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| Report to | Malmesbury Area Board |
| Date of Meeting | 11 November 2009 |
| Title of Report | Community Area Grants |

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 11 applications seeking 2009/10 Community Area Grant Funding

1. Malmesbury Town Council – seeking £2,500 to purchase a portable stair lift to enable all parts of the Town hall to accessible for those using wheelchairs.
2. Malmesbury School – seeking £489 to purchase special items to enable promotion of renewable energy technology in transport as part of a special vocational and practical skills-based course.
3. U Too Community Business Ltd – seeking £3,780 towards provision of a level 2 accredited Parenting Skills Course for young mothers living in the Malmesbury Community Area.
4. Cross Hayes Pre School – seeking £970 for a selection of play equipment to enhance the physical activity levels of the children attending.
5. Oaksey Football Club – seeking £763 towards improvements to the senior teams' pitch.
6. Malmesbury Film Society – seeking £750 towards the cost of new speakers.
7. 1st Malmesbury (King Athelstan) Scout Group – seeking £2,681 towards the cost of repairs to stonework of St Mary's Hall.
8. Friends of Athelstan Museum – seeking £3,500 towards community reach out with schools and the wider community
9. Malmesbury Branch of the Embroiderer's Guild – seeking £2,350 towards the cost of creating a series of textile wall hangings for Malmesbury Town Hall
10. Minety Toddler Group – seeking £953 to provide storage and shelving for equipment and toys.
11. Malmesbury School Hockey Group – seeking £750 towards the cost of hockey training on Astroturf during the winter months

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. The Community Grants Pack includes details of the grants process and criteria and may be found either on the Councils website at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards or as a paper version through the report author.
- 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 a budget of £22,353 to distribute through the Community Area Grants Scheme for 2009/2010. Following awards made at the September meeting the budget remaining for distribution is £21,403.
- 1.6. An application was received from the Malmesbury 1st Group in respect to provision of a parking refund scheme, related to the September Area Board discussion about town centre regeneration. The proposal did not however meet the funding criteria.

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| Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Area Grant Application Pack 2009/10 • Malmesbury & the Villages Community Area Plan 2005-2015 |
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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 are 4 rounds of funding opportunities during 2009/10. The second is contained in this report the remaining will take place, assuming funds are available, on:
 - 20 January 2010
 - 3 March 2010
- 2.3. Community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils are encouraged to submit funding applications to the 20 January 2010 area board. Closing date for receipt of applications is 30 November 2009.

3. Environmental Implications

- 3.1. Consideration has been given to each application and implications are outlined within section 8 of this report.

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 £5,744.

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 Town Council | To purchase a portable stair lift | £ 2,500 |

- 8.1.1. It is recommended that Malmesbury Town Council is awarded a grant of £2,500 towards the purchase of a portable stair lift to ensure the town hall is accessible to those with mobility problems, conditional on the balance of funding being in place.
- 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, especially in respect to the town hall being a key meeting place for the whole community and relates to Wiltshire Council priority to build more resilient communities through creation of more inclusive communities.
- 8.1.4. This application has been prompted by the town hall in order to improve accessibility to their building and to ensure greater use of the town hall.
- 8.1.5. While the town hall does have a lift to enable access to most parts of the building, there are areas within the building which do still provide access problems. These are a result of the town hall being constructed from 4 buildings with a variation in floor height. Thus there are a few steps to access the council chamber (and adjoining room) and also the Old School Room. The portable stair lift would enable wheelchair users to access these areas.

- 8.1.6. Currently wheelchair users of the Old School Room have to exit the building and re-enter in order to use the disabled toilet, while the portable lift would ensure easy access. In addition it is hoped that the council chamber can be offered as a training space as well as being offered as a place where wedding ceremonies may be performed.
- 8.1.7. The cost of purchase of the stair lift also includes staff training for its use. The device would be used by the caretaker who would be present throughout lettings.
- 8.1.8. A decision not to fund this application may result in a delay while the applicant either reconsiders priorities for council spending for 2009/10 or delays proceeding with this project until next year when funding can be allocated in the 2010/11 budget.

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| 8.2. | Malmesbury School | Items to promote renewable energy technology in transport, as part of a special vocational and practical skills-based course. | £ 489 |

- 8.2.1. It is recommended that Malmesbury School is awarded a grant of £489 to purchase items to promote renewable energy technology in transport, as part of a special vocational and practical skills-based course.
- 8.2.2. While Officers are aware that statutory bodies are normally ineligible to receive funding, officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2009/10 grant criteria since this course is a course which relies totally on sponsorship from local companies. The applicant is turning to the Area Board for the first time as a result of problems relating to impact of the recession on these firms.
- 8.2.3. While there is no specific link to the Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan 2005-2010, this project clearly related to a number of the Council's aspirations to support economic growth and protect the environment and also helps to improve young people's participation in positive activities.
- 8.2.4. Some 60 students aged 15-16 will benefit this year from use of this equipment as part of a unique optional externally sponsored vocational course which includes vehicle mechanics, robotics, building, plumbing, domestic electrical installation and health and safety. In previous years successful students have gone on to take up apprenticeships with sponsoring firms.
- 8.2.5. Supporting this application will help those young people who are motivated through practical hands on learning rather than the more academic route.
- 8.2.6. The equipment to be purchased – a fuel cell model car and solar module and Notebook will teach and hopefully inspire young people to take an active part in reducing atmospheric pollution during their adult years.
- 8.2.7. A decision not to fund this application will probably result in the equipment not being able to be purchased, resulting in this part of the course being omitted this year.

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| 8.3. | U Too Community Business Ltd | Provision of a level 2 accredited Parenting Skills course for young mothers living in the Malmesbury Community Area. | £ 3,780 |

- 8.3.1. It is recommended that U Too Community Business Ltd is awarded a grant of £3,780, towards the provision of a level 2 accredited Parenting Skills course for young mothers living in the Malmesbury Community Area, conditional on the balance of funding being in place and at minimum of 10 mothers enrolling on the course.
- 8.3.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2009/10 grant criteria.
- 8.3.3. This application has specific links to Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan 2005-2010 in respect to providing learning opportunities. Furthermore it links to Council priorities to building resilient communities through improving young people's participation in positive activities as well as encouraging people to make lifestyle changes that will have a positive impact on the health of both themselves and their children and 'lives not services'. It also supports the Council's priority to support economic growth and safer communities.
- 8.3.4. This course will be delivered to approximately 8-10 young mothers over 25 weeks, one day a week. While the course will only benefit a small number of teenage mothers, it will ensure those who do attend, will gain a nationally recognised qualification. Such a qualification is likely to directly benefit their children, but also build their confidence and provide a sound base for future learning and employment opportunities.
- 8.3.5. Young mothers will be referred from Connexions, health visitors, the council's Children and Families service and the Malmesbury children's centre. They are likely to be physically isolated, lonely and often suffering from post natal depression. It should be recognised that the rural nature of the Malmesbury Community Area exacerbates their situation and access to supportive services.
- 8.3.6. A pilot programme offered earlier this year was considered very successful and referring agencies are keen for it to be repeated.
- 8.3.7. U Too is a not for profit organisation working in partnership with Learning Curve and Malmesbury Children's Centre to deliver this course.
- 8.3.8. A decision not to fund this application will result in either a delay in running this course while other funding is sought or cancelling it.

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| 8.4. | Cross Hayes Pre School | A selection of play equipment to enhance the physical activity levels of the children attending. | £ 970 |
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- 8.4.1. It is recommended that Cross Hayes Pre School is awarded a grant of £970 towards the purchase a selection of play equipment to enhance the physical activity levels of the children attending the pre-school.
- 8.4.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2009/10 grant criteria.
- 8.4.3. This application links to Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan 2005-2010 where the pre-school is specifically identified. It also links to the 'resilient communities' priority of the Council.
- 8.4.4. The pre-school has operated for 30 years and currently caters for 50 children aged 2½ – 4 years old role.
- 8.4.5. The Early Years Foundation require the emphasis on physical activity and without an outdoor play area, indoor equipment is required. The current equipment requires updating and replacement.
- 8.4.6. The applicant states that the high costs of hiring the Old School Room prevent them from contributing funds towards this project.
- 8.4.7. A decision not to fund this application is likely to result in a delay in the project proceeding while the applicant seeks other sources of funding.

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| 8.5. | Oaksey Football Club | Improvements to the senior team pitch | £ 763 |

- 8.5.1. It is recommended that Oaksey Football Club is awarded a grant of £588 towards the improvement of the senior team pitch.
- 8.5.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application partially meets 2009/10 grant criteria.
- 8.5.3. This application has specific links to Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan 2005-2010, in respect to providing more sports facilities within the villages. Providing sporting facilities encourages people to make lifestyle changes that will have a positive impact on the health of both themselves and their family. This application also links to the Council's priority of building sustainable communities.
- 8.5.4. The applicant is contributing 50% of the cost of this project.
- 8.5.5. Undertaking this work will benefit two senior sides and the under 15 team, while the cricket team will indirectly benefit as they use part of the same space. Junior teams are developing and will be beneficiaries in the longer term.
- 8.5.6. Officers are of the opinion that the green-keeping element of this application relates to running costs and that the Area Board should only consider awarding 50% of the costs of excavating and making good the site.

- 8.5.7. A decision not to fully fund this application is likely to result in a delay in the project proceeding.

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| 8.6. | Malmesbury Film Society | Cost of new speakers | £ 900 |

- 8.6.1. It is recommended that Malmesbury Film Society is awarded a grant of £900 towards the purchase of new speakers.
- 8.6.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2009/10 grant criteria.
- 8.6.3. This application has no specific links to Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan 2005-2010, although does provide a local facility for the local community that people would otherwise have to travel further afield to enjoy. It links to Council priorities associated with resilient communities and protecting the environment. In the case of the latter it could reduce travel to cinemas outside the community area.
- 8.6.4. The applicant wishes to purchase new speakers to improve the sound quality for its members. It has already installed an induction hearing loop at St Mary's Hall and the new speakers will further improve the experience for members and guests.
- 8.6.5. The applicant is happy to allow other local organisations to use their equipment to show other community films.
- 8.6.6. A decision not to fund this application is likely to result in a delay in the project proceeding, which will limit the enjoyment of attending film night especially by those who suffer hearing problems.

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| 8.7. | 1 st Malmesbury (King Athelstan) Scout Group | Repairs to stonework of St Mary's Hall. | £ 2,681 |

- 8.7.1. It is recommended that 1st Malmesbury (King Athelstan) Scout Group is awarded a grant of £2,681 towards, repairs to stonework of St Mary's hall, conditional on the balance of funding being in place.
- 8.7.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2009/10 grant criteria.
- 8.7.3. The application indirectly links to Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan 2005-2010 which identified the need for meeting places with in Malmesbury town centre in which local organisations could meet. It also linked to the current Wiltshire Council priority of creating resilient communities.
- 8.7.4. St Mary's Hall is owned by the scout group but is used widely by local societies and groups at modest costs.
- 8.7.5. The applicant is requesting less than 50% of the total cost of this project and has advised officers that as soon as this work has been completed a depreciation fund will be instigated to offset future maintenance.

- 8.7.6. Much of the maintenance that does not require specialist skills and equipment is carried out by volunteer Hall Users.
- 8.7.7. A decision not to fund this application is likely to result in a delay in the project proceeding while the applicant seeks funding from other sources, which is likely to be difficult since many funders prefer to fund more tangible community projects.

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| 8.8. | Friends of Athelstan Museum | Community out-reach | £ 3,500 |

- 8.8.1. It is recommended that Friends of Athelstan Museum is awarded a grant of £1,500 towards community out-reach with schools and the wider community, conditional on the balance of funding being in place.
- 8.8.2. Officers are of the opinion that this does meet the 2009/10 grant criteria, although it is borderline as to whether this project, operating throughout the year is stand alone or running costs.
- 8.8.3. This application has only indirect links to Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan 2005-2010, although does link to Wiltshire Council priorities of creating resilient communities, increasing the number of people involved in volunteering and will improve young people's participation in positive activities.
- 8.8.4. The project seeks to engage all age groups, but especially with young people related to the school curriculum, in a number of areas.
- 8.8.5. The application is ambitious and appears to be aimed at all sections of the community. While the greatest single cost is a consultant, the aspiration is that training of volunteers can be provided during the year to enable the project to become sustainable.
- 8.8.6. A decision not to fully fund this application is likely to result in a delay in the project proceeding while the applicant seeks funding from other sources.

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| 8.9. | Malmesbury Branch of the Embroiderer's Guild School | Contribute towards the cost of creating a series of textile wall hangings for Malmesbury Town Hall | £ 2,350 |

- 8.9.1. It is recommended that Malmesbury Branch of the Embroiderer's Guild School is awarded a grant of £800 towards the, cost of creating a series of textile wall hangings for Malmesbury Town Hall conditional on the balance of funding being in place.
- 8.9.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2009/10 grant criteria.
- 8.9.3. This application has no specific links to Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan 2005-2010, although it links to Wiltshire Council's priorities of creating resilient communities, increasing the number of people involved in volunteering and improving young people's participation in positive activities.

- 8.9.4. The group involved in this project include both adults and members of an after school textile club of about 20 boys and girls. It is a good illustration of an inter-generational project and one which will give visual pleasure to many using the town hall in the coming years.
- 8.9.5. The theme of the wall hangings is the 1000th anniversary of the Flight of Elmer the Monk which will be celebrated in 2010.
- 8.9.6. The wall hangings will be displayed in the Elmer bar in the town hall and for that reason officers feel it is disappointing that the Town Council have been unable to contribute towards this project, other than through £500 from the Mayors fund.
- 8.9.7. A decision not to fully fund this application is likely to result in a delay in the project proceeding while the applicant seeks funding from other sources.

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| 8.10. | Minety Toddler Group | Provision of storage and shelving for equipment and toys | £ 953 |

- 8.10.1. It is recommended that Minety Toddler Group is awarded a grant of £701 to purchase storage and shelving for equipment and toys.
- 8.10.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2009/10 grant criteria.
- 8.10.3. This application links to the Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan 2005-2010 through an acknowledgement of village amenities such as pre-school provision. It also links to the 'resilient communities' priority of the Council.
- 8.10.4. The toddler group currently caters for 15 children and 10 carers, providing social support for parents and play experiences for children in what is quite an isolated environment. The group meet in the village hall.
- 8.10.5. It is hoped that with improvement in storage facilities that water damaged toys can be replaced, which will prove more appealing to newcomers.
- 8.10.6. Officers are of the opinion that that Minety parish council should be requested to contribute towards the balance of this project (£252), since the toddler group does benefit its immediate community.
- 8.10.7. A decision not to fully fund this application is likely to result in a delay in the project proceeding while the applicant seeks funding from other sources.

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| 8.11. | Malmesbury School Hockey Group | Hockey training on Astroturf during the winter months | £ 750 |

- 8.11.1. It is recommended that Malmesbury School Hockey Group is awarded a grant of £750 to enable 35 students to benefit from three additional coaching sessions to give them confidence to join local hockey clubs.

- 8.11.2. While officers are aware that statutory bodies are not eligible to receive funding, officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2009/10 grant criteria since this extends opportunities for young people and bridges the gap between school and a joining a sports club.
- 8.11.3. This application links to the Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan 2005-2010 as it satisfies the need to provide recreational opportunities for young people. It also links to the Council's priorities to build resilient communities and lives not services through the encouragement of regular exercise amongst young people.
- 8.11.4. The project seeks to increase the involvement of young people in hockey beyond the confines of school, where the season is very short and they only play on grass. Access to an all weather surface, coupled with high quality coaching on this new surface will seek to increase the confidence of the young people and encourage them to take the extra step to join a local club.
- 8.11.5. The cost of travel will be funded by the students.
- 8.11.6. A decision not to fund this application will result in this project not proceeding as funding is unlikely to be available from other sources.

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| Appendices: | <p>Appendix 1 Grant application – Malmesbury Town Council</p> <p>Appendix 2 Grant application – Malmesbury School</p> <p>Appendix 3 Grant application – U Too Community Business Ltd</p> <p>Appendix 4 Grant application – Cross Hayes Pre School</p> <p>Appendix 5 Grant application – Oaksey Football Club</p> <p>Appendix 6 Grant application – Malmesbury Film Society</p> <p>Appendix 7 Grant application – Malmesbury Film Society</p> <p>Appendix 8 Grant application – 1st Malmesbury (King Athelstan) Scout Group</p> <p>Appendix 9 Grant application – Friends of Athelstan Museum</p> <p>Appendix 10 Grant application – Malmesbury Branch of the Embroiderer's Guild</p> <p>Appendix 11 Grant application – Minety Toddler Group</p> <p>Appendix 12 Grant application - Malmesbury School Hockey Group</p> |
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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