

Report to Melksham Area Board
Date of Meeting 17 June 2015
Subject Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report:

To consider 9 applications for community area grant funding, totalling **£18, 930**

Application (and amount requested)

Shaw and Whitley Community Cafe Community Cafe equipment	£935
ReadEasy Melksham Printer and Accessories	£500
Shaw & Whitley Friendship Club Wooden Wendy house	£975
AFC Melksham Disabled Football Club Portable goal sets	£900
Broughton Gifford and Holt Scouts Updating scout hut	£3045
Melksham Without PC Defibrillators	£3212
Keevil PC Hand railings	£375
Riverside Club Reroofing of the Riverside club	£5000
Riverside Club Kitchen replacement at the Riverside club	£3988

Total requested:	£18,930
Prior to consideration of these applications the Area Board's discretionary fund balance stands at:	£42,137
If all applications are approved as recommended the Board's balance will be:	£23,207

1. **Background**

- 1.1. Area Boards has authority to approve funding under the delegated powers. Under the Scheme of Delegation area boards must adhere to the area board funding criteria 2015/16.
- 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. Key aspects of the 2015/16 area board funding criteria include:
 - The decision to support a funding application and to what level will be the decision of the area board, with no officer recommendation.
 - Applications of up to and including £1,000 can be made for a Community Area Grant, which will not require matched funding, however the area board will look more positively on applicants where they are able to contribute some funding towards their project.
 - Amounts of £1,001 - £5,000 will be required to find matched funding.
 - The area board will rarely award more than £5,000.
 - Melksham Area Board's Community Area Grants scheme will be for capital projects

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 Melksham Area Board was allocated a discretionary capital budget for 2015/2016 of £55,137. £42,137 remains for this financial period.

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.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8	Shaw and Whitley Community Cafe	Community Cafe	£935

8. The project is to set up a cafe for the local community to meet for tea, coffee, cake and chat. The local Church has offered the group free use of its premises until alternative accommodation is available. They wish to purchase chairs, tables and crockery to equip the cafe.
- 8.1. The community cafe will be in the Church for the near future until they can find a suitable alternative at a time convenient for the group. This will depend to an extent on the popularity of our community cafe. They know at the moment that the Church location suits the ladies from Mavern House as it is just across the road. Also for proximity to Shaw School for mothers and grandparents etc. to drop in as they wait to pick up children coming out of the school. Unfortunately this is not an all-year round solution as the church is far too cold in Winter and they want this to be an all-year round community project.
- 8.2. The church will let us keep the table and chairs in the church for as long as we want. The chairs and tables will be available to any other community need, as required, including the Church.
- 8.3. This application meets the Council's grant criteria.
- 8.4. The total cost of the project is £935 and they are seeking a grant of £935 from the Board.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
9	ReadEasy Melksham	Printer and accessories	£500

9. Printer and accessories. To advance the education of the public in the subject of adult literacy by recruiting, training, organising and supporting volunteers to coach to read those adult members of the public with reading difficulties. To be conducted on a one to one basis in a safe environment e.g. Melksham library.
- 9.1. Printer will be kept at the home of one of the committee. They currently have a committee of 8 including a coordinator and David Pollitt who attends the meetings. Once they have a printer to create the training manuals to train the readers they calculate initially 10 interested adults to be coached with a steady increase as the service becomes more known.
- 9.2. This application meets the Council's grant criteria.

9.3. The total cost of the project is £500 and they are seeking a grant of £500 from the Board.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
10	Shaw and Whitley Friendship Club	Wooden Wendy house	£975

10. During the last winter storm the Pre School had much of their outdoor plastic play equipment damaged. Following the recent OFSTED report (Good) it was suggested that they upgraded the equipment. They would like to erect a wooden Wendy House fixed on a concrete base in the area outside the Village Hall which can then be used for hall users eg Children's parties.

10.1. At the moment they have 21 children at the Pre School and expect 1 or 2 more soon. They would also expect the numbers to be about the same for the next school year. As well as the Pre School using the play area during the week it is also used by the community by way of children's parties booked at the village hall, weekends and holidays.

10.2. This application meets the Council's grant criteria.

10.3. The total cost of the project is £975 and they are seeking a grant of £975 from the Board.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
11	AFC Melksham Disabled Football Club	Portable Goal Sets	£900

11. The club has been running for two years and the lads under 16 have stayed with us and now fall into adult category. New members are now in under 16.

11.1. The volunteer WFA Qualified coaches (give time free) now number 4 and aided by other volunteers have the staffing element covered but we need three sets of portable goal posts for outside pitches (Christie Miller) and new balls cones etc .

11.2. This application meets the Council's grant criteria.

11.3. The total cost of the project is £900 and they are seeking a grant of £900 from the Board.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
12	Broughton Gifford and Holt Scouts	Updating Scout Hut	£3054

12. Updates to Broughton Gifford Scout Hut. BGH Scouts are continually investing in new equipment and training of its leaders to further the Scouting experience to over 100 local children. This year as well, we are updating our Scout Hut to give us a covered outdoor

space and new toilets.

- 12.1. This application meets the Council's grant criteria.
- 12.2. The total cost of the project is £6108 and they are seeking a grant of £3054 from the Board.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
13	Melksham Without PC	Defibrillators	£3212

13. The project is to supply and install 7 x community access defibrillators in the Melksham Without Parish. The amount requested is to match fund Melksham Without Parish Council's contribution. Contributions from a number of other sources. 1. Outside of Shaw Village Hall (car park & playing field), 2. Outside of Whitley Reading Rooms (road access), 3. Outside of St Barnabas Church, Beanacre (next to community field and play area/car park), 4. Berryfield - suitable location being discussed as Waney Edge/Baby World/New Inn may be more suited for ease of community access than temporary village hall and has car park), 5. Bowerhill Residential - Tesco Express (more suited than Village Hall/School due to closed gates out of hours; and has car park), 6. Bowerhill Industrial/Playing Field - outside of new Pavilion - access to road and playing field, 7. East of Melksham - suitable location being discussed, outside of new Forest & Sandridge School or in new local centre shopping area.

- 13.1. This application meets the Council's grant criteria.
- 13.2. The total cost of the project is £14775 and they are seeking a grant of £3212 from the Board.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
14	Keevil PC	Railings	£375

14. Railings: Main Street, Keevil has a footway along the high bank. Opposite to Keevil School is a ramp so that parents and pupils can cross the Main Street to the School. The ramp is also used by church goers. The ramp is steep and there have been a number of falls when descending the ramp. Safety rails are needed to support people who use the ramp.
- 14.1. Parish funds are committed for this year and the project is urgent because of the safety issues involved. It is a Highways problem and CATG has insufficient funding. However, the PC believes that it can find 50% of the 750.00 cost i.e. 375.00
- 14.2. This application meets the Council's grant criteria.
- 14.3. The total cost of the project is £750 and they are seeking a grant of £375 from the Board.

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15	The Riverside Club	Reroofing	£5000
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15. Reroofing: The Riverside club has been serving the community for the past 45 years and its age is catching up with it and as a result the club are facing major expenditure on several fronts. The flat roof which 45 years old now needs total renewal including the upgrading of the installation to current standards.

15.1. This application meets the Council's grant criteria.

15.2. The total cost of the project is £23,719 and they are seeking a grant of £5000 from the Board.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
16	The Riverside Club	Kitchen replacement	£3988

16. Kitchen replacement: The Riverside has been serving the community for the past 45 years and its age is catching up with it and as a result we are facing a major expenditure on several fronts. The large kitchen which provides approximately 80 meals a week to the Rainbow Club has been condemned. We are looking to fully refurbish this facility.

16.1. This application meets the Council's grant criteria.

16.2. The total cost of the project is £7977 and they are seeking a grant of £3988 from the Board.

Background papers:	Grant Application – Shaw and Whitley Community Cafe Grant Application – ReadEasy Melksham Grant Application – Shaw and Whitley Pre School Grant Application – AFC Melksham Disabled Football Club Grant Application – Broughton Gifford and Holt Scouts Grant Application – Melksham Without PC Grant Application – Keevil PC Grant Application – The Riverside Club Grant Application – The Riverside Club
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