

Report to Amesbury Area Board
Date of meeting 01/10/2015
Title of report Community Area Grant Funding

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the 4 applications for funding listed below.

Applicant	Amount requested
Langford Parish Hall	£1,002.00
Bulford St Leonards Scout Troup	£2,500.00
Newton Tony Memorial Hall	£930.00
Steeple Langford Cricket Club	£3,250.00

1. Background

Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance available here: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/community-area-grants-criteria-2015-16-april.pdf>

The funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/areaboardscommunitygrantsscheme.htm>

2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded in the 2015/2016 year is made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of it being awarded.
- 2.2. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.
- 2.3. Councillors will need to be satisfied that the applications meet the Community Area Board grants criteria.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

Grant Funding 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

Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure. Amesbury Area Board has a balance of £49,790 for allocation prior to this meeting

5. Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

6. Human Resources Implications

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

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.

Community Area 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.

8. Safeguarding Implications

The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

9. Applications for consideration

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 1424	Langford Parish Hall Refurbishment	£2,004.00	£1,002.00
<p>Project description: Replace central heating tank The Langford Parish Hall needs to replace the old single skin metal central heating oil tank which stores oil for use with the hall central heating system. The tank is some 30 years old. An inspection by Southern Tanks Ltd has condemned it on Health and Safety grounds as it does not meet regulations for oil tanks and additionally is too close to the Parish Hall and so does not comply with current regulations for the safety of a building being used as a place for public assembly.</p> <p>The Langford Parish Hall is held in trust and is run by a group of trustees selected from within the Parish. It is an active community centre serving 3 villages. It is used extensively by both the Youth Club and parishioners for educational events, youth activities, fitness classes and entertainment involving both adults and children within the parish. The Hall is self-financing and roughly breaks even each year but there are no funds to spare after expenses have been met. The hall income comes mainly from the fees for hall hire, fund-raising events, supper's, quizzes, personal donations and normally an annual contribution from the Langford's Fete. The Fete did not take place in 2015 so the parish hall income will be further reduced by £1,000 this year that is the approximate annual fete donation to the parish hall. Normal hall expenses are met from the annual income but any capital outlay needs to be financed using outside funds, donations and grants. The hall trustees have used hall funds to do a lot of essential work in recent years including the purchase of a projector and screen, new shelving, cupboards, youth disco corner with lights and stereo, water conservation measures, security lights and repairs to the kitchen and toilet floors.</p>			
<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application from Langford Parish Hall for £1,002.00</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 1440	Bulford St Leonards Scout Troup	£5,000	£2,500
<p>Project description: Groundworks to create disabled parking bays The group have built a new scout hut community use hall. To comply with DDA we need to carry out ground works and need to provide parking bays for people with disabilities and the car park has to provide safe parking for all users. The scout hut will be available for use by many community groups and activities when it is fully operational and will become a valuable community asset.</p>			
<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application from Bulford Scout Group for £2,500</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 1445	Newton Tony Memorial Hall	£1,860.00	£930.00
<p>Project description: Refurbishment Project The village hall facilities comprise a main hall, a server, a kitchen and a recreational ground. These facilities are already used for local activities which currently include the local pre-school and a senior's cafe. The village hall committee is keen to encourage more usage to generate greater financial stability and investment - our strategy is to make the hall more commercial and viably attractive to hire. We plan to embark upon a two phase refurbishment programme affecting the main hall and the servery which includes the provision of equipment laying flooring upgrading the main hall. Volunteers will carry out this work.</p> <p>Newton Tony is a small close knit community with both private and council dwellings. The village hall serves as a critical central location and is the hub of the village attracting villagers to local events. Typically our hall is used by the school pre-school, children's parties, bingo, horticultural society, rural arts, community talks, Pilates, seniors cafe, fetes, and flower festivals Hire rates are affordable to all and we are committed to providing good facilities for the local and surrounding communities to benefit in the future. Our location has a church which attracts weddings - we have already purchased a number of marquees to supplement accommodation. We communicate local activities through advertising of events in our village magazine, signage of events, lampposts, billboards the Bourne Valley magazine and flyers delivered to each of our village properties. We are keen to extend and increase activities and believe local people will directly benefit from the enhancements proposed.</p>			
<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application from Newton Tony Memorial Hall for £930</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 1454	Steeple Langford Cricket Club	£6,500.00	£3,250
<p>Project description: Purchase new multi use mower</p> <p>We need to replace a very antiquated mower used to cut the cricket square. It has become very unreliable and the parts required to repair it are no longer available. We have also been looking at equipment to perform scarifying and thatch removal on the square. This is an activity carried out by hand using special rakes at the moment and is becoming very hard work for the aging ground staff. The equipment required for this purpose is called a Verti cutter. Steeple Langford CC proposes to purchase a new mower which has a multi-use cassette system. This mower power unit will come with two cassettes - a multi bladed cylinder cassette and a Verti cutter cassette. This way we only have to pay for servicing on one mower engine each year.</p> <p>Steeple Langford Cricket Club is a thriving Village Cricket Club with 45 Adult members and 63 Junior members aged 7 to 15 they will all benefit from the improved playing facilities this project will provide. Adult teams compete in the Hampshire league on Saturdays a mid-week T20 league and friendlies on Sundays. The Juniors play in the Wiltshire Youth Cricket League in U11 U13 and U15 age groups and the U9s team attend various Kwik Cricket Festivals during the season. Wiltshire Cricket Limited will also benefit from the improved playing facilities this project will provide. We regularly host County fixtures for Wiltshire Cricket Limited and this year it was for Wilts Girls U15 v Worcestershire U15 and Wilts U10 v Somerset U10 and the Wilts over 60 v Devon over 60 matches, and a Kwik Cricket Festival. The Club has ECB Clubmark accreditation which has recently been renewed for another 3 years. Clubmark ensures the club is safe effective and child friendly. The local community will also benefit from this project and we pride ourselves on the cricket opportunities we offer to all ages and abilities in the local area. Adults can play competitive league games or friendly relaxed games on Sundays and as well as weekends we offer midweek cricket. We run a 10 week coaching course for Juniors on Wednesday evenings and we also have a 3 day summer fun camp in August which the parents appreciate. Specialist Junior coaching sessions are also available on Saturday mornings. This season we were very pleased to be asked to run a second fun camp in August for The Wiltshire Council called a Sloggerz camp. All the above cricket events and initiatives are only possible if the Club has fully working machinery to provide high quality playing facilities which the Club prides themselves on delivering over a whole season. Every player and cricket match played benefits from playing cricket on excellent pitches and facilities.</p>			
<p>Proposals</p> <p>That the Area Board determines the application from Steeple Langford Cricket Club for £3,250</p>			

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report

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