

Report to	Amesbury Area Board
Date of Meeting	29 May 2014
Title of Report	Area Board Funding

Purpose of Report

To ask councillors to consider the following grant requests:

1. Durrington Walls Wind Band – award £1,290 for the purchase of a tuba, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place;
2. Brambles Pre-School – award £3,000 towards the purchase of a mini-bus, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place;
3. Durnford Parish Council – award £400 for the purchase of a notice-board, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place;
4. Neighbourhood Tasking Group – award £1,000 for bicycle maintenance and security equipment;
5. Durrington Town Council – award £5,000 for the creation of a path and avenue of trees, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place; and
6. Supporters of Amesbury Archer School – award £750 for the cost of school playground markings.
7. Newton Tony Memorial Hall Committee WW1 Event – award £1,000 for two commemorative plaques.
8. Amesbury Community Plan Co-ordinator and administration costs - £8,240
9. Cllr Project (Sponsor: Cllr Noeken) – award £5,000 for the Area Board Pledge to tackle litter in the area

Other

To note grants approved at the meeting held on 27 March 2014 and to be paid from the 2014/15 Amesbury Area Board budget:

10. 2nd Bulford St Leonards Scout Group – £3,000 capital funding towards a new scout hut, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place; and
11. Amesbury Carnival and Show – £1,790 capital funding, 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. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance.
- 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 wish to link funding to local priorities, including those identified in their Community Plan, Community Area Joint Strategic Assessment and any other community based consultative work.
- 1.5. The community area grants budget has been approved for 2014/2015 for community area grants, digital literacy grants, community partnership core funding, area board operational funding and area board/councillor led initiatives.
- 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. Applications of up to and including £1,000 can be made for a Community Area Grant, which do not require matched funding. Amounts of £1,001 - £5,000 will be required to find matched funding. The area board will rarely award more than £5,000.
- 1.8. A ring-fenced budget of £1,500 has been provided specifically for Digital Literacy Grants, although the area board may spend more. Up to £500 per project is available for capital projects.
- 1.9. There 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 provide recommendations, however the decision to support applications is made by Amesbury area board councillors.
- 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 the Amesbury 'Our Community Matters' [blog-site](#). Failure to evaluate projects will preclude applicants/organisations being considered for future funding.

Background documents used in the preparation of this report	Amesbury Area's Community Plan Priorities Amesbury Area Joint Strategic Assessment
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation outlined in Section 1 of this report.
- 2.2. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in 2014/2015 are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.3. This is the first funding round of the 2014/15 financial year.

Future rounds will take place as follows:

- 18 April 2014 for consideration on 29 May 2014
- 19 June for consideration on 31 July 2014
- 22 August for consideration on 2 October 2014
- 10 October for consideration on 20 November 2014

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 Amesbury Area Board. Budget allocated in 2014/15 is £67,670.01

4.2. If the grants are awarded Amesbury Area Board will have a balance £37,200.01.

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 and Small 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 of the funding report.

8. Grant Requests

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1.	Durrington Walls Wind Band	New tuba	£1,290

8.1.1. The application has been appraised by the Community Area Manager and meets the grants criteria and has been classified as a capital project.

8.1.2. This application meets the aspirations of the Local Agreement for Wiltshire: 'to create stronger and more inclusive communities' and 'to help young people succeed and take part in positive activities'.

8.1.3. A tuba is not an instrument the band would expect a player to own, but it is important to ensure the continuance of the band's growing reputation locally. The band is unable to fund this purchase from its reserves as these have been committed to fund the acquisition of independent premises.

8.1.4. The band is a community band encouraging people of all ages ranging from 10 to 65 to learn and play an instrument.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2.	Brambles Pre-School, Figheldean	Mini-bus	£3,000

8.2.1. The application has been appraised by the Community Area Manager and

meets the grants criteria and has been classified as a capital project.

8.2.2. This application meets the aspirations of the Local Agreement for Wiltshire: 'to provide the strong foundations for children and young people's development' and 'to help young people succeed and take part in positive activities'.

8.2.3. Brambles Pre-School has operated a walking bus for its 26 two and three olds which in fair weather is highly successful. The mini-bus would ensure that the very young children and staff to arrive at school dry in exceptionally wet winter weather.

8.2.4. The pre-school is a feeder to Figheldean Primary School and has 18 leavers this year moving to local schools.

8.2.5. The pre-school has charity status.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3.	Durnford Parish Council	New notice-board	£400

8.3.1. The application has been appraised by the Community Area Manager and meets the grants criteria and has been classified as a capital project.

8.3.2. This application meets the aspirations of the Local Agreement for Wiltshire: 'to create stronger and more inclusive communities' and 'to support more people to have independent and fulfilling lives as part of their local community'.

8.3.3. The parish is one of the smaller communities and has the very low precept of £1,990 with which to maintain parish assets through the year.

8.3.4. While this application may be borderline in terms of meeting the grant criteria due to the fact the parishes are now expected to fund their own facilities, the parish cannot precept for all of its expenses due to its size and has recently had to recruit a new parish clerk at an increased rate.

8.3.5. Officers hope that the parish will precept accordingly to meet ongoing increased expenses in the future.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4.	Neighbourhood Tasking Group	Keep Bikes Safe	£1,000

8.4.1. The application has been appraised by the Community Area Manager and meets the grants criteria and has been classified as a capital project.

8.4.2. The Neighbourhood Tasking Group is a made up of volunteers from the community including representatives from the town and parish councils,

Larkhill and Bulford military personnel, Neighbourhood Watch and Housing Associations.

8.4.3. The NTG assists the police where possible to reduce crime and increase community safety within the area.

8.4.4. Bike theft has been identified as a priority in the area.

8.4.5. The project is aimed for under-18s to teach bike safety for those living in Bulford, Durrington, Larkhill and Figcheldean.

8.4.6. The NTG is a not-for-profit community group of volunteers.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5.	Durrington Town Council	WW1 Centenary Path and Avenue of Trees	£5,000

8.5.1. The application has been appraised by the Community Area Manager and meets the grants criteria and has been classified as a capital project.

8.5.2. The project will upgrade and increase accessibility of the roadside path leading to the cemetery. The Community Area Transport Group has given its support in principle to this project, subject to consideration of the final scheme. The project is also the subject of a bid to Wiltshire Council's Substantive Transport Scheme budget.

8.5.3. The total project cost is £22,966, £12,516 is requested from the Substantive budget, £5,000 has been committed from Durrington Town Council, £450 has been requested from the Commonwealth Graves Commission and the remaining £5,000 is requested from the Community Area Grants scheme.

8.5.4. The project aims to reduce motorised traffic to the cemetery and increase the options for walkers.

8.5.5. The avenue of trees will create a legacy in remembrance of the centenary of the Great War for many generations.

8.5.6. This project falls outside of the town council's normal responsibilities for which they can precept. However, the town council has committed £5,000 of its own funds to this project.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.6.	Supporters of Amesbury Archer School	School Playground Markings	£750

8.6.1. The application has been appraised by the Community Area Manager and meets the grants criteria and has been classified as a capital project.

8.6.2. The parent teacher association would like to provide playground markings for the key stage two play-area.

8.6.3. The markings will improve the play and educational environment.

8.6.4. Amesbury Archer Primary School is expanding and currently has 328 pupils between 4 and 11 years old.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.7.	Newton Tony Memorial Hall Committee	WW1 Commemoration Event	£1,000

8.7.1. The application has been appraised by the Community Area Manager and meets the grant criteria and is classified as a capital project, as the costs to be funded by the grant are for two commemorative plaques.

8.7.2. The committee is planning a commemorative event on the 3rd August for all in the village to come together to honour the lives of the 11 men from Newton Tony who lost their lives in WW1.

8.7.3. A legacy to this event will be the putting up of two plaques, one on the Liege Bridge in memory of those 11 villagers killed in the war and one on the bridge face with its name 'Liege Bridge' as the bridge was named after the first battle of WW1 and was officially opened in 1914.

Appendices	Appendix 1 – Durrington Walls Wind Band Appendix 2 – Brambles Pre-School Appendix 3 – Durnford Parish Council Appendix 4 – Neighbourhood Taking Group Appendix 5 – Durrington Town Council Appendix 6 – Supporters of Amesbury Archer School Appendix 7 – Newton Tony Memorial Hall Committee
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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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