

Report to	Malmesbury Area Board
Date of Meeting	15 September 2010
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 3 applications seeking 2010/11 Area Board Grants and the following officer recommendations:

1. Malmesbury Netball Club - award £1,000 to cover set up costs of establishing a netball club in Malmesbury serving the whole community.
2. Crudwell Short Mat Bowls Club – award £802 to purchase bowls equipment suitable for older and less able players.
3. Kings Day Nursery School, Malmesbury – award £651 to purchase a range of equipment for use by children attending new breakfast and afterschool clubs at the nursery.

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, 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. During 2010/2011 all applicants are being encouraged to contact Charities Information Bureau who is working on behalf of Wiltshire Council to support community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils to seek funding for community projects and schemes both from the Area Board and other local and national funding sources.
- 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.

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 20010/11• How you view where you live - Malmesbury & the Villages Community Plan 2009-2013
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Malmesbury Area Board was allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £40,593 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget was £682, resulting in a balance of £41,275.

- 2.2. At the 12 May area board, funding totalling £4,230 was distributed, leaving a balance of £37,045.
- 2.3. At the 7 July area board community area grants totalling £4,420 was approved, leaving a balance of £32,625.
- 2.4. The Area Board on 12 May 2010 agreed to fund £3,000 to the Malmesbury and the Villages Community Area Plan.
- 2.5. The Area Board agreed on 7 July 2010 to match fund the transport and young people project funding allocated by Cabinet by £4,000.
- 2.6. The total balance of funding remaining to the area board for distribution is £25,625.
- 2.7. 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.
- 2.8. There are 6 funding rounds during 2010/11. The third is contained in this report the remaining will take place on:
 - 10 November 2010
 - 19 January 2011
 - 16 March 2011
- 2.9. The deadline for receipt of funding applications for consideration at 10 November 2010 Area Board is 30 September 2010.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

- 3.1. 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 Malmesbury Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Malmesbury Area Board will have a balance of £ 23,172.

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
8.1	Malmesbury Netball Club	Establish a netball club in Malmesbury serving the whole community.	£1,000

8.1.1. Officers recommend that Malmesbury Netball Club is awarded £1,000 towards the cost of establishing a netball club in Malmesbury serving the community area.

8.1.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2010/11 grant criteria.

8.1.3. There is scant reference to adult participation in sport in the Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan 2009-2013, although activities for young people did feature. The emerging ‘People, Places and Promises – Wiltshire Community Plan 2011-2026’, however does recognise the need for people to take responsibility for their own health through exercise and other factors.

8.1.4. The applicant has only approached the area board for funding and is seeking the full cost of the project.

8.1.5. The Council’s sports development manager and netball development officer earlier in the year initiated a ‘back to netball’ project in Malmesbury, which successfully recruited some 25 women of which approximately 75% attending each session.

8.1.6. The group are now keen to take this initiative further by establishing a netball club in the community area and are requesting set up costs to sustain them through their first year as the club gets established and membership is expanded not only to adults but also to young people.

- 8.1.7. Although community area grant criteria allow for set up costs, councillors may wish to add a condition that no further running costs would be available in future, so the club do need to ensure that they use the coming year to consolidate their membership to ensure a sustainable future.
- 8.1.8. The applicant states that the club will address issues of rural isolation. In this respect members of the area board may wish to stress to the applicant the need to consider promotion of the club through parish magazines and car sharing opportunities to attend the club by those who might find accessing the Activity Zone, difficult.
- 8.1.9. A decision not to fund this project is likely to result in the project being delayed until funding is raised from elsewhere.

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8.2.	Crudwell Short Mat Bowls Club	Purchase bowls equipment suitable for older and less able players	£802

- 8.2.1. Officers recommend that Crudwell Short Mat Bowls Club are awarded £802 to purchase bowls equipment suitable for older and less able players.
- 8.2.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2010/11 grant criteria.
- 8.2.3. There is scant reference to adult participation in sport in the Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan 2009-2013. The emerging 'People, Places and Promises – Wiltshire Community Plan 2011-2026', however does recognise the need for people to take responsibility for their own health through exercise and other factors.
- 8.2.4. The applicant has only approached the area board for funding and is seeking the full cost of the project.
- 8.2.5. While the club already boasts a large membership it wishes to expand it further as well as retain current members. It particularly wishes to encourage older and less able members through the provision of lighter woods as well as some younger players who might also value using lighter equipment.
- 8.2.6. A decision not to fund this application would lead to a delay in funding while the applicant sought funding from other sources.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3.	Kings Day Nursery School, Malmesbury	To purchase equipment for use by children attending new breakfast and afterschool clubs at the nursery	£651

8.3.1. Officers recommend that Kings Day Nursery School is awarded £651 to purchase equipment for use by children attending new breakfast and afterschool clubs at the nursery.

8.3.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2010/11 grant criteria.

8.3.3. The application demonstrates links to the Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan 2009-2013, which refers to the need to support early years, toddler groups and pre-schools in villages.

8.3.4. The applicant has only approached the area board for funding and is seeking the full cost of the project.

8.3.5. Kings Day Nursery School, which has been operating for 15 years, currently offers facilities for children from the age of 2 months upwards between 7.30am and 6pm and is the only such nursery in the town.

8.3.6. A recent survey undertaken by the nursery has identified the need for a breakfast club and afterschool club for primary aged siblings of those children using the nursery. This will particularly benefit those parents whose employment arrangements require affordable, 'one stop' care provision for their children.

8.3.7. The equipment will supplement the facilities already available and should appeal to the primary aged children attending.

8.3.8. This proposal is supported by the council's Out of School Childcare Development Worker.

8.3.9. A decision not to fund this application seems unlikely to result in a delay in offering the breakfast and after school club, however the activities offered would be limited until other funding had been sought.

Appendices	Appendix 1 Grant application – Malmesbury Netball Club Appendix 2 Grant application – Crudwell Short Mat Bowls Club Appendix 3 Grant application – Kings Day Nursery School
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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