

Agenda Item No.10

BRADFORD ON AVON AREA BOARD

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

19 JANUARY 2011

Report from the Bradford on Avon Community Area Grants Advisory Group

The Bradford on Avon Community Area Grants Advisory Group is composed of Parish Councillors from across the Bradford on Avon Community Area. The Group is tasked with examining applications requesting community area grant funding to ensure best value for money. The comments from the group are presented to the Wiltshire Council Councillors on the area board as additional information to help them when they are deciding whether to award funding. The decision on whether to award funding is taken at a public area board meeting by Wiltshire Councillors.

The Grants Advisory Group considered the three grant applications electronically. Comments were received from Councillor Bil Bailey (Limpley Stoke Parish Council), Cllr Terry Biles (Westwood Parish Council), Cllr Alan Mines (Wingfield Parish Council) and Cllr Matthew Midlane (Monkton Farleigh Parish Council).

The advisory group have put forward the following comments on the application from Holt Netball Club:

The group expressed concern that awarding a grant to Holt Netball Club would not be an appropriate use of scarce public funds. It was felt that as the groups' finances were healthy, it should be possible to accommodate the cost of the new kit from fundraising and member subscriptions.

There was also a concern that awarding a grant to this group could prompt sports groups across the community area to also apply for funding for sports equipment.

In summary, the group were not in favour of the grant being awarded as they felt it to be of limited public benefit.