

Report to	Tidworth Area Board
Date of Meeting	15 November 2010
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 8 applications seeking 2010/11 Community Area Grant Funding

1. Collingbourne Short Mat Bowls Club –seeking a grant of £300 towards the cost of purchasing more bowls sets to cater for the increase in membership.
Officer Recommendation – Approval
2. Collingbournes and Everleigh Society of Ringers – seeking a grant of £246 to replace existing worn out bell clapper muffles in order to use the church bells for funerals and public events such as Remembrance Sunday.
Officer Recommendation - Approval
3. Ludgershall Pre-School – seeking £2,000 towards the cost of creating a new Pond and nature garden to be enjoyed by the current and future children of Castle Primary School and Ludgershall Pre-School.
Officer Recommendation - Approval
4. POP Youth Dance Project – seeking £1,000 towards the cost of working with local young people to present a Young Peoples’ dance and music performance called Creative Juice.
Officers Recommendation - Approval
5. Ludgershall Memorial Hall Management Committee – seeking £2,652 towards the cost of redecorating the Memorial Hall to improve potential letting and revenue.
Officer Recommendation - Approval
6. Ludgershall Town Council – seeking £500 towards the cost of purchasing and installing Christmas lights to decorate 4 trees in Ludgershall car park.
Officer Recommendation - Approval
7. Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall Trust – seeking £2,500 towards the cost of updating the electrical installation and replacing a dehumidifier.
Officer recommendation - Approval
8. The Parochial Church Council of Collingbourne Kingston – seeking £892 towards the cost of replacing the church bell clapper bushes.
Officer Recommendation - Approval

1. Background

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Community Services (27 February 2010). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance for funding.
- 1.2. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any recommendation of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria would need the approval of the Leader, the appropriate Cabinet Member or the Cabinet.
- 1.3. In accordance with the Area Board Grants Guidance officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, however, the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on this Area Board.
- 1.4. During 2010/2011 all applicants are being encouraged to contact the Charities Information Bureau which is working on behalf of Wiltshire Council to support community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils to seek funding for community projects and schemes both from the Area Board and other local and other national funding sources.
- 1.5. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.6. A decision has been made in 2010/2011 that paper copies of funding applications will no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce volume of paper used. However, the application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council web site and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.7. The 2010/2011 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2010/11• Tidworth Community Area Plan
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Tidworth Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £50,237 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget is £213. This sum plus a further £487 from the 2010/2011 allocation was approved at the Area Board meeting on 15 March 2010 for Grant No. TID: 016/09 "Eco Bikes", leaving a total of £49750 for the remainder of 2010/11. Following Community Area Grants from the May meeting (£1,000), the July meeting (£924), the September meeting (£1,873) and the first tranche of the annual funding to Tidworth Community Area Partnership (£5,000), this leaves a total budget of £40,953 for the remainder of 2010/2011.
- 2.2. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2010/11 year are made to projects that can proceed realistically within a year of the award being made.
- 2.3. There will be 6 rounds of funding during 2010/11. The fourth round is contained in this report, the remaining rounds will take place on:-
 - Monday 17th January 2011
 - Monday 21st March 2011

3. Environmental & Community Implications

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 Tidworth Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Tidworth Area Board will have a balance of £30,863.

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. 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 section 8 – “Officer Recommendations”.

8. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1. TID: 006/10	Collingbournes Short Mat Bowls Club	Provision of an additional 3 bowls sets to cater for the increase in membership of the club	£300

8.1.1 Officers recommend that Collingbournes Short Mat Bowls Club is awarded £300 towards the provision of an additional 3 sets of bowls to cater for the increase in membership of the club, subject to the standard conditions of the grant scheme.

8.1.2 The total project cost is £333. The Club have put in a contribution of £33 from their own reserves.

8.1.3 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2010/11 grant criteria.

8.1.4 The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Area Plan 2003 – 2013 under the Culture and Leisure and Health and Social Care themes in that it:-

- encourages the work of an existing group in the rural area
- promotes healthy lifestyles for all age groups, but mainly those who are upper middle age, by providing a means of keeping fit and active in the winter months when it is not possible to play bowls outside.
- encourages community involvement.

8.1.5 The application will help a community club (serving a rural area) to survive and the extra equipment will enable additional people (who are attracted to the club by advertising) to play and participate in the matches. They will measure the success by keeping and hopefully improving the present membership levels.

8.1.6 The continuation of the club also brings regular income to the hall, improving its viability.

8.1.7 The club has reserves of £440 but the giving of this grant will enable them to keep their reserve which has been saved towards the cost of replacing the bowling mats, etc. as they become worn. There will be no extra cost arising from the purchase of the bowls.

8.1.8 A decision not to fund this project will mean that the small reserve being held to replace the bowling mats, etc. would need to be used to buy the bowls.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2. TID: 007/10	Collingbournes & Everleigh Society of Ringers	To replace existing bell clapper muffles.	£246

8.2.1 Officers recommend that the Collingbournes and Everleigh Society of Ringers is awarded £246 for the purchase of replacement bell clapper muffles at St Andrew's Church, Collingbourne Ducis, subject to the standard conditions of the grant scheme .

8.2.2 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2010/11 grant criteria.

8.2.3 The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Area Plan 2003 – 2013 under the Culture and Leisure theme in that it:-

- contributes to village life by enabling the church bells to be rung half muffled at funerals and remembrance services for the community.
- supports the activity of a local community group of bell ringers covering 3 different villages and drawn from the community at large. Members are of all ages and backgrounds.

8.2.4 Maintenance costs are not likely to be high once the bell muffles are purchased. Any maintenance will be funded by the Collingbournes and Everleigh Society of Ringers, voluntary contributions and the Parochial Church Council.

8.2.5 A decision not to fund this project will mean that the project would have to be delayed until sufficient funding can be obtained to purchase the new muffles.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3. TID: 008/10	Ludgershall Pre-School	To create a new pond area and nature garden.	£2,000

8.3.1 Officers recommend that Ludgershall Pre-School is awarded £2,000 towards the cost of creating a new pond area and garden to be enjoyed by the current and future children of Castle Primary School and Ludgershall Pre-School, subject to the standard conditions of the grant scheme.

8.3.2 The total project cost is £4,462. The Pre-School are contributing £2,462.

8.3.3 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2010/11 grant criteria.

8.3.4 The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Area Plan 2003 – 2013 under the Culture and Leisure and countryside & Land-based themes in that it:-

- encourages community involvement and volunteering.
- improves participation by young people in community life, creating opportunities for them to work together with adults.
- encourages an interest of children in nature and green issues.
- provides a small nature reserve area and encourages children to become involved in helping to grow plan.

8.3.5 The primary school is an 'eco school' and the children have been involved in planning the pond and garden. The garden will benefit the school and well as the pre-school as a 'thank you' for them providing the land on which the new pre-school is built.

8.3.6 The garden and pond will be looked after by the volunteers.

8.3.7 A decision not to fund this project will mean that the project would have to be done in stages as money became available or the project team would not be able to fulfill all the requests of the children.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4. TID: 009/10	P.O.P Youth Dance Project	To present a Young Peoples' dance, music and performance event.	£1,000

8.4.1 Officers recommend that the P.O.P Youth Dance Project is awarded £1,000 towards the cost of putting on a Young Peoples' dance, music and performance event this year, subject to the standard conditions of the grant scheme. The application states that this is a one-off project. If it continues for future years the Area Board will be unable to fund running costs.

8.4.2 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2010/11 grant criteria.

8.4.3 The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Area Plan 2003 – 2013 under the Culture and Leisure and Health and Social Care themes in that it:-

- improving participation by young people in community life and decision making.
- encourages community involvement and volunteering.
- promotes a healthy lifestyle by providing exercise for the young people.

8.4.4 P.O.P Youth Dance project involves Wiltshire Youth Arts Partnership and Tidworth Youth Centre (supported by the Youth Development Officer) and young people from

the community area. Key decisions, planning and creative ideas will come from the young people and the resulting dance, music and performance event will be called Creative Juice.

8.4.5 The applicant states that this will be a one-off event to promote health and well-being, dance music and leadership skills by young people. It is the first such event in the Tidworth community area and the project will seek to demonstrate the success of the event to create a strong support mechanism within the local area.

8.4.6 If the event continues and becomes an annual dance festival, the aim is that it will be supported 'in kind' from local community groups and through fundraising events in the build up to the dance festival.

8.4.7 A decision not to fund the project would mean that Creative Juice would have to be run as a purely performance event and not offer workshops in dance and music for participants, audience, friends, family and community representatives. The project would have to look at reducing the number of practical dance and music sessions in the build up to the event therefore impacting on the quality of the performances and workshop activities. They feel this would affect the young people's confidence and have a negative impact on the event.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5. TID: 010/10	Ludgershall Memorial Hall Management Committee	To redecorate parts of the Memorial Hall improve potential lettings and revenue.	£2,652

8.5.1 Officers recommend that Ludgershall Memorial Hall Committee is awarded £2,652 towards redecoration of the Memorial Hall to improve potential letting and revenue, subject to the standard conditions of the grant scheme and an extra condition to provide base figures on usage of the hall and figures of the increase following the redecoration.

8.5.2 The total project cost is £5,305. The Committee are contributing £2,653 to the project which is just over 50%.

8.5.3 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2010/11 grant criteria.

8.5.4 The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Area Plan 2003 – 2013 under the Culture and Leisure theme in that it:-

- provides a meeting hall for community events and major meetings and elections.
- is the largest hall in the area and the only one capable of holding large events.
- encourages community involvement and volunteering.

8.5.5 The Hall is used by Wiltshire Library, Ludgershall Parish Council, and groups of all

age groups and types including: the police, the local MP, Friday Community Club, Sunset Club, local bingo, and other occasional users.

8.5.6 The hall had become very run down due to lack of maintenance. A new management committee has been set up in 2010. They have carried out considerable work and have fitted a new kitchen and floor, a Stannah stair lift for the disabled. cleared the outside of the building, cleared out many years' debris from inside the Hall, re-kindled local interest and support for the Hall, embarked on fundraising with the help of the local Town Council, re-started the much loved Bingo evenings and given local people a vision for the Hall's future.

8.5.7 Their annual account up to March 2009 show a high reserve of £43,453 but this has already been reduced by paying for some of the work in paragraph 8.5.6 above and they have informed the officer that they need to keep a large reserve to address work needed on the roof of the building. The officer has checked that the hall has been made watertight and that the condition of the roof will not affect the redecoration planned.

8.5.8 A decision not to fund this project will mean that the project would have to be delayed. This would affect lettings and usage of the hall, particularly all-day bookings which the Committee wish to encourage.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.6. TID: 0011/10	Ludgershall Town Council	To purchase and install Christmas lights to decorate 4 trees in Ludgershall Car Park.	£1,200

8.6.1 Officers recommend that Ludgershall Town Council is awarded £500 towards the cost of purchasing and installing Christmas lights, subject to the standard conditions of the grant scheme and information on how residents and businesses react to the new lights.

8.6.2 The total project cost is £1,200. The Council have put in a contribution of £700.

8.6.3 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2010/11 grant criteria.

8.6.4 The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Area Plan 2003 – 2013 objectives in that it contributes to make the town a vibrant place for the local community.

8.6.5 The need for the Christmas lights has come from local residents and businesses commenting that the town lacked any festive spirit. The plan is to place the lights in 4 trees in the car park which is central to the shopping area. This will enhance the area over the festive period and benefit people and children of all ages. The project has been kept small due to financial constraints.

8.6.6 The lights will remain in the trees to reduce maintenance and the ongoing small repairs will be funded from the Town Council's annual precept.

8.6.7 The Council would try to find further funding.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.7. TID: 012/10	Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall Trust	Updating electrical installation to confirm with revised standards including the replacement of a dehumidifier.	£5,035

8.7.1 Officers recommend that Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall Trust is awarded £2,500 towards the cost of updating electrical installation to confirm with revised standards including the replacement of a dehumidifier, subject to the standard conditions of the grant scheme.

8.7.2 The total project cost is £5,035. The Village Hall Trust has contributed £2,535.

8.7.3 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2010/11 grant criteria.

8.7.4 The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Area Plan 2003 – 2013 under the Culture and Leisure and Health and Social Care themes in that it:-

- continues to ensure that the village hall premises are available regularly to a complete cross section of the community for a large variety of social, educational and sporting activities.
- promotes healthy lifestyles through sporting activities.
- encourages community involvement and volunteering by providing a vibrant and safe environment.

8.7.5 The applicant has explained that the upgrade of the electrical installation and replacement of a dehumidifier in the main hall was necessary under new guidelines to keep the hall safe and healthy for all users of the community facility.

8.7.6 The project is self sufficient. The Trust has a good record in financing operations of the village hall as demonstrated in their budget and accounts.

8.7.7 The Village Hall Trust has free reserves of £16,061 which are held to repay a 40 year public works loan of £25K taken out in the 1980s.

8.7.8 A decision not to fund this project will mean that the project would have to be delayed.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.8. TID: 013/10	The Parochial Church Council of Collingbourne Kingston	Refurbishment of church bells by replacing the clapper bushes.	£892

8.8.1 Officers recommend that is awarded £892 towards the refurbishment of church bells by replacing clapper bushes, subject to the standard conditions of the grant scheme.

8.8.2 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2010/11 grant criteria.

8.8.3 The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Area Plan 2003 – 2013 under the Housing and Built Environment theme in that it supports a meeting place for the community.

8.8.4 Once the clapper bushes have been replaced, they are expected to last for many years and should not require any further expenditure.

8.8.5 A decision not to fund this project will mean that the project would have to be delayed possibly until next year until sufficient funding can be obtained.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Grant application Collingbourne Short Mat Bowls Appendix 2 Grant application Collingbournes & Everleigh bell muffles Appendix 3 Grant application Ludgershall Pre-School pond Appendix 4 Grant application POP Youth Dance 'Creative Juice' Appendix 5 Grant application Ludgershall Memorial Hall Appendix 6 Grant application Ludgershall Christmas Lights Appendix 7 Grant application Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall Appendix 8 Grant application Collingbourne Kingston Church
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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