

Area 1 Community Area Funding Distribution 2006/2007

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. To inform Members of the 2006/07 Community Area Award Budget.
- 1.2. To ask Members to consider 10 applications seeking 2006/2007 Community Area Award funding.
- 1.3. To ask Members to invite representatives from groups in receipt of Community Area Awards to attend future meetings to tell the Committee how their award was used.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. **To agree funding distribution of the Area 1 Community Area Awards budget, based on the agreed criteria for 2006/2007:**
 - 2.1.1. **Brinkworth Village Hall – Award £15,000 from the capital budget, towards the extension and refurbishment of the village hall, conditional on additional funding from the Parish Council, and the balance of the funding being in place.**
 - 2.1.2. **Sherston Tennis Club – Award £483 from the revenue budget, towards the provision of tennis coaching for children attending Sherston Primary School**
 - 2.1.3. **Trustees of Alderton Village Pond and Green – Award £500 from the revenue budget, towards the construction of a proper verge between the wall surrounding the pond and the road, conditional on the balance of funding being in place**
 - 2.1.4. **Minety Village Hall – Award £500 from the revenue budget, towards a Minety Community Day on 1st July 2006**
 - 2.1.5. **Hullavington New Village Hall Project Group – Award £5,044 from the capital budget, towards re-equipping the new hall, conditional on the balance of the funding being in place.**
 - 2.1.6. **White Lion Park Recreation Association – No Award at this stage and the applicant is invited to re-submit an application in September.**
 - 2.1.7. **Sherston Parish Council – Award £3,000 from the capital budget, towards the installation of railings along the Pennymead wall adjoining Court Street.**
 - 2.1.8. **Sherston Parish Council – Award £500 from the revenue budget, towards two sets of replacement football posts, conditional on the balance of the funding being in place.**
 - 2.1.9. **Sherston Village Hall – Award £2,000 from the capital budget, towards a new storage shed, conditional on the balance of the funding being in place.**
 - 2.1.10. **Luckington Village Hall – Award £3,453 from the capital budget, towards replacement windows and emergency door, conditional on the balance of funding being in place**
 - 2.1.11. **To invite a formal application from the Malmesbury Skate Board group as soon as planning permission has been awarded and noise surveys undertaken.**

3. Links to the Corporate Business Plan Priorities:

- 3.1. Community Area Awards can be linked to the Council's priority of Partnerships and Customer Focus through community based projects supporting the delivery of Community Plans and all

other Council priorities; especially those associated with Equalities and Diversity and Healthy Lifestyles.

4. Background

- 4.1. In 2006/07 Area 1 Committee were given a capital budget of £40,000 and a revenue budget of £8,000 for distribution in the form of Community Area Awards.
- 4.2. Funding criteria for 2006/07 were reviewed by a Working Party, which included representatives of all five Area Committees. The Executive Committee subsequently approved the revised policy and procedures, on 2 February 2006 (see Appendix A). Should Members wish to act in contravention of this policy, the matter will need to be referred to the Executive.
- 4.3. The funding criteria require that at least 75% of the Community Area Award budget would be allocated to applications that demonstrate explicit links to the Malmesbury & Villages Community Area Plan. The remaining 25% would be available for those schemes that fell outside the Community Plan, but remained important for local people and were able to demonstrate that they meet a community-identified need.

5. Funding

- 5.1. The funding criteria state that where Community capital awards are not taken up within two years, funding is relinquished and the applicant invited to re-apply where appropriate. Currently the following three schemes have not proceeded and funding returned to the Area 1 Committee:
 - ◆ Malmesbury Rugby Club £9,745 awarded on 21 January 2004
 - ◆ Brinkworth Pre-school £1,000 awarded on 21 July 2004
 - ◆ Sherston Parish Council Recycling Facility £1,373 awarded on 19 January 2005 (Due to improved recycling opportunities provided by the District Council, the applicant decided not to proceed with this scheme).

With the above capital added to current allocation, the total capital for 2006/07 is £52,118.

- 5.2. Appendix 1 provides details of the 2004/2005 distribution of awards across Area 1, in an attempt to assist Members when distributing funding across the whole of the community area in 2006/07.
- 5.3. Appendix 2 provides details of the Area 1 2005/06 capital and revenue balances
- 5.4. At the last meeting of this Committee on 29th March 2006, Members approved a virement of £1,000 from the Community Area Award revenue budget to the District-wide Awards revenue budget, to enable funding of schemes which covered more than one community area or were district-wide schemes. The balance of the community Area Award revenue therefore stands at £7,000 for 2006/07.
- 5.5. Members are reminded that all applications in 2006/07 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 that £500 will not be awarded more than 50% of the total cost of their project.
- 5.6. Member's attention is drawn to the fact that there will be three funding rounds during 2006/07. The first is contained in this report, and the other two will take place on:
 - ◆ 27th September 2006
 - ◆ 24th January 2007
- 5.7. The deadline for receipt of applications to be considered at the September Committee meeting is 18th August 2006.

6. Feedback from Recipients of Funding

- 6.1. During 2005/06 all recipients of funding were requested to complete an evaluation sheet, following completion of their project. Provision of this information is a condition of funding and failure to do so precludes them from future funding from this Committee.
- 6.2. Rather than bring these forms to Committee, officers suggest that it might be more appropriate if Members were to invite representatives from groups in receipt of Community Area Awards to attend future meetings to tell the Committee how the award was used. It is envisaged that groups are identified and invited to each of the Committee meetings dealing with Community Area Awards.

7. Officer Observations & Recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
7.1.	Brinkworth Village Hall See Appendix 3	Extension and refurbishment of the village hall	Capital	£ 20,000

- 7.1.1. The application largely meets the 2006/7 funding criteria for Area 1 Committee, however there are only general references to the Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan (page 6 “Brinkworth” and page 1 paragraph 1 Brinkworth).
- 7.1.2. The application is ambitious and seeks to provide disabled access and toilet facilities, baby-changing facilities, increased storage space, an enlarged and improved kitchen, renovation of the reading room and improvement to the outdoor space.
- 7.1.3. The applicant is choosing to undertake a range of improvements around the same time to minimise the disruption to their users. They recognise, however, that if by the end of the summer they have not accumulated sufficient funding, then they may have to approach the work in phases, which may require Members to re-consider any funding contribution they might make, at a later date.
- 7.1.4. It should be noted that the project management costs of £13,146 are in kind costs provided by the community.
- 7.1.5. The parish precept represents a clear method whereby local funds can be raised to meet the needs of the local community. While officers acknowledge that the precept has been increased in 2006/7, they are concerned that the financial contribution towards this scheme appears very modest in view of the fact that this facility is the only meeting place in the village, other than the school, church and pub.
- 7.1.6. The officer recommendation below is based upon the following considerations:
- The project does not feature in the Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan 2005-2015
 - The funding request seeks 50% of the total capital funding for 2006/07
 - The contribution from the parish council towards this key community facility appears small
- 7.1.7. **Officer Recommendation** – Award £15,000 from the capital budget.

Ref	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
7.2.	Sherston Tennis Club	To provide tennis coaching for children attending Sherston Primary School	Revenue	£483

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- 7.2.1. This application largely meets the 2006/7 funding criteria for Area 1 Committee, however there is only a general reference to the Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan (see page 5 “Sherston”).
- 7.2.2. This project seeks to introduce tennis to primary school children and subsequently encourage them to start and continue to play tennis. As part of this scheme, the local tennis club will allow youngsters to use the courts free of charge, one morning a week during the summer holidays.
- 7.2.3. The Club hopes that this scheme will attract new junior members and their families to the club and raise awareness in the community to this local facility.
- 7.2.4. Officers do not believe the school would otherwise offer tennis coaching to pupils, so this application is not viewed as funding a core service of the primary school.
- 7.2.5. The officer recommendation below is based upon the following considerations:
- The project does not feature in the Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan 2005-2015, however a scheme such as this would be unlikely to do so. Activities for young people are however sought both in the town and villages
 - There is an intention to sustain interest following the coaching programme
 - The funding request is modest
- 7.2.6. **Officer Recommendation** - Award £483 from the revenue budget.

Ref	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
7.3.	Trustees of Alderton Village Pond and Green See Appendix 5	Construction of a proper verge between the wall surrounding the pond and the road	Capital	£ 750

- 7.3.1. The application largely meets the 2006/7 funding criteria for Area 1 Committee, however, there are only general references to the Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan (see page 5 “Luckington & Alderton”. Page 34 also makes general reference to improving wildlife). There are however, no direct links to this specific scheme.
- 7.3.2. The estimate from the County Council suggests the Parish should contribute £1,000 towards the scheme. This, coupled with the fact that the pond is a much appreciated element of community life, officers suggest that there should perhaps be a more even split of funding between the Parish and District Council.
- 7.3.3. The officer recommendation below is based upon the following considerations:
- This project does not feature in the Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan 2005-2015
 - It is traditional that small highways projects are shared by County, District and Parish Councils
 - The contribution from the parish council towards this valued community facility is small
- 7.3.4. **Officer Recommendation** - Award £500 from the revenue budget.

Ref	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
7.4.	Minety Village Hall See Appendix 6	Minety Community Day on 1 st July 2006	Revenue	£ 500

- 7.4.1. The application meets the 2006/7 funding criteria for Area 1 Committee. General references to Minety are made in the Malmesbury & Villages Community on pages 6,18,35 and 37. There is no direct link to this type of event, although there is to the value of the Village Hall, around which this event is centred.
- 7.4.2. The aim of this event is to run a consultative day with the whole community in order to find out what local people want from their village hall. It is hoped that this will encourage more people to get involved with the planned repairs and refurbishment of the hall and greater community use of it.
- 7.4.3. Questionnaires have already been used to gauge the views of local people; however, it is felt that an event, involving all current users, would help to raise awareness to activities already taking place in the hall.
- 7.4.4. The officer recommendation below is based upon the following considerations:
- The project does not feature in the Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan 2005-2015, although there is an indirect reference
 - Community consultation has proceeded and will form an important element of this event,
 - The funding request is modest
- 7.4.5. **Officer Recommendation** - Award £500 from the revenue budget.

Ref	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
7.5.	Hullavington New Village Hall Project Group See Appendix 7	Re-equipping the new village hall with tables, chairs and collapsible stage system	Capital	£ 5,044

- 7.5.1. The application meets the 2006/7 funding criteria for Area 1 Committee, including references to the Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan (see general references to Hullavington on page 5 and specific reference to this scheme on page 34).
- 7.5.2. This application concerns the re-equipping the new Village Hall, following its destruction by fire in March 2004. A considerable amount of community consultation has taken place to inform the re-building of the hall, in order that the needs of local people can be accommodated.
- 7.5.3. A huge amount of hard work has been taken on by the community in order to re-build the village hall in a comparatively short period.
- 7.5.4. The Parish Council have and will continue to make a significant financial contribution towards the rebuilding and furnishing of the new hall, which will come from the parish precept.
- 7.5.5. This Committee did contribute £2,986 in January 2003 to replacement windows and door prior to the fire.
- 7.5.6. The officer recommendation below is based upon the following considerations:
- This project does feature in the Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan 2005-2015
 - The parish council contribution towards this community meeting place is significant
- 7.5.7. **Officer Recommendation** - Award £5,044 from the capital budget.

Ref	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
7.6.	White Lion Park Recreation Association	Provide a Children's Play area for children aged 2 - 6 years	Capital	£ 10,000

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- 7.6.1. The application only partially meets the 2006/7 funding criteria for Area 1 Committee, including references to the Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan (see general comments on page 5 and specific one on page 35 which refer to retention of play areas).
- 7.6.2. This application forms part of a long-term aspiration to provide a range of recreation facilities at White Lion Park.
- 7.6.3. It is understood that the Town Council will be purchasing the equipment on behalf of the applicant. If this is to be the case, then the current funding criteria would only allow this Committee to match fund the Town Council's contribution.
- 7.6.4. Although the applicant is seeking to have this scheme in place before Christmas, there is little evidence that the Recreation Association has investigated sources of funding other than this Committee and their own fundraising.
- 7.6.5. Clarification is currently being sought about the need for planning permission for this scheme
- 7.6.6. It would appear that the Town Council is likely to be supportive of this scheme and that a partnership approach with the applicant might be the best way to proceed to ensure its long term sustainability, maintenance and health and safety checks
- 7.6.7. Officers are of the opinion that the scheme has been submitted prematurely and should be invited to re-submit their application to the September Committee.
- 7.6.8. The officer recommendation below is based upon the following considerations:
- The project does not feature in the Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan 2005-2015
 - The involvement of the Town Council in this scheme is unclear
 - There is little indication as to where partnership funding for this project is being sought
 - Clarification about the need for planning permission is outstanding
 - The request for funding is premature
- 7.6.9. **Officer Recommendation** – No Award.

Ref	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
7.7.	Sherston Parish Council See Appendix 9	Installation of railings along the Pennymead wall adjoining Court Street	Capital	£ 4,940

- 7.7.1. The application largely meets the 2006/7 funding criteria for Area 1 Committee, although there is only a general reference to the Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan (see page 5 "Sherston"); there is no direct link.
- 7.7.2. The applicant is seeking 50% of funding towards provision of railings to ensure the safety of young people using the recreation ground, an issue of concern to local parents.
- 7.7.3. It would appear that following work undertaken to the Pennymead wall last year that this work was outstanding. Officers question whether the Parish should have precepted to cover all or a larger proportion of the costs.
- 7.7.4. The officer recommendation below is based upon the following considerations:
- This project does not feature in the Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan 2005-2015
 - This type of planned maintenance work should have been accounted for when setting the 2006/07 precept
 - Accept that there is a community value in this work being completed

7.7.5. **Officer Recommendation** - Award £3,000 from the capital budget.

Ref	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
7.8.	Sherston Parish Council See Appendix 10	Two sets of replacement football posts	Capital	£ 509.85

7.8.1. The application largely meets the 2006/7 funding criteria for Area 1 Committee. While there are general references to the Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan (see page 5 "Sherston"), there are no specific references to this type of project

7.8.2. The replacement of this equipment is a matter of some urgency as they do not currently comply with Health & Safety regulations

7.8.3. This equipment will be used extensively by the local community, by both adult and young people.

7.8.4. The officer recommendation below is based upon the following considerations:

- The project does not feature in the Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan 2005-2015, however a scheme such as this would be unlikely to do so. Activities for young people are, however, sought both in the town and villages
- The funding request is modest
- By reducing the award by less than £10, this award may be taken from the revenue budget

7.8.5. **Officer Recommendation** - Award £500 from the revenue budget.

Ref	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
7.9.	Sherston Village Hall See Appendix 11	A new storage shed	Capital	£ 2,750

7.9.1. This application partially meets the 2006/7 funding criteria for Area 1 Committee. While there are general references to the Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan (see page 5 "Sherston"), there is no specific reference to this project, although there is a reference to Sherston Village Hall no longer being an adequate size (see page 35).

7.9.2. It is positive that the applicant has approached some funders to contribute towards this scheme, however in the opinion of Officers more funders could have been approached, while the Trustees of the Village Hall should have anticipated this work and have been put aside a budget to address the work.

7.9.3. The officer recommendation below is based upon the following considerations:

- This project does not directly feature in the Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan 2005-2015, although there is a reference to the inadequate size of the village hall
- This work appears to have been anticipated over a number of years, but maintenance costs not put aside
- Funding from other sources could be investigated, including local businesses

7.9.4. **Officer Recommendation** - Award £2,000 from the capital budget.

Ref	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
7.10.	Luckington Village Hall	Replacement windows and emergency doors	Capital	£ 3,453

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- 7.10.1. This application meets the 2006/7 funding criteria for Area 1 Committee. There are general and specific references to the Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan (see page 5 “Luckington and Alderton” and page 35 which refers to sustaining Luckington Village hall as a good gathering place).
- 7.10.2. This Committee has been very supportive of this village hall over recent years, contributing to a range of improvements. It is disappointing that the applicant has not sought funding from elsewhere, such as the Parish Council and is seeking 50% of funding for this project.
- 7.10.3. Members may wish to inform the applicant that the Parish Council will be expected to contribute towards any future refurbishment of this community facility.
- 7.10.4. It is recognised that the Village Hall is the main community meeting place in this community
- 7.10.5. The officer recommendation below is based upon the following considerations:
- This project does feature in the Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan 2005-2015
 - Funding from other sources, including the parish council should have been investigated
 - The Village Hall Committee be informed that in future Area 1 Committee will only consider applications where other sources of funding are also sought
- 7.10.6. **Officer Recommendation** - Award £3,453 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, Members will have a capital balance of £23,621 and a revenue balance of £5,017
- 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 Application Forms
2006/07 Community Area Award Funding Criteria
Malmesbury & Villages Community Area Plan 2005 -2015

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