

Report to	Pewsey Area Board
Date of Meeting	9th November 2009
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of the Report

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

Officer recommendations

1. Burbage Village Hall – award £1,000 for replacement of old glass window frames and door in hall kitchen
2. Manningford Parish Council – award £440 for essential repairs to playground equipment
3. Arts Together – award £930 to recruit and train a team of volunteers to support Arts Together groups in this area
4. Oare Village Hall – award £5,000 for production of Millennium Book , conditional upon written confirmation that income generated from sale of books will be ring-fenced by the Village Hall for future refurbishment
5. Shalbourne Parish Council – award £5,000 for installation of a play area for 0-8 year olds, conditional upon receipt of three quotes and the rest of the funding being raised.

1. Background

- 1.1 A single and simple application process was accepted by the Implementation Executive on 13th 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 (13th 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.

2. Main Considerations

- 2.1 Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2009/10 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed before 31st March 2010.
- 2.2 There are 3 rounds of funding during 2009/10. The first was contained in the report to the last Area Board meeting held on 21st September, the second is within this report and the remaining will take place on

- 11th January 2010

(the 29th March meeting will not be able to commit to any projects that can reasonably be expected to commence before the end of the financial year).

3. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

- 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 Pewsey Area Board.
- 4.2 If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Pewsey Area Board will have a balance of £11,054

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 Diversity Implications

- 7.1 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 Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within the following recommendations

8. Officer recommendation

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	Burbage Village Hall	Replacement of old glass window frames and door with double glazed units in the hall kitchen	£1,000

8.1.1 It is recommended that Burbage Village Hall is awarded a grant of £1,000.

8.1.2 This application meets the grant criteria 2009/10.

8.1.3 This application doesn't demonstrate a specific link to the Pewsey Community Area Plan but it is recognised that village halls are part of the fabric of local communities, and a vital resource for local people for recreation, social events, meetings etc, much of which is included in the Pewsey Community Area Plan. Village halls help to facilitate many of the objectives of the Plan.

8.1.4 The application meets Wiltshire Council priorities through engaging with local people, increasing numbers of people involved in volunteering, encouraging people to make lifestyle changes, improve young people's participation in positive activities and the increased uptake of energy efficiency and renewable energy measures. It also contributes to the ambition of resilient communities

8.1.5 The applicant is a Village Hall which is a non-profit organisation (registered charity) run by Trustees.

8.1.6 The project is for the installation of double glazed door and window units in the kitchen. It will reduce the heating bills, reduce the CO2 footprint of the hall, and remove a safety hazard due to ageing, non-safety glass.

8.1.7 The village hall is used by people of all ages, genders and ethnicities and covers a diverse range of social, sporting, educational and community activities. On average 1000 people use the hall's resources each month. It is the intention of the Trustees to gradually replace all of the 1960's single glazed units in the hall over the next 5 years.

8.1.8 A decision not to fund this project will result in implementation being delayed for some considerable time whilst alternative funding is sought.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2	Manningford Parish Council	Essential repairs to playground equipment	£440

8.2.1 It is recommended that Manningford Parish Council is awarded a grant of £440 towards essential repairs to playground equipment.

8.2.2 This application meets the grant criteria 2009/10.

8.2.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan Page 15 - 3.15, Page 26 6.6, 6.7, page 27 6.8, 6.19

8.2.4 The application meets Wiltshire Council priorities – improve young people's participation in positive activities and reduce perceptions of anti-social behaviour. It also contributes to the ambition of resilient communities

8.2.5 The applicant is Manningford Parish Council who are match funding this project.

8.2.6 The project is to make the necessary repairs to the play equipment so that it meets safety requirements and will be able to stay open until sufficient grant money is obtained to completely replace the facilities in the playground.

8.2.7 There are approximately 30 children of various ages who use the playing field and its facilities, including the play area.

8.2.8 A decision not to fund this project will result in the play area being closed.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3	Arts Together	Phoenix Pewsey – to train a team of volunteers to support the Arts Together groups in this community area	£930

8.3.1 It is recommended that Arts Together – Phoenix Pewsey is awarded a grant of £930 to enable them to recruit and train a small group of volunteers, who will help identify older people to participate in the programme and seek funding to ensure the sustainability of the programme across the Pewsey Community Area.

- 8.3.2 Officers are of the opinion that while this application does not directly provide the art activities for older people, it does meet 2009/10 grant criteria.
- 8.3.3 This application has links to Pewsey Community Plan – Page 13 3.6, 14 3.14, 28 6.13 and 29 6.15.
- 8.3.4 The project relates directly to Wiltshire Councils priorities to increase the number of local people involved in volunteering and encourage people to make lifestyle changes that will have a positive impact on the health of both themselves and their family. It also contributes to the ambition of resilient communities. Indirectly this project is also likely to have a positive impact on the health of people who are involved in the arts programme.
- 8.3.5 The arts programme is provided to approximately 12 older people from the Pewsey community on a weekly basis enabling physically and socially isolated older people to come together and work with professional artists on a range of projects. The future provision of this programme is dependent upon raising the profile of the project within the community and fundraising. There is a continual need to recruit new members and having a team of volunteers will help to do this.
- 8.3.6 A decision not to fund this application will result in a delay in setting up the volunteer programme until funds are sought elsewhere.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4	Oare Village Hall	To print the Oare Millennium Book – an A3 104 page book of Oare and the area showing people and places in 1999/2000	£5,000

- 8.4.1 **It is recommended that Oare Village Hall is awarded £5,000 to enable the Oare Millennium Book to be produced.** This is **conditional** upon (a) the remainder of the funding being raised (b) a number of books (20) being donated to local groups – School, Library, Heritage Centre, Wiltshire History Museum etc and (c) income from the sale of the rest of the books being ring-fenced for refurbishment of Oare Village Hall at a future date. Confirmation that these conditions will be met is required by letter before funds will be released.
- 8.4.2 This application meets the grant criteria 2009/10.
- 8.4.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan in that it contributes to a strong feeling of identity and community spirit Page 25.
- 8.4.4 The application meets Wiltshire Council priorities:- Engage with local people to find out their priorities and work with them to deliver solutions, increase number of local

people involved in regular volunteering, improve young people's participation in positive activities and it also contributes to the ambition of resilient communities.

8.4.5 The applicant is a Village Hall, with Trustees

8.4.6 The project will produce an historical, educational, architectural and heritable record of the people and places within a beautiful area of Wiltshire.

8.4.7 The whole community will benefit with a record of a living history that people can relate to.

8.4.8 If the Area Board decides not to fund the project it will not go ahead in the foreseeable future as funding has been difficult to obtain.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5	Shalbourne Parish Council	To install a play area for 0-8 year olds	£5,000

8.5.1 **It is recommended that Shalbourne Parish Council is awarded £5,000 to install a play area for 0-8 year olds.** This is **conditional** upon receipt of three quotes for the work, and the shortfall in funding being raised.

8.5.2 This application meets the grant criteria 2009/10 with the exception that at the time this report was published three quotes have not been provided. It is in the criteria that for projects over £10,000 three quotes are required.

8.5.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan Page 15 - 3.15, Page 26 6.6, 6.7, page 27 6.8, 6.19

8.5.4 The application meets Wiltshire Council priorities improve young people's participation in positive activities and reduce perceptions of anti-social behaviour. It also contributes to the ambition of resilient communities

8.5.5 The applicant is Shalbourne Parish Council

8.5.6 The project is for an innovative play area for 0-8 years and will be built alongside a new facility for the 8-13 years age group.

8.5.7 If the Area Board decided not to fund the project the play area will not be able to be developed alongside the new facility for older children and economies of scale will be lost. Funding would need to be obtained from elsewhere which would take time. Likewise similarities in design which would be achieved through using the same company to do the work will be lost.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Community Area Grant Criteria Appendix 2 Grant application – Burbage Village Hall Appendix 3 Grant application – Manningford Parish Council Appendix 4 Grant application - Arts Together Appendix 5 Grant application - Oare Village Hall Appendix 6 Grant application – Shalbourne Parish Council
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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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 • Pewsey Community Area Plan
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