

Report to	Tidworth Area Board
Date of Meeting	22nd September 2014
Title of Report	Area Board Funding

Purpose of Report:

To consider two Community Area Grant Applications

- 1. Collingbourne Cricket Club, all weather covers, £1000.**
- 2. Collingbourne Kingston Parochial church council, St Mary's Church clock restoration £2,093**

To consider one member led application

- 1. Cllr Mark Connolly, Community Playworker £5,000.**

1. Background

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Cabinet Member. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance 2014/2015.
- 1.2. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any decision of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria 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. Tidworth Area Board has been allocated a 2014/15 budget of **£38,300.43 Capital and £6,759 revenue**. In 2014/15 only capital funding is available for community area and digital literacy grants. Community partnership core funding, area board operational funding and some small project support can be paid from the revenue budget as it allows.
- 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. In support of the Olympic and Paralympics legacy, in 2014/15 the Tidworth area board invites applications that encourage young people and people with disabilities to become more actively involved in sports, outdoor activities, recreation, arts and volunteering.
- 1.8. Applications of up to and including £1,000 can be made for a Community Area Grant, which will not require matched funding. Amounts of £1,000 - £5,000 will be required to find matched funding. The area board will rarely award more than £5,000. Grants of up to £500 are available for Digital Literacy 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 online on the Wiltshire Council website.

- 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. The decision to support applications is made by Wiltshire councillors on the area board.
- 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 their area board [blog site](#). Failure to evaluate projects will preclude applicants/organisations being considered for future funding.

Background documents used in the preparation of this report	Area Board Criteria and Guidance
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2. Main Considerations

Tidworth Area Board has been allocated a 2014/15 budget of **£38,300.43 Capital** that may be allocated through Community Area Grants and Digital Literacy Grants, **£6759 Revenue** that can include core funding for the CAP. There is a further funding for Community Area Transport Group priorities.

- 2.1. 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.
- 2.2. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in 2014/15 are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.3. There are six funding rounds during 2014/15. Deadlines for receipt of funding applications are **6 weeks before** the next area boards on

- **17th November 2014**
- **19th Jan 2015**

2.4. The Community Area Manager has delegated authority to authorise grant payments up to £500 between area boards where a project needs to be funded urgently. This will be in consultation with and agreement of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the board, all projects must meet the community grants criteria and be ratified at the next meeting of the 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 Tidworth Area Board.

4.2. If grants are awarded in accordance with officer recommendations at this meeting, Tidworth area board will have a balance of **£24,639.43 Capital and £1,813 Revenue.**

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, "Officer Recommendations" of the funding report.

Officer Recommendations

8. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	Collingbourne Cricket Club	All weather covers	£1,000

- 8.1.1. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2013/14 grant criteria. The application is for a capital project, the applicant is a not for profit organisation and match funding is in place.
- 8.1.2. The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Area Plan, 2013-23, under the Culture and Leisure section in that it enables a successful sports club to continue to provide facilities and expand opportunities for residents of all ages from Tidworth, Ludgershall, Everleigh and the Collingbournes.
- 8.1.3. The application encourages young people and adults to make lifestyle changes that will have a positive effect on their health by encouraging more people to play a sport. It also provides an opportunity for young people to participate in positive activities in line with the community led model for the provision of youth activities.
- 8.1.4. Collingbourne Cricket Club is a not for profit organisation that provides sports facilities for a wide range of people in the district including the Collingbournes, Tidworth, Ludgershall and Everleigh. They host cricket tournaments and club members further support coaching at local schools. It is a Club of over 50 members including a thriving colts side of Under 9's to Under 15's. At least a quarter of members are military and half are under the age of 30. There is also an up and coming ladies section as colts are made up of both boys and girls.
- 8.1.5 The project is to provide all weather covers for the cricket playing surfaces. Members will benefit from better and safer wickets as they are protected from the elements. The project will enable more games to be played due to being able to cover the wicket from rain, generating additional income for the club. Having better facilities will encourage better players and coaches to join the club which will bring young players through the ranks of the club
- 8.1.6** The total cost of the project is £4,500. The club is contributing £3500 from its reserves, leaving a balance of £1,000 which is the amount applied for to the area board.

8.2

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
	Parochial Church Council of St Mary's, Collingbourne Kingston	Restoration of St Mary's Church clock faces	£2093.00

8.2.1 The Parochial Church Council of St Mary's, Collingbourne Kingston, is applying for the sum of £2,093.00 for restoration of the faces of the church clock which was erected in 1910.

8.2.2 This application meets the 2014/15 grant criteria. This is a capital project, the organisation applying is a not for profit community organisation, match funding has been secured and the project will have community benefit.

8.2.3 The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Area Plan 2013 – 2023 under the Housing and Built Environment and Culture and Leisure themes in that it:-
 - improves an existing community facility used by most of the local population.

8.2.4 The Clock dates from 1910 and has two faces on the North and South sides of the church tower and is visible from much of the village. The faces have deteriorated and now require restoration to ensure this community facility remains in use.

8.2.5 The Church of St Mary's Collingbourne Kingston is at the heart of the village beside the A338. Residents, visitors and travellers through the village, especially those approaching from the North, enjoy the view of the Church tower and benefit from the time on the clock as they approach the village centre.

8.2.6 The Church is also an important part of the focus as the village commemorates the start of WW 1 and associated anniversaries in the near future. The Church stands beside the War Memorial and the striking of the clock is integral to acts of remembrance.

8.2.7 The total project cost is £4,187.00 the Church Council is contributing £2094.00, leaving a shortfall of £2,093.00 which is the amount applied for to the area board. The church council does hold substantial reserves however these are needed for ongoing maintenance and repair of the structure and fabric of the building.

8.3

Ref	Sponsored	Project proposal	Funding requested
	Cllr Mark Connolly	Community playworker	£5,000

- 8.3.1 This is a member project sponsored by Cllr Mark Connolly.
- 8.3.2 The project is to support an application to the Community Covenant Grant Scheme by Tidworth Mums, for a Community Playworker.
- 8.3.3 The project demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Area Plan and local under the Children and Young people's theme and as provision of play opportunities for children aged 3-11 yrs was a priority from the Joint Strategic Assessment event held recently at Wellington Academy.
- 8.3.4 Further evidence of need has been provided by the Soft Play days run by Tidworth Mums, attracting up to 350 children per day from both military and civilian communities. As volunteers, Tidworth Mums are unable to keep up with demand for such activities, a demand which will grow with the growth in both military and civilian communities.
- 8.3.5 The project is to recruit a full time (37.5hrs per week) self- employed community playworker, for a period of 1 year (with possibility of extension) to work in Tidworth and surrounding parishes to;
- Develop safe, replicable, creative play opportunities for children aged 3-11 years, to complement existing oversubscribed provision and enable parents with different ages of children to access quality play provision at the same time. This is a recognised priority for Tidworth Community Area (Tidworth JSA event 2013- Key priorities)
 - Respond to the clearly identified need for more soft play opportunities in our area.
 - Bring together military and civilian families and children through the medium of play and provide fun, non- threatening opportunities for new families, both military and civilian, to get to know each other and integrate into the local community area
 - Provide opportunities that respond to the particular needs of children from military families including support to develop and maintain friendships and feel part of the local community
 - Develop play opportunities to include all sections of the diverse Tidworth community, including foreign and commonwealth service

families

- Recruit and train our own volunteer community playworkers, from both military and civilian communities, to sustain the project following the initial start up year. Two volunteers trained to receive Forest Schools Level 3 leadership qualification.
- Develop a community play toolkit with ideas for activities, resources required and how to run them.
- Encourage parental involvement in children’s play, thus supporting young mothers both military and civilian (we have high levels of teenage pregnancy and numbers of young mothers in our community area, military families also tend to be younger and have more children at a younger age) and providing education about the importance of play in child development
- Link in with other local initiatives e.g Local Youth Network, children’s centres, AWS, AFF, Multi-agency forum, Tidworth Mums and Time credits
- Report to the Children and Young Peoples thematic group, part of Tidworth Community Area Partnership and the area board.

8.3.6 The project will support the integration of military and civilian young people and will bring children and families from across the community area together.

8.3.7 The project will be supported by the Community Area Manager, Extended Services, Youth Development Services and the Children and Young People’s group of TCAP.

8.3.8 All necessary policies and procedures as regards child protection and safeguarding are in place.

8.3.9 The total project cost is £41,759. Match funding has been secured from army welfare services and tidworth mums (in kind) and an application has been made to the community covenant grant scheme for £31, 759. This leaves a shortfall of £5,000 which is the amount applied for to the area board.

Appendices	Appendix 1- Collingbourne Ducis Cricket Club, £1,000 Appendix 2- St Mary’s Parochial Church Council, £2,093.00 Appendix 3- member project Community Playworker, £5,000
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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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