

## Report No 10 - Community Area Grants

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| <b>Report to</b>       | <b>Malmesbury Area Board</b>          |
| <b>Date of Meeting</b> | <b>16<sup>th</sup> September 2009</b> |
| <b>Title of Report</b> | <b>Community Area Grants</b>          |

### **Purpose of Report**

To ask Councillors to consider 1 application seeking 2009/10 Community Area Grant Funding

1. Malmesbury Cricket Club – seeking £950 to purchase and install heating in the club house.

## 1. Background

- 1.1. A single and simple application process was accepted by the Implementation Executive on 13 May 2009 for use during 2009/10. Appendix 1 contains the Community Area Grants Pack, which has been developed and includes details of the grants process and criteria.
- 1.2. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to the Area Boards by the Leader of the Council (13 May 2009). Under the terms of that delegation Area Boards must operate within the policies set by the Leader and /or the Council. The Council has adopted an Area Grants policy, with funding criteria, to which the Area Boards must adhere.
- 1.3. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any recommendation of an Area Board that was contrary to the funding criteria would need the approval of the Leader, the appropriate Cabinet Member or the Cabinet.
- 1.4. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting until 31 March 2010.
- 1.5. Malmesbury Area Board was allocated for 2009/10 a budget of £30,481. After the deduction of 20% of this budget to core fund the Community Area Partnership, a total of £22,353 remains to distribute through the Community Area Grants Scheme.

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| <b>Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Community Area Grant Application Pack 2009/10</b></li><li>• <b>Malmesbury &amp; the Villages Community Area Plan 2005-2015</b></li></ul> |
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## 2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2009/10 year are made to applicants where projects can realistically proceed before 31 March 2010.
- 2.2. There will be 3 rounds of funding during 2009/10. The first is contained in this report the remaining will take place on:
  - 11 November 2009
  - 20 January 2010
  - 3 March 2010
- 2.3. Community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils are encouraged to submit funding applications to the 11 November area board. Closing date for receipt of applications is 30 September 2009.

## 3. Environmental Implications

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- 3.1. Fuel options at the Cricket Club are limited, however the applicant in opting for storage heaters and therefore using off-peak electricity on a discounted tariff.

### 4. Financial Implications

- 4.1. Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Malmesbury Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Malmesbury Area Board will have a balance of £ 21,403.

### 5. Legal Implications

- 5.1. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

### 6. HR Implications

- 6.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

### 7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

- 7.1. Wiltshire Council is committed to Equality and Inclusion. Community Area Grants give all local community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.
- 7.2. Consideration has been given to each application and implications are outlined within section 8 of this report.

### 8. Officer Recommendations

| Ref  | Applicant               | Project proposal                                  | Funding requested |
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| 8.1. | Malmesbury Cricket Club | To purchase and install heating in the clubhouse. | £ 950             |

- 8.1.1. It is recommended that Malmesbury Cricket Club is awarded a grant of £950 in order to purchase and install heating in the clubhouse.
- 8.1.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2009/10 grant criteria.
- 8.1.3. This application has specific links to Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan 2005-2010 (pp 36) and in expanding the use of the club house, meets the need to provide more youth and sport facilities in the area.
- 8.1.4. This application has been prompted by the Cricket Club, (who normally would have limited use of their club house in the winter months) following their recent expansion to accommodate a new football team who cannot find suitable pitch facilities elsewhere to allow them to fulfil their Sunday League fixtures.

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- 8.1.5. This decision has prompted the Cricket Club to consider wider use of their Clubhouse during the colder months of the year, enabling them to accommodate their own meetings, ensure supporters of the youth section of the cricket club (who train in the Spring time) and the new football team to have a more comfortable environment, as well as offer the Clubhouse to local organisations for meetings and social events.
- 8.1.6. It should be noted that the majority of the club membership is made up from young players in the Under 9 and Under 15 age groups.
- 8.1.7. The Wiltshire Council's Sports Development Manager has confirmed that this club ran a successful Kwik Cricket Festival in June involving Malmesbury schools, thus increasing the involvement of young people in sporting activities. He would however, like to see the Cricket Club work with the Council's sports development team towards Club Accreditation.
- 9.1.6 The project relates indirectly to Wiltshire Council priorities to encourage people to make lifestyle changes that will have a positive impact on themselves and their family, as well as to improve adult participation in sport and improve young people's participation in positive activities. It also relates to building resilient communities through having local clubs and groups attracting local people of all ages and backgrounds.
- 9.1.7 A decision not to fund this application will result in a delay in providing heating that is important if the club is to provide a quality facility to both its members and other local groups, while the organisation seeks other funding sources.

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| <b>Appendices:</b> | <b>Appendix 1 Community Area Grant Pack</b><br><b>Appendix 2 Grant application – Malmesbury Cricket Club</b> |
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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