

Report to Salisbury Area Board
Date of Meeting 13 November 2014
Subject Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report:

To consider 5 applications for community area grant funding, totalling £26,285

A summary of the applications together with the Community Area Manager's recommendation is set out below.

Application (and amount requested)

Elim Centre Sports Hall New air conditioning system	£ 3,350
Bemerton St John's Trust St John's Place: a focus for the Lower Bemerton community	£12,500
Stratford Social Club Air Conditioning	£5,000
Harnham Memorial Hall Roofing and Insulation	£5,000
South Wilts Cricket Club Installation of fixed seating	£1,000

Total requested:	£26,285
Prior to consideration of these applications the Area Board's discretionary capital fund balance stands at:	£48,927
If all applications are approved as recommended the Board's balance will be:	£22,642

1. Background

- 1.1. Salisbury Area Board has authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to it by the Cabinet Member for Community Services. Under the terms of the delegation Area Boards are required to follow the Community Area Grant guidance and funding criteria.
- 1.2. In accordance with the Area Board Grants Guidance the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on this Area Board.
- 1.3. 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.
- 1.4. A decision was made in 2010/2011 that paper copies of funding applications will no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce the volume of paper used. However, the applications are all available to view on the [Wiltshire Council web site](#) and hard copies can be made available upon request.

2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded satisfy the [criteria set by the Council](#) and are made to projects that can proceed within a year of the award being made.

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 of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1. Financial provision has been made to cover this expenditure. The Salisbury Area Board was allocated a discretionary budget for 2014/2015 of £89,326.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

6. Human Resources Implications

- 6.1. There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

- 7.1. Community Area Grants give all local community and voluntary groups an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.

8. Grant details

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8	Elim Centre Sports Hall	Heating	£3350

- 8.1. To install a proper heating system in to the Sports Hall as it currently uses a Fan system which doesn't work properly and is very noisy.
- 8.2. All the Starcast Students (around 150) will benefit from having a warm place to train in, as we do Dance in the Sports Hall it is very important the hall is warm to ensure there are no injuries. Many other dance Groups, Drama Groups, Choirs and Gymnastic Groups could use the Hall if it had good heating. It would help local children become more fit, confident and active if there is a suitable hall to train in.
- 8.3. This application meets the Council's grant criteria.
- 8.4. The total cost of the project is £6700.

9. Grant details

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
9	Bemerton St John's Trust	St John's Place: a focus for the Lower Bemerton community	£12,500

- 9.1. The trust is asking for a contribution to Phase 1 of the bringing back to life of the currently disused listed Grade 2* Victorian church building to use as a community hub for a wide range of activities, to house extra-curricular activities of Bemerton St John School and to act as a heritage centre for activities celebrating our celebrated local resident, poet George Herbert and the more everyday memories of local people being collected by the local history society.
- 9.2. There is currently a lack of facilities in Lower Bemerton for people of all ages to meet and organise activities in order to bring the community together. There is no pub or village hall and the closure of the Wilton Road Youth Centre and planned closure of Grosvenor House is exacerbating this. Additionally the thriving

Bemerton St John School is bursting at the seams and unable to accommodate a range of extra-curricular activities they wish to undertake. Bemerton Community therefore aims to convert the currently unused St John's church into a sustainable new community centre providing opportunities for a wide range of activities and events throughout the year that will encourage greater social cohesion and enabling additional education, health and leisure activities.

- 9.3. We are a community established and led organisation and our consultations with local residents has identified activities (from art and craft classes, exercise classes, local history to a film club) that we propose to deliver from the new centre in response to local needs including targeting some of the more marginalised and/or isolated members of our community, both young and old.
- 9.4. The project has wide community support, including pledges of some £40000. Salisbury CAB supported us with architects' fees to get us to planning permission (now granted). All of the community will benefit, including Bemerton Heath residents who use the school and recreation ground in the village, Quidhampton residents, children attending the school and older people.
- 9.5. This application meets the Council's grant criteria.
- 9.6. The total cost of the project is £25,000

10. Grant details

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
10	Stratford Social Club	Air Conditioning	£5000

- 10.1. Air conditioning of the Stratford Social Club in Salisbury to achieve a bearable temperature during the summer months.
- 10.2. Continuing development of the Stratford Social Club Community Centre by the installation of air-conditioning will benefit children and young people using the pre-school, youth club and Kumon Maths & English classes, those attending NHS Blood Donor sessions, members of keep-fit groups, a slimming club, an art class and other community groups, and local residents, by providing facilities that do not become oppressively hot during the summer months, as is currently the case.
- 10.3. This application meets the Council's grant criteria.
- 10.4. The total cost of the project is £19,728

11. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
12	Harnham Memorial Hall	Roofing and Insulation	£5,000

- 11.1. Removal of asbestos roof sheets and replace with light grey box profile sheeting. Fit insulation between roof timbers & sheeting. Transport & disposal of asbestos sheets to a registered disposal site.
- 11.2. The Hall users will benefit from this project as asbestos sheets will be replaced by non hazardous sheeting and prevent possible water leaks from the roof. The insulation should make the Hall warmer and reduce heating costs. This should enable the Hall to have a long term future.
- 11.3. This application meets the Council's grant criteria.
- 11.4. The total cost of the project is £8000

12. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
13	South Wilts Cricket Club	Installation of fixed seating within Academy Ground Pavilion	£1000

- 12.1. To provide fixed, fit for purpose modern seating and clothes hanging facility within the existing Academy ground pavilion
- 12.2. The existing Academy ground pavilion was very successfully refurbished in 2013, however insufficient funding was available at the time to replace the existing dated benching system (removed during the refurbishment work for H&S reasons). Lack of fixed permanent seating within the changing area in 2014 led to space issues for the differing users of the pavilion (junior, senior, male, female players, spectators and caterers) when changing, serving food and storing playing equipment generally. New fixed seating would considerably improve the current situation removing H&S trip hazards and more comfortable surroundings.
- 12.3. This application meets the Council's grant criteria.
- 12.4. The total cost of the project is £2,135

Background papers:	Grant Application – Elin Centre Sports Hall Grant Application – Bemerton St John Trust Grant Application – Stratford Social Club
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