

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Pewsey Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>15 September 2014</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Area Board Funding</b>

## **Purpose of Report**

**A.** To ask councillors to consider five applications seeking 2014/15 Community Area Grant funding which are summarised below.

1. Manningford Village Hall requesting £1,545 towards purchase and installation of acoustic panels
2. Manningford Parish Council requesting £500 towards purchase and installation of defibrillator
3. Woodborough Road Safety Group requesting £446 for hedging to the path at the field in Smithy Lane to protect the privacy of residents
4. Wilcot Cricket Club requesting £5,000 towards a new pavilion
5. Pewsey Area Youth Council requesting £174 towards the purchase of XBOX driving equipment

**B.** To ask councillors to consider one application for Digital Literacy Funding as follows

Pewsey U3A for the purchase of a laptop to enable the group to run a computer group

**C.** To ask councillors to consider an additional £500 for campus expenses as previously agreed by the Area Board in September 2013.

It should be noted that numerous organisations approach the community area manager for advice; those that don't meet the criteria are not recommended to submit a full application. Only those that do meet the criteria are put forward for decision. It is for members to decide whether to approve or not, based on the information provided in this report.

Further information about each application and the Officer's comments can be found later 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 2014/2015 budget of **£36,079** for community area grants, community partnership core funding, area board operational funding and area board/councillor led initiatives.
  - 1.6. In addition to CAGs 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 £1000 can be made for a Community Area Grant, which will not require matched funding. Amounts of £1001 - £5,000 will be required to find matched funding. The area board will rarely award more than £5,000.
  - 1.8. In 2013/14 a single on-line application process for Community Area Grants (CAG) was introduced to provide an easy step by step application process. The application process and funding criteria can be found [here](#).
  - 1.9. 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.
  - 1.10. The decision to support applications is made by Wiltshire councillors on the area board.
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- 1.11. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting whilst there is money available.
- 1.12. 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>Area Board Grant Criteria and Guidance 2014/15 as approved by delegated decision</u>
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## **2. Main Considerations**

- 2.1. Pewsey Area Board has been allocated a 2014/15 budget of **£36,079** that may be allocated through Community Area 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 2014/2015 are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.4. There are four more funding rounds in 2014/15. This is the third and the remaining three (as long as funding is available) will be held on
- 3 November 2014
  - 12 January 2015
  - 9 March 2015
- 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 all grants are awarded at this meeting Pewsey area board will have a capital budget of £1,743. There is no revenue funding available, although there will be a separate revenue budget for positive activities for young people later in the year. See separate report. There is £1500 for digital literacy projects.

#### **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 Comments" of the funding report.

#### **8. Officer Comments**

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1.	Manningford Village Hall	Acoustic panels and installation	£1,545

- 8.1.1. This application meets the grant criteria 2014/15.
- 8.1.2. The applicant is the Manningford Village Hall Committee, a not for profit organisation. The total project costs are given as £3,095 – match funding is coming from Village Hall reserves
- 8.1.3. The level of noise when the hall is being used has been high and has had the affect of discouraging individuals to use the facility because of this problem. Specialists were engaged who have recommended acoustic panels to solve the problem.
- 8.1.4. It is anticipated that adding the panels will encourage more use of the hall. This will enable the Village Hall committee to encourage more local people to attend functions who would have been discouraged in the past.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2.	Manningford Parish Council	Purchase and Installation of Defibrillator	£500

8.2.1. This application meets grant criteria 2014/15.

8.2.2. The total project costs are £3,400 – the balance of funding will be provided by Manningford Parish Council

8.2.3. The Parish Council has decided to install a defibrillator in the village as there is a large proportion of the community who are elderly and experience has shown that it takes at least forty five minutes for an ambulance to arrive.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3.	Woodborough Road Safety Group	Purchase and planting of additional hedging at the field in Smithy Lane	£446

8.3.1 This application meets grant criteria 2014/5

8.3.2 The total project costs are £446.

8.3.3 The field path running from the Woodborough Club car park to Broad Street (Woodborough School) is used by some 80 children (and parents) twice a day in term time, and runs past several residents properties in the lower half of Smithy Lane. The existing hedging is very thin / low in three places, and causes those residents some concern over privacy issues, especially as the path runs at a relatively high level to those properties. Additional mature hedge planting is now urgently required for the October/November 2014 planting season.

8.3.4 Residents living in the lower part of Smithy Lane will have greater privacy from people using the field path.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4	Wilcot Cricket Club	A new pavilion	£5,000

8.4.1 This application meets grant criteria 2014/5

8.4.2 The total project costs are £25,000

8.4.3 The Cricket Club would like to build a pavilion at Wilcot. It has never had one and is felt that it would be a huge benefit to encourage more people into the sport.

8.4.4 A pavilion would enable the Cricket Club to expand due to a larger number of people coming to watch and play at the ground, and also encourage more social events to be held there including fundraising. The

community of Wilcot will be able to watch the games and attend social events in the pavilion rather than being outside in all weathers.

8.4.5 The remaining funding is still being sought from The Lottery, Wiltshire and Swindon Community Foundation, together with local fundraising.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5	Pewsey Area Youth Council	XBOX game and driving equipment	£174

8.5.1 This application meets grant criteria 2014/5

8.5.2 The total project costs are £348

8.5.3 Pewsey Parish Council is contributing half of the project costs.

8.5.4 Pewsey Parish Council sponsors the Pewsey Area Youth Council (PAYC) to run a monthly Saturday club for the area youth at the current SHAK. The PAYC asked the female attendees what they would like as a game rather than FIFA Soccer and the answer was an XBOX driving game with the real experience, hence the driving seat etc.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.6	Pewsey U3A	Purchase of Laptop for IT training	£400

8.6.1 This project meets the criteria of the digital literacy funding

8.6.2 The laptop will enable Pewsey Vale U3A to start up a computer group. The aim is to enable its members to become confident in the use of computers and the internet

8.6.3 The U3A have 268 members. The computer will be used by the computer group, but could also be used along with the group's projector by any of the interest groups, of which there are over 40 currently.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.7	Jerry Kunkler	Campus expenses	£500

8.6.1 This project meets the criteria of the Councillor Initiative Funding

8.6.2 The funding was initially agreed by the Area Board in September 2013 and it the team were invited to reapply once the initial award had been spent.

8.6.3 This is a revenue expenditure and is able to be funded due to the capitalisation of some of the Partnership's funding, awarded at the last meeting.

<b>Appendices</b>	Appendix 1 Grant Applications –
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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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