

Area 1 Community Area Funding Distribution 2005/2006

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. To ask Members to consider 5 applications seeking 2005/2006 Community Area Award funding.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. To agree funding distribution of the Area 1 Community Area Awards budget based on the agreed criteria for 2005/2006:

- 2.1.1. **Lea Village Hall Committee – Award £2,352 from the capital budget, towards the provision of disabled toilet facilities in the village hall, conditional on the balance of funding being in place.**
- 2.1.2. **Oaksey Youth Club – Award £1,300 from the capital budget, towards the cost of musical equipment for a community youth music project, conditional on the balance of funding being in place.**
- 2.1.3. **Luckington Community Primary school Governors - Award £3,272 from the capital budget, towards construction of lobby, kitchen and toilets adjacent to the school hall, conditional on the balance of funding being in place.**
- 2.1.4. **Crudwell Village Hall & Recreational Ground – Award £464 from the revenue budget, towards the provision of folding tables.**
- 2.1.5. **Dauntsey Parish Plan Steering Group- Award £1,000 from the revenue budget, towards the production of a Parish Plan for Dauntsey, conditional on the balance of funding being in place.**
- 2.1.6. **Malmesbury Skater and Riders Action Group – Award in principle a further £2,061 from the capital budget to bring the total sum to £16,191, conditional on the balance of funding being in place and invite a formal application to be submitted to this Committee as soon possible.**

3. Links to the Corporate Business Plan Priorities:

- 3.1. Community Area Awards can be linked to the Council's priority of Partnerships, Community and Involvement and in practise through community based projects can support the delivery of Community Plans and other Council Priorities including those associated with Equalities and Diversity and Healthy Lifestyles.

4. Background

- 4.1. Following the funding recommendations made on the 21st September 2005, Area 1 Committee has a community capital balance of £8,985 and a revenue balance of £7,799 available for distribution for the remainder of the year.
- 4.2. An in-principle award of £9,130 was made towards Malmesbury Skate Park on 19th January 2005, with a commitment to allocate a further £5,000 from the 2005/06 funding subject to the consideration of a full application and the other funding being in place.
- 4.3. This is the last opportunity for distribution of funding in 2005/06.
- 4.4. The demand for capital funding available outstrips the budget available, so officers have made suggestions for Members consideration as to how the funding might be distributed.
- 4.5. Appendix 1 provides details of the both 2004/05 and 2005/06 distribution of awards.

4.6. Members agreed at the 19 January 2005 meeting that at least 75% of the Community Area Award budget would be allocated to applications which demonstrated links to three priorities identified in the emerging Malmesbury and Villages Community Plan, namely:

- √ Community Facilities
- √ Road Safety
- √ Young People

The remaining 25% would be available for those schemes that fell outside the three priorities above, but remained important for local people.

4.7. Funding criteria for 2005/06 were reviewed by a Working Party, which included representatives of all five Area Committees. The revised policy and procedures were subsequently approved by The Executive on 3rd February 2005. Should Members wish to act in contravention of this policy, the matter will need to be referred to the Executive.

5. Funding

5.1. At present there is no indication than unallocated capital funding will be rolled forward to 2006/2007. Any unutilised revenue funding will be lost.

5.2. Members are reminded that all applications in 2005/06 will be considered under the same Community Area Award criteria. Those schemes requesting £500 or less will not require any matched funding, while those requesting more than £500 will not be awarded more than 50% of the total cost of their project.

6. Officer Observations & Recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
6.1.	Lea Village Hall Committee See Appendix 2	Provision of disabled toilet facilities in the Village Hall	Capital	£ 2,352

6.1.1. This application meets the essential funding criteria and fits the funding priority of Community Facilities. The village hall is highlighted in the Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan (see pp 6) as being a valued social centre where many activities and functions are held.

6.1.2. This project will involve changing the current toilet facilities to provide unisex toilets, which will include one for disabled users. This facility will also accommodate baby-changing facilities, which will benefit the weekly toddlers group.

6.1.3. The applicant has contributed 50% of the cost of this project.

6.1.4. Officers believe that it is important that this work is undertaken, in a hall that is currently being well used by a wide range of the local community.

6.1.5. **Officer Recommendation** – Award £2,352 from the capital budget.

Ref	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
6.2.	Oaksey Youth Club See Appendix 3	Purchase of musical equipment for a community youth music project	Capital	£ 1,300

- 6.2.1. The application meets the funding criteria and addresses the needs of Young People, a 2005/06 funding priority. While this specific project is not identified within the Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan, the need to provide young people in villages with interests and leisure opportunities is a common theme and is picked up on pp 37 under the need for Rural Arts in villages.
- 6.2.2. This application forms part of an exciting project to involve young people in music making over a two year period. Furthermore, the project involves training and development for the local leaders of the project, which should support the sustainability of the scheme.
- 6.2.3. The project arose from Oaksey Youth Club expressing their enthusiasm for some music activities.
- 6.2.4. This is an ambitious project, which is likely to touch the whole of the Oaksey community as well as young people further afield.
- 6.2.5. **Officer Recommendation** - Award £1,300 from the capital budget.

Ref	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
6.3.	Luckington Community Primary school Governors See Appendix 4	Construction of lobby, kitchen and toilets adjacent to the school hall, which is used as a community meeting place	Capital	£ 15,000

- 6.3.1. This application meets the funding criteria and fits the funding priority of Community Facilities. This facility has not been identified in the Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan, while the village hall is.
- 6.3.2. Member's attention is drawn to the fact that the funding criteria exclude those organisations that could reasonably be expected to finance the project by other means. Whilst it might seem reasonable that a school facility is funded from elsewhere, it is acknowledged that this facility will be used by the wider community outside the school day.
- 6.3.3. While the village hall is quite a modest building, this Committee has supported a programme of refurbishment over recent years.
- 6.3.4. The request for funding towards this project far exceeds that which this Committee has to give. This is recognised by the applicant, however, because they wish to proceed with the work as soon as possible cannot wait until the new financial year.
- 6.3.5. **Officer Recommendation** - Award £3,272 from the capital budget.

Ref	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
6.4.	Crudwell Village Hall & Recreational Ground See Appendix 5	Folding tables.	Revenue	£ 464

- 6.4.1. This application meets funding criteria and fits the funding priority of Community Facilities in that it will improve in a small way those currently provided at the hall. While not specifically mentioned in the Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan, the Crudwell community did express that they valued their village hall (pp 6).
- 6.4.2. The applicant intends to gradually replace staking tables with folding ones, as they recognise their health and safety obligations.
- 6.4.3. **Officer Recommendation** - Award £464 from the revenue budget.

Ref	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
6.5.	Dauntsey Parish Plan Steering Group See Appendix 6	Production of Dauntsey Parish Plan	Revenue	£1,000

- 6.5.1. This application meets the Community Area Award funding criteria, although does not meet any of the 2005/06 funding priorities. Members have stated (see Pt .4.6) that up to 25% of their budget would be available for schemes falling outside the priorities.
- 6.5.2. Officers are of the opinion that the production of Parish Plans is a valuable community exercise involving local people to help identify local priorities and needs. This process will in turn enhance the Community Planning process, by feeding through relevant and timely information which should will be of benefit to both local people and officers involved in community planning within the County and District Councils
- 6.5.3. **Officer Recommendation** - Award £1,000 from the revenue budget.

7. Malmesbury Skate Park

- 7.1.1. A funding application has still to be received from the Malmesbury Skater and Riders Action Group. Officers suggest that the applicant be invited to submit this as soon as possible, following completion of any noise surveys and obtaining planning permission.
- 7.1.2. Members are reminded that to date they have made an in principle award of £14,130 towards this scheme (from their capital budget) subject to the consideration of a full application being received.
- 7.1.3. Provision of a skateboard facility has been a long held aspiration held by young people in Malmesbury and was identified as a continuing priority in the Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan (see pp 35) by people aged between 14 and 18 years of age.
- 7.1.4. It is understood that the applicant is hoping that Area 1 Committee will contribute a total of £16,191 towards this scheme. If Members are minded to contribute this sum, it is suggested that they allocate a further £2,061 from their 2005/2006 capital budget.

7.1.5. **Officer Recommendation** - Award in principle £2,016 from the capital budget.

8. Financial Implications

- 8.1. Distribution of awards must fall within the Community Awards budget allocated to Area 1 Committee as outlined in section 4.1 of this report.
- 8.2. If Members make awards in line with officer recommendations there will be a capital balance of nil and a revenue balance of £6,335.
- 8.3. Consideration needs to be made to ensure a balance of funding across towns, villages and hamlets within the Community Area.

9. Community and Environmental Implications

- 9.1. Awards made by Area Committee to successful applicants will contribute to the continuance and or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and well-being in the Community Area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent on the individual project.

10. Human Resources Implications

- 10.1. There are no Human Resources implications directly relating to this report.

Documents used in the preparation of Report

Community Area Grant Proposal Forms
Malmesbury & Villages Community Area Plan

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