

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

MARLBOROUGH AREA BOARD 21 July 2015

Legacy 2015 Series of Events: Magna Carta Celebration

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To seek the approval of Marlborough Area Board for allocating £705.43 of Revenue funding already set aside from the 2014/15 budget towards costs incurred by the Marlborough community in taking part in the Magna Carta procession to mark the Magna Carta 800th Anniversary celebration.
- 1.2 To notify Marlborough Area Board that the area's contribution towards the costs of producing the "Baron" that took part in the procession has reduced from £750 to £500 per area

2. Background

- 2.1 2015 saw the 800th anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta by King John and a number of England's leading Barons. To mark this event, Wiltshire Council and Salisbury Cathedral held a celebratory procession through the streets of Salisbury arriving at the Cathedral Close.
- 2.2 Each community area taking part in the procession was led by a giant carnival-style "Baron" accompanied by flags and banners. All of these items were decorated by local groups in a way that represents the area's heritage and culture.
- 2.3 Once at the Cathedral Close the model "Barons" took part in a re-enactment that saw them signing a modern-day Magna Carta for Wiltshire containing statements chosen by each community area that will set out how residents wish to live today.

3. Main Considerations

- 3.1 In order to represent the Marlborough Community Area at this event, the following local groups were involved:
 - Marlborough Academy of Dance entertained crowds in Salisbury Market Square waiting for the procession to begin
 - The Phoenix Club (young people with SEN) decorated the banner and carried it in the procession.
 - Network (adults with learning disabilities) also decorated the reverse of the banner

- 2nd Marlborough Scouts took part in several drumming rehearsals and performed drum routines along the carnival route
- International Baccalaureate students from St John's Sixth Form decorated Marlborough's Baron into a "Merlin" character
- "Merlin" was carried through the city by Marlborough's Community Area Manager

3.2 In order for these different groups to be involved in these different ways, the following costs were incurred:

- £44.43 in art / craft materials by St John's Sixth form
- £61 contribution towards using both minibuses from St John's to transport groups to Salisbury
- £600 to commission Kaya Drumming to work with the Scout group, develop their performance, lead rehearsals and participate in the procession.

4. Implications

4.1 Environmental Impact of the Proposals

This series of Legacy events contributes to the continuance and improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon individual projects.

4.2 Financial Implications

4.2.1 Revenue money is being provided from Marlborough Area Board's 2014/15 budget to provide funding that will allow the community to take part in events associated with Legacy 2015.

4.2.2 This Legacy fund originally contained of £1,600 remaining from the area board's 2014/15 revenue budget. If this latest request to allocate funds from it is agreed, there will be £394.57 remaining.

4.2.3 Money left over from this legacy fund will be returned to Wiltshire Council.

4.3 Legal Implications

There are no specific Legal implications related to this report.

4.4 HR Implications

There are no specific HR implications with this scheme

4.5 Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no specific Equality and Diversity implications related to this report.

5. Recommendation

It is recommended that:

The Marlborough Area Board agrees the three allocations of funds totalling £705.43 from the Revenue funding already set aside from the 2014/15 budget to pay for the area's "Baron" and to enable the Marlborough community to take part in this activity organised as part of Legacy 2015.

To note that Marlborough Area Board contributed £500 towards its Baron instead of the £750 requested at the last meeting.

To note that there is £394.57 remaining in the Legacy or revenue fund set aside in March 2015.

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