

Report to Marlborough Area Board
Date of meeting 9 August 2016
Title of report Community Area Grant Funding

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below.

Applicant	Amount requested
Kennet and Avon Canal Trust	£5,000.00
Froxfield Memorial Hall	£650.00
Phoenix Brass Band	£2,500.00
Total grant amount requested at this meeting	£8,150.00
Total capital funding allocated to Marlborough Area Board 2016/17	£40,616
Total amount awarded so far, 2015/16	£4,280.00
Amount remaining if all grants are awarded as per report	£28,186

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 2016/2017 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.

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 has 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
1960	Kennet and Avon Canal Trust	Crofton Beam Engines Boiler Repairs	£5,000.00

Project Description

Crofton Beam Engines, a grade 1 listed industrial monument, houses the oldest working steam engine in the world - the 1812 Boulton and Watt. Built to raise water to the summit level of the Kennet and Avon Canal the station is maintained by enthusiastic volunteers and steamed regularly throughout summer months attracting some 7000 visitors to the area. However the boiler which supplies steam to this historic engine will need urgent safety repairs in October 2016. Without this work which must be carried out professionally the engine will not be able to run.

Throughout their grant application, the Kennet & Avon Canal Trust makes many references to the support this visitor attraction gives to the Marlborough Community Area, even though it is not within this area. Many of the Trust’s volunteers live and work in the Marlborough area. Marlborough businesses are supported by Crofton, either by supplying the café or providing maintenance equipment. Crofton welcomes many students from local schools, including St John’s Academy, to tour the site, learn about its heritage and study the 200 year old technology, comparing it to more modern equipment and discussing relative efficiencies.

This is part of a major fundraising project and the Kennet & Avon Canal Trust has already raised a significant amount towards the total of £54,000. Without these repairs to the boiler, Crofton Beam Engines cannot be in-steam for the 2017 season which will be a

great loss to this attraction.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application from the Kennet & Avon Canal Trust for £5,000.00

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
1932	Froxfield Memorial Hall	Memorial Hall New Exterior Doors	£650.00

Project Description

The Committee wish to replace the main doors at the Memorial Hall. The doors in use at the moment are old and have probably been there since the Hall was built 60 years ago. They are not heat efficient and there is concern about the security of the Hall. It is in the centre of Froxfield which has few community facilities. No shop, school or other community centre. It is used by the villagers for social activities and is the home of the local Phoenix Brass Band.

As a small, rural village, Froxfield has very few community facilities. The village hall plays a strong role within the village, being where the parish council meets and it plays host to the local brass band. As such, it should be important to support such a facility. By helping to fund the replacement of the old doors, the building should become more efficient to run, by conserving heat better and making it a more attractive location for people to use. It will also become more secure, particularly important when the brass band stores its equipment in the hall. This project could benefit both the hall and the brass band by making insurance premiums lower through helping to secure the building.

The village hall committee are making a significant investment in the building by providing half the cost of this project.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application from Froxfield Memorial Hall for £650.00

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
1995	Phoenix Brass Band	Phoenix Brass Tenor Horn Section Updating	£2,500.00

Project Description

Phoenix Brass Band is trying to update the instruments in their tenor horn section. Whilst they do have tenor horns, they have been bought over many years and many are quite old. They are a mixture of tuning and the band is looking to create a better in tune tone. In turn, this will free up the present horns to be used by people waiting in line to learn to play.

Phoenix Brass Band has already secured the majority of funding towards this renewal project, which is an impressive feat for a small local group. By replacing older instruments with new and matched ones, it should increase the enjoyment of both the players

themselves and the audiences who come to listen to the band's many performances throughout the season, across the Marlborough area. "Recycling" the old instruments to younger or beginner players makes great sense to maximise the use of these expensive instruments and to encourage further take up of playing within the community.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application from Phoenix Brass Band for £2,500.00

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

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