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| Report to | Corsham Area Board |
| Date of Meeting | 17 August 2010 |
| Title of Report | Community Area Grants |

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 4 applications seeking 20010/11 Community Area Grant Funding

1. Gastard Village Hall Committee – Award £998 to make good the floor in the village hall to enable users to use the hall safely.
2. Transition Community Corsham – Award £930 to enable the group to organise and facilitate an Ecoschools conference for schools in the Corsham Community Area. Subject to the balance of funds being in place.
3. Neston Pre –School Playgroup – Award £877.42 to purchase equipment to start a stay and play session to enable the group to reach and provide facilities for more people.
4. Corsham Junior Netball Club – Award £998.15 to purchase equipment to establish a new junior section of the netball club.

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. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.5. Corsham Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £43,772 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget is £4332.00 this equates to a total budget of £48,104 for the 2010/2011.
- 1.6. 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.
- 1.7. The 2010/2011 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

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| Background documents used in the preparation of this Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 20010/11• Corsham Community Area Plan |
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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 3 further rounds of funding during 2010/11. The remaining will take place on;
 - 19th October 2010
 - 30th November 2010
 - 1st February 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 Corsham Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Corsham Area Board will have a balance of £27,261.43

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 |
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| 8.1 | Gastard Village Hall | To make good the floor in main hall by sanding, waxing and polishing. | £998 |

8.1.1. Gastard Village Hall – To award £998 to make good the floor in the village hall.

8.1.2. This application meets the grant criteria for 2010/11.

8.1.3. This application demonstrates a link to the Corsham Area Community Plan “Places for the community to meet”

8.1.4. Gastard Village Hall Association is a well established organisation whose main purpose is to maintain the village hall for the use of residents in the area.

8.1.5. Gastard Village Hall tries to be as inclusive as possible in allowing people to use the premises and this project will continue to allow people to use the premises in a safe manner.

8.1.6. A decision not to fund this project will probably result in it not happening owing to limited funding opportunities.

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| 8.2. | Transition Community Corsham | To enable the group to organise and facilitate an Eco - schools conference for schools in the Corsham Community Area. | £930 |

8.2.1. Transition Community Corsham – To award £930 to enable the group to organise and facilitate a conference for schools in the Corsham Community Area. Conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

8.2.2. This application meets the grant criteria for 2010/11.

8.2.3. This application demonstrates a link to the Corsham Area Community Plan “Education and lifelong learning”.

8.2.4. Transition Community Corsham are a not for profit organisation.

8.2.5. Transition Community Corsham act as a theme group to the Corsham Community Area Network and deliver valuable learning in the community.

8.2.6. This project is supported by the climate change officer for Wiltshire Council.

8.2.7. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund this project then it will be delayed until other funds are identified.

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| 8.3. | Neston Pre School Playgroup | To purchase equipment | £877.42 |

8.3.1. Neston Pre School Playgroup – Award £877.42 to purchase equipment to enable the group to offer a stay and play session for children below the preschool age range.

8.3.2. This application meets the grant criteria for 2010/11.

8.3.3. This application demonstrates a link to the Corsham Area Community Plan “Providing facilities and activities for people in the community area”.

8.3.3. Neston Pre School are a not for profit organisation.

8.3.4. The group feel that by introducing this facility it will contribute to maintaining a hub of community life.

8.3.5. If the Area Board decides not to fund this project then it would be delayed until other funding streams are identified.

8.3.6. This application is for start up costs and the group are confident that this should become self sustainable by way of users making contributions.

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| 8.4. | Corsham Junior Netball Club | To purchase new equipment | £998.15 |

8.4.1. Corsham Junior Netball Club – Award £998.15 to purchase new equipment.

8.4.2. This application meets the grant criteria for 2010/11.

- 8.4.3. This application demonstrates a link to the Corsham Area Community Plan “Improving facilities which will enhance the community as a whole”.
“Offering facilities and activities for young people”
- 8.4.4. This group are a not for profit organisation who are seeking to establish a junior section to the club.
- 8.4.5. This project is fully supported by Wiltshire Council Sports Development Officer.
- 8.4.6. This application is for start up costs for a new section to the netball club and should become sustainable for future years.
- 8.4.7. If the Area Board decides not to fund this project then it would be delayed until other suitable funding streams are identified.

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| Appendices: | Appendix 1 Grant application – Gastard Village Hall Appendix 2 Grant application-Transition Community Corsham Appendix 3 Grant application – Neston Pre School Playgroup Appendix 4 Grant application – Corsham Netball Club |
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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