

Report to	Marlborough Community Area Board
Date of Meeting	7 December 2009
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 5 applications seeking 2009/10 Community Area Grant Scheme.

1. Ramsbury and Aldbourne Bowls Club – seeking £2387 towards the purchase of a special mower for use on the newly constructed bowling green.
2. Christchurch Friendship Club – seeking £900 to fund three activities through their drop-in club open to all.
3. We Love Marlborough Ltd – seeking £3087 towards a weekend of drama and performance for 7-11 year olds.
4. Aldbourne Parish Council – seeking £604 towards the purchase of a metal picnic bench for the Goddards Lane play area.
5. Broad Hinton and Winterbourne Bassett Parish Council – seeking £308 towards the purchase of a replacement parish notice board.

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 Council's 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.

Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2009/10• 2004-2014 Marlborough Community Plan
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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 took place on 5 October 2009; the second is contained in this report and the remaining round will take place on:
 - 8 February 2010
- 2.3. ***Community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils are encouraged to submit funding applications to the 8 February 2010 area board. Closing date for receipt of applications is 18 January 2010.***

3. Environmental Implications

- 3.1. Community Area Grants will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the Community Area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1. Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Marlborough Area Board.

- 4.2. Following the awards made on 5 October, Marlborough Area Board has a Community Area Grant Budget of £22,092.
- 4.3. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Marlborough Area Board will have a balance of £15,243.

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 and 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
8.1.	Ramsbury and Aldbourne Bowls Club	The purchase of a special mower that is essential for the maintenance and use of the newly constructed bowling green.	£2387

- 8.1.1. It is recommended that Ramsbury and Aldbourne Bowls Club is awarded a grant of £2387 to purchase a special grass cutting mower essential for the maintenance of the newly constructed bowling green.
- 8.1.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2009/10 grant criteria.
- 8.1.3. This application has direct and indirect links to the 2004-2014 Marlborough Community Plan in so much that it 'encourages the involvement of young people in activities' and generally helps to fill a gap where there is a lack of local facilities, especially in rural areas.
- 8.1.4. The project relates directly to Wiltshire Council's priorities to increase the number of local people involved in regular volunteering, encourages people to make lifestyle changes that will have a positive impact on the health of both themselves and their families, and increases adult participation in sport.

- 8.1.5. The Ramsbury and Aldbourne Bowls Club is requesting £2387 which represents 50% of the overall project costs of £4774. The remaining costs will be met by club members' donations.
- 8.1.6. There will be no discrimination, either positive or negative, with regard to the target group of beneficiaries who will be mainly local residents.
- 8.1.7. A decision not to fund this application may result in the inability of the club to use the new three rink green.

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8.2.	Christchurch Friendship Club	Funding three events through the drop-in club to allow subsidised activities for financially disadvantaged participants.	£ 900

- 8.2.1. It is recommended that Christchurch Friendship Club is awarded a grant of £900 to fund three events that will to allow subsidised activities for financially disadvantaged participants.
- 8.2.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2009/10 grant criteria.
- 8.2.3. This application has direct and indirect links to the 2004-2014 Marlborough Community Plan in so much that it 'encourages events that create a sense of pride and well-being' and generally provides opportunities for the growing number of older people.
- 8.2.4. The project relates directly to Wiltshire Council's priorities to engage with local people to find out their priorities and help them find solutions, increase the number of local people involved in regular volunteering and to increase the number of people who feel safe in their community.
- 8.2.5. The Christchurch Friendship Club is requesting £900 which represents 100% of the overall project costs.
- 8.2.6. There will be no discrimination, either positive or negative, with regard to the target group of beneficiaries who will be mainly local residents.
- 8.2.7. A decision not to fund this application will result in the inability of the club to offer subsidised trips to financially disadvantaged members.

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8.3.	We Love Marlborough	A weekend of drama and singing, culminating in a performance by 7-11 year olds.	£3087

- 8.3.1. It is recommended that We Love Marlborough is awarded a grant of £2650 towards the weekend of drama, singing and performance of Wind in the Willows, conditional that it is used to fund the production fee, musicians and costumes.
- 8.3.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2009/10 grant criteria.
- 8.3.3. This application has specific links to the 2004-2014 Marlborough Community Plan, primarily linked to Culture, but also to Economy. The event seeks to involve young people in activities, including those with disabilities. It links to the need to encourage community events that create a sense of pride and well-being and the project will also contribute to the viability of the primary school at which the event is to be held. The project will promote a new local business 'Words Fly Up'.
- 8.3.4. The project relates directly to Wiltshire Council's priorities, engaging the community in local activities, including through volunteering, supporting local businesses and involving young people in positive activities.
- 8.3.5. We Love Marlborough are requesting £3087 which represents 50% of the overall project costs.
- 8.3.6. Officers note that a significant proportion of project costs are related to management fees. In view of the fact that Community Area Grant funding criteria state it will not support running costs, any award must allocated towards the costs of activities.
- 8.3.7. There will be no discrimination, either positive or negative, with regard to the target group of beneficiaries who will be mainly local residents.
- 8.3.8. A decision not to fully fund this application is unlikely to stop the event from fulfilling its aims, but will probably result in the applicant underwriting any losses.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4.	Aldbourn Parish Council	Replacement of play area equipment.	£604

8.4.1. It is recommended that Aldbourn Parish Council is awarded a grant of £604 to purchase and install a metal picnic bench at the Goddards Lane play area.

8.4.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2009/10 grant criteria.

8.4.3. This application has direct and indirect links to the 2004-2014 Marlborough Community Plan in so much as the bench is designed to cater for disabled needs and it encourages the involvement of young people in activities and events. This will create a sense of pride and well-being by creating a meeting place for all age groups.

8.4.4. The project relates directly to Wiltshire Council's priorities to encourage people to make lifestyle changes that will have a positive impact on the health of both themselves and their families. It will also improve the local area through intergenerational activities, increase young people's participation in positive activities and reduce perceptions of anti-social behaviour.

8.4.5. Aldbourn Parish Council is requesting £604 which represents 50% of the overall project costs of £1208. The remaining costs will be met by parish council funds.

8.4.6. There will be no discrimination, either positive or negative, with regard to the target group of beneficiaries who will be mainly local residents.

8.4.7. A decision not to fund this application may result in the reduced use of the play area by families and groups.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5.	Broad Hinton and Winterbourne Bassett Parish Council	Replacement of parish notice board in Winterbourne Bassett.	£308

8.5.1. It is recommended that Broad Hinton and Winterbourne Bassett Parish Council is awarded a grant of £308 to purchase and install a replacement of parish notice board.

8.5.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2009/10 grant criteria.

- 8.5.3. This application has direct and indirect links to the 2004-2014 Marlborough Community Plan as it will enable a wide cross section of the Winterbourne Bassett community, but particularly those without email access, to read notices detailing what is happening in the parish.
- 8.5.4. The project relates directly to Wiltshire Council's priorities to engage local people through advertising parish council meetings, improve adult and young people's participation in sport and activities via notices of events within the parish. The notice board will facilitate the support of businesses and intergenerational activities through the communication of community events.
- 8.5.5. Broad Hinton and Winterbourne Bassett Parish Council is requesting £308 which represents 50% of the overall project costs of £615. The remaining costs will be met by parish council funds.
- 8.5.6. There will be no discrimination, either positive or negative, with regard to the target group of beneficiaries who will be mainly local residents.
- 8.5.7. A decision not to fund this project is could deprive some local people of accessing information.

Appendices:	Appendix A – Ramsbury and Aldbourne Bowls Club Appendix B – Christchurch Friendship Club Appendix C – We Love Marlborough Appendix D – Aldbourne Parish Council Appendix E – Broad Hinton & Winterbourne Parish Council
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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