

<b>Report To</b>	<b>Melksham Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Wednesday, 21 September 2022</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Melksham Area Grant Report</b>

## Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Melksham Area Board. These could include; community area grants, health and wellbeing, young person's grants and Area Board initiatives.
- To document any recommendations provided through subgroups.

## Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Young People	Health and Wellbeing
<b>Opening Balance For</b> <u>2022-23</u>	£ <u>22,309.00</u>	£ <u>18,349.00</u>	£ <u>7,700.00</u>
<b>Awarded To Date</b>	£ <u>5,987.00</u>	£ <u>1,000.00</u>	£ <u>0.00</u>
<b>Current Balance</b>	£ <u>16,322.00</u>	£ <u>17,349.00</u>	£ <u>7,700.00</u>
<b>Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations</b>	£ <u>6,655.22</u>	£ <u>15,989.00</u>	£ <u>4,018.00</u>

## Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG711</a>	Community Area Grant	Bowerhill Village Hall	Bowerhill Village Hall Replacement Doors	£13039.00	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Supply and Installation of 6 double glazed french doors, 2 single doors, 2 french doors and 1 single door to have fire escape panic bars.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG740</a>	Community Area Grant	Melksham goes Wild	Blue campaign in Melksham	£300.00	£300.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Promoting the Blue campaign locally in the melksham community. The Blue Campaign is a nationwide charity that seeks to encourage all Britain's gardeners to become more insect and wildlife friendly through measures such as using peat free compost, abandoning pesticides, allowing an area of garden to become more overgrown and wild etc. We are going to give out leaflets about the campaign and blue hearts for people who agree to embrace the Blue Heart principles.</b></p>					

<a href="#">ABG795</a>	Community Area Grant	Corsham Cricket Club	Corsham Cricket Club 2nd Ground Redevelopment	£8536.16	£2134.05
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>In March 2022, Corsham Cricket Club reached a 15-year agreement with St Barnabas Church in Beanacre to restore its disused playing field into a new 2nd Ground for Corsham Cricket Club to use for its 3rd XI league matches and to further expand and develop its existing academy and support its expanding Ladies Team. This project involves not only hours or volunteer labour to cultivate the field into a useable format but the purchase of various bit of capital equipment to enable cricket to be played successfully and safely by our members and members but also by members of the local community. This specific grant application is for the purchase of 3 parts of essential cricket equipment: 1) 2 Mobile Site Screens. Essential Safety equipment in cricket to allow players from both sides to site the ball better when it is bowled. 2) Mobile Covers. As our pitch is prepared by volunteers and sometimes the English Summer can be cruel, the ability to protect your wicket with mobile covers is essential to both increase the volume of games played and to improve the quality of pitches people play on in said games. 3) New Artificial Matting. There is an existing matting in place however once tested by the club players it has been deemed to be unsafe and not fit for usage. An artificial mat allows matches to be played when conditions are not always 100%, unlimited practice to take place (no damage being caused to the main grass pitches) and a wider variety of games to be played (different age groups play on different length pitches thus an artificial mat that is easily marked up and prepared allows at short notice to host various different age range games). The purchase of these 3 big items will allow the club to truly maximise the potential of this ground and fulfil the true potential of this project, widening crickets appeal to the local community and allow us to really establish this venue as a quality cricket ground for the future.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG798</a>	Community Area Grant	Berryfield Village Hall	Tables and chairs for the new village hall	£4465.46	£2232.73
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>To purchase furniture for new village hall at Berryfield. 7 tables with storage trolley 54 chairs with storage trolley</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG653</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Carer Support Wiltshire	New Carer Cafe in Melksham	£2601.00	£1300.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Carer Support Wiltshire are applying for funds for a new Carer Café in Melksham. The Café is due to start on the 5th May at the Kings Arms Hotel in Melksham. It is a monthly group open for all carers to take a break from their caring role, make new friends, enjoy some tea and cake, and chat with others in relaxed, friendly surroundings. There is always a volunteer on hand to help and discuss issues carers face. Tea, coffee and cake is provided at each café, up to £6.50 per carer and we expect an average of 6 carers to attend every month. We will publicise the Carer Cafe using a multi-platform approach: posters, social media, newsletters and local media. Costs also include staff, including our Volunteer Manager who is responsible for the setting up and running of the cafe such as finding and booking the venue, recruiting and training the volunteer/s who run the Carer Cafe, and ensuring it works logistically, occasionally providing cover if volunteers are unable to attend. Our communications staff are responsible for designing and distributing marketing materials to promote the new Carer Cafe within the local community. The Admin team take bookings for the group, answer questions about it and encourage carers they speak with to attend the group. Overheads are calculated automatically given the staff time associated with this project. Carers who are unable to attend the Carer Cafe, as a result of transport or respite issues, will be supported by our Operations team who will help them understand the benefit and funding options available to them.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG765</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Wiltshire Music Centre	Celebrating Age Wiltshire	£11065.00	£1500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Celebrating Age Wiltshire (CAW) will use arts &amp; heritage activities to reach the most isolated older people in the Melksham area, helping to tackle loneliness and aiming to improve their health and wellbeing through creative and artistic engagement. In particular CAW will target those people who are vulnerable and socially isolated due to frailty, ill health, dementia, poor mobility or caring responsibilities. Our programme has developed four different strands of both live and online activity to meet the needs of this group. CAW is a partnership of community organisations across the county with Wiltshire Music Centre as lead organisation.</b></p>					

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<a href="#">ABG775</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Age Friendly Melksham	Phase 2 of Development of Melksham as an Age Friendly Community	£2912.00	£882.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>With the support of the local authorities and other agencies, the Age Friendly Melksham CIC has been developing plans to make Melksham an "Age Friendly Community" as part of a 3-year action plan. This work has been interrupted by COVID and by delays in the recruitment of a new project worker. The CIC is now under new leadership following the resignation of Jon Hubbard as Chairman of Trustees. Phase 1 of this work has involved wide community engagement and the development of a baseline survey to find out the views of older people across a range of domains as identified by the World Health Organisation's "Age Friendly Communities Framework": Communication; Buildings and Public Spaces; Access to Healthcare; Transport; Civic Participation and Involvement. The baseline survey results have now been compiled (attached) and identify a number of areas in which action is required to make Melksham a more Age Friendly Community. Phase 2 of the project involves the setting up of Residents and Stakeholders Forums to review and build on the identified issues, to progress the actions, and to promote opportunities for residents to get involved in the delivery programme. This funding application is towards the costs of consultation activities, including the running of forums, workshops, focus groups and related events.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG792</a>	Youth Grant	Melksham Amateur Swimming Club or Melksham Swordfish	Melksham Swordfish Teacher and Coach Training	£2725.00	£1360.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>We have a new requirement for two Level 2 qualified Teachers due to existing teachers leaving, and a separate requirement from Swim England (new this year) to have a Level 2 qualified Coach on poolside at our development / squad training sessions. The latter applicant would initially need to complete a Level 1 Coaching course.</b></p>					

## 1. Background

Area Boards have authority to approve funding under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria. This document is available on the council's website.

Three funding streams are available to the Area Board, each with an annually awarded amount. These funding streams are as follows:

- ◆ Community Area Grants (capital)
- ◆ Young People (revenue)
- ◆ Health and Wellbeing (revenue)

The Area Board will be advised of the funding available prior to their first meeting of each financial year.

## 2. Main Considerations

2.1. Councillors need to be satisfied that the applications meet the requirements as set out in the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria and that the health and wellbeing and young person's funding guidelines have been adhered to.

2.2. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.

2.3. Councillors need to consider any recommendations made by subgroups of the Area Boards.

## 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

Councillors must ensure that the Area Board has sufficient funding available to cover the grants awarded.

## 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.

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

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