

Report to Marlborough Area Board
Date of meeting 22 March 2016
Title of report Community Area Grant Funding

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below.

Applicant	Amount requested
Little Dragons Pre-School, Ogbourne St George	£700.00
Baydon Community Fireworks Committee	£930.00
East Wilts Mencap	£977.00
Inside Out Club	£560.00
Marlborough Tennis Club	£18,000.00 (This application has been submitted as a Member's Initiative)
Total grant amount requested at this meeting	£21,367.00
Total capital funding allocated to Marlborough Area Board 2015/16	£45,318
Total amount awarded so far, 2015/16	£31,998
Amount remaining if all grants are awarded as per report	£-6,180

1. Background

Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance available here: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/community-area-grants-criteria-2015-16-april.pdf>

The funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/areaboardscommunitygrantsscheme.htm>

2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded in the 2015/2016 year is made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of it being awarded.
- 2.2. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.
- 2.3. Councillors will need to be satisfied that the applications meet the Community Area Board grants criteria.

2.4. The Cabinet Member for Area Boards, Cllr John Thomson, has confirmed that area boards may rollover any unspent funding from financial year 2015/16 to 2016/17. This means that in this, the last area board meeting of the financial year, there is no “use it or lose it” situation.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

Grant Funding will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

4. Financial Implications

Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure.

5. Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

6. Human Resources Implication

There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council’s Public Sector Equality Duty.

Community Area Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Council’s equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes, where they meet the funding criteria.

8. Safeguarding Implications

The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

9. Applications for consideration

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
1548	Little Dragons Pre-School, Ogbourne St George	Little Dragons Outside Area New Fencing	£700.00

Project Description

As part of a larger project to improve the outside play area Little Dragons Pre-school is planning to replace the old fencing which is broken in places with a new one to create a larger space. This will be roughly a quarter bigger again allowing more outdoors space for children to play and learn. This project is part of further improvements and refurbishment needed for Pre-school interiors e.g. new flooring throughout, new toilets, kitchen and store room refurbishment and new central heating system and improved insulation. There is another amount of funding set aside for a new outdoor resurfacing project for the play area which is due to be carried out later this year after the new fencing has been installed.

The area will be available for members of the whole community to use outside of pre-school hours as it is part of the village hall’s outside space. The village hall is hired out for children’s parties, jumbles sales, coffee mornings and occasional weddings and wakes and the improved outside space would be available for these occasions too.

<p>Proposal</p> <p>That the Area Board determines the application from Little Dragons Pre-School, Ogbourne St George for £700.00</p>

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
1794	Baydon Community Firework Committee	New electronic firing board	£930.00

Project Description

Villagers from Baydon made the decision to put on a firework display for the village so that it could come together for one main event in the year. Over the years the success of this event has grown and we now attract over 700 people from Baydon and surrounding villages. The event has always relied on voluntary donations from people coming to watch the display and has never charged a formal entry fee.

As the size and standards of fireworks used by the Baydon display have increased then so have regulations and from 2016 onwards the group will be required to fire the professional standard fireworks from an electronic, automated desk as opposed to manual firing which has been done in the past. These desks need to be custom-made by the supplier and there is no off-the-shelf option. The Committee will be raising 50% of the costs of the equipment themselves showing a clear commitment to carrying on the displays and increasing their scale.

The Committee has made it clear that this new equipment will be available to be used for other firework displays around the county so that this resource can be used by others. For example, in 2015 the Committee supported Aldbourne for their 100th anniversary celebration of the village carnival by doing a firework display for them.

<p>Proposal</p> <p>That the Area Board determines the application from Baydon Community Firework Committee for £930.00</p>

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
1797	East Wilts Mencap	Social Outing – Pantomime, Christmas 2016	£977.00

Project Description

East Wilts Mencap would like to take members on a social outing to the Bristol Hippodrome Pantomime at Christmas 2016. The costs involved are made up of ticket prices and the hire of a wheelchair-accessible 42-seater coach. The requirement for this element makes the

outing more expensive it might otherwise be.

East Wilts Mencap provides activities for local adults living with learning difficulties. As well as a popular day centre, East Wilts Mencap runs a number of social outings throughout the year which are always very popular with members and their carers. Because of the additional cost of an accessible coach, these trips are often expensive to organise.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application from East Wilts Mencap for £977.00.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
1798	Inside Out Club, Marlborough	New arts and craft material and storage	£560.00
Project Description Inside Out Club Marlborough is a day centre for adults with learning difficulties. It provides somewhere for members to meet their friends and take part in arts and craft activities. We need new arts and crafts materials for our members to use at the weekly sessions and somewhere to store this equipment in between. Over 30 people regularly come to Inside Out's weekly meetings. They enjoy taking part in arts and craft activities such as colouring, painting, sewing as well as simply socialising and meeting their friends. The club is the only one like this in Marlborough. Members come from as far as Devizes and Trowbridge and even out of the county. The Club needs more materials for members to use during these sessions and because of the growth in numbers, now needs somewhere to store them in between. This funding will help to provide at least one year's worth of activities for members as well as this storage solution.			
Proposal That the Area Board determines the application from Inside Out Club for £560.00.			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
N/A	Marlborough Tennis Club	Creation of new tennis clubhouse and courts for Marlborough	£18000.00
Project Description Marlborough has an active tennis club with no facilities. After 10 years, planning permission has been granted for a new clubhouse and tennis courts at Marlborough Golf Club. Public meetings and consultation have shown the need for these new facilities. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There will be a Clubhouse, six courts, (four will be floodlit) and parking.			

- This will provide a permanent home for tennis that is owned and controlled by the Club and is available all year round
- A full time coach
- Local tennis players will no longer need to travel elsewhere to play
- Increasing participation for everyone through Pay and Play facilities
- Retaining promising / talented tennis players within the club
- Coaching programmes which are individually tailored and incorporates new LTA recommended programmes e.g. cardio tennis
- Internal competitions - parent/child and mix-ins,
- Coffee morning tennis

The project will provide competitive and social tennis within the town of Marlborough. In turn this will improve the quality of life for the community – encouraging a healthy life style in a family environment.

From a total cost of £533,000, the tennis club has already raised £490,000, including £170,000 of their own funding towards the project. The Area Board's contribution will help to narrow the shortfall. Work on the site is due to begin on 1st March 2016 on land that will be sub-leased from the Golf Club beside the A346. This lease still has more than 70 years left on it, giving the tennis club firm tenure there.

This application has been submitted via a Member's Initiative, meaning it does not have the same criteria as a Community Area Grant, in particular the cap on maximum award. It is solely down to the members of Marlborough Area Board to accept this application and to decide the level of funding to be contributed, taking into account the figure left in the area board's budget if the full amount requested is awarded.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application from Marlborough Tennis Club for £18,000 bearing in mind the remaining budget for 2015/16.

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report

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