hopefully gradually increase our bank deposit) and with help from Wiltshire Short Mat Bowls Association.</p> <p>Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community: Short mat bowls is the second fastest growing sport according to Sport England. The 'old' Atworth club dissolved last year with only 4 members. Our new club (the Villagers) based at Atworth Village Hall has already attracted 12 members aged from 15 to 75. We are available to anyone regardless of age, infirmity or gender. Bringing together people of different ages aids social cohesion; for older (perhaps single) people bowls provides a lifeline to keep loneliness at bay. Additionally the exercise keeps all players supple and active. Our sport is played by the physically impaired and we hope to attract new members from that group. Our aim is to ensure that short mat bowls remains available to anyone in the Atworth/Whitely area.</p>		
<p>Applicant: Queensway Chapel Project Title: Youth Cafe</p>	<p>Amount Requested from Area Board: £1000</p>	
<p>This application meets grant criteria 2014/15.</p> <p>Project Summary: Grant is required for set up costs for a Youth Cafe. This will be a place for the youth of our community to drop in, meet friends, eat, drink, play games etc. It will be a safe place in an alcohol free environment. The Youth Cafe will be of benefit to many young people in the wider community, especially families in need of extra support. It is anticipated that it will be open from 3.30-6pm when many young people from Melksham Oak School are walking home. It will provide them with a safe place to chill out and make positive relationships.</p> <p>Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community: The youth of our community will be able to drop in, meet friends, eat, drink, play games etc. It will be a safe place in an alcohol free environment. The Youth Cafe will be of benefit to many young people in the wider community, especially families in need of extra support. It is anticipated that it will be</p>		

open from 3.30-6pm when many young people from Melksham Oak School are walking home. It will provide them with a safe place to chill out and make positive relationships. It will give support and provide recreational activities / spaces for young people and their families.

Partnership funding

To request members agree to award the Community Area Partnership 20% of the £8372 revenue funding - £1674 in total

Partnership Funding	£1674	
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Community Project Support Officer

To request members agree to award the Community Project Support Officer 80% of the revenue funding - £6698 in total to include all expenses

Community support Project Officer	£6698	
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Melksham Area Board represents a thriving, fast moving community and requires a community project support officer (CPSO) to be contracted on a self employed basis.

Priorities for Melksham Area Board were developed as a focus for the Area Board in February 2013 and following the recent Community Area Joint Assessment and resultant community workshops, these priorities have been further developed into distinct projects for the local community, sustaining strong resilient communities.

To ensure that these projects are started and completed speedily, a request for exemption of the procurement and contract rules is requested on reasons of compatibility.

The role of the CPSO will be to undertake the mapping and gapping of support services and groups under the headings of the JSA 2014 for Melksham.

To provide this information to the Area Board, the Community Area Manager and the wider community and inputting this information onto the "Melksham our community matters" web site, also ensuring this information is added to all relevant local information web sites, including town and parish councils, Wiltshire Council website and the partnership web site. In addition, to develop a pool of volunteers to develop key services/ support and interest groups in the community relating to the JSA for Melksham and the identified priorities and projects agreed by the Area Board on 16th April 2014.

In addition, to work with community interest groups to support them to work towards those same agreed priorities and projects.

The CPSO is required to have a thorough knowledge of their local community area, the groups that exist, the people who volunteer to run those groups and an ability to engage with these groups speedily and successfully.

The CPSO will be an excellent networker and will have already established links with the business community, education, health and wellbeing, transport groups, environmental groups, housing providers, community safety, children and young people and community interest groups.

The CPSO will have excellent IT and communication skills and will be aware of local issues and projects already in the development process.

The CPSO will be a self starter, following direction from the Chair and Vice Chair and Members of the Area Board.

The hourly rate for the CPSO is £12.50 up to the value of £6,500 per annum, subject to available revenue funding. In addition the Board may agree to fund additional hours, should additional revenue funding become available.

The provision of a CPSO will also enable community interest groups to bid for time to support the Area Board Priorities and Projects, as determined by the JSA 2014 and the Area Board on April 16th 2014.

Travel expenses will be paid at the rate of 45p per mile up to the sum of £198 however will only include journeys within the local community area. Arrangements will be reviewed annually. It is not proposed that this role will continue after the one year initial period.

Invoices will be presented to the Community Area Manager on the 1st of each month.

Decisions over the allocation of the CPSO time would be made exclusively by the Area Board members, usually at a public Area Board meeting and the CPSO would be responsible to the Chair of the Area Board, or the Vice-Chair in their absence. Where appropriate the Chair will delegate certain parts of this role to the Community Area Manager for expediency. In exception, the Board could allocate limited amounts of time to projects, by means of a Chair's Action, where it is not practicable to wait for the next scheduled Area Board. In any such case the Chair would need to report to the next Area Board details of any such decisions made.

The CPSO would be expected to prepare a regular report of their activities and Outcomes achieved for presentation at the Area Board.

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