

<b>Report to</b>	Southern Wiltshire Area Board
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	12/03/2020
<b>Title of Report</b>	Community Area Grant funding

## Purpose of the report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below

Applicant	Amount requested
<b>Applicant:</b> Winterslow Village Hall <b>Project Title:</b> Winterslow Village Hall new heating  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£5000.00
<b>Applicant:</b> Odstock Parish Council <b>Project Title:</b> Nunton childrens playground replacement  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£6000.00
<b>Applicant:</b> Laverstock Memory Support Group <b>Project Title:</b> Laverstock Memory Support Group transition  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£1500.00

## 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](#)

[The funding criteria and application forms](#) are available on the council's website.

## 2. Main Considerations

2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded in the 2019/2020 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.

## 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 Implications

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
<a href="#">3686</a>	Winterslow Village Hall	Winterslow Village Hall new heating	£5000.00
<b>Project Description:</b> We need to replace the twenty 27 year old storage radiators with modern more efficient and more controllable radiators.			
<b>Input from Community Engagement Manager:</b> The village hall committee is needing to complete this work over the spring and summer months, as the work could take around 3 months to complete, and needs to be ready for one of the main users of the hall to return in September – Winterslow Pre School.			
<b>Proposal</b> That the Area Board determines the application.			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">3462</a>	Odstock Parish Council	Nunton childrens playground replacement	£6000.00
<p><b>Project Description:</b>  The picket fence surrounding the playground has now reached the end of its life. Many of the posts have rotted through and the fence is falling down and constitutes a hazard. We have consulted the local community about removing the fence altogether but there is strong support for replacing it for safety reasons. The play equipment is of a similar age and the timber posts supporting the two sets of swings and the climbing frame unit have rotted badly at the base and are unsafe. We have therefore had to close the playground temporarily until these items can be removed and replaced. The cost of replacing and maintaining the bark chipping surface is prohibitive and we plan to change it for a turf surface with rubber matting.</p> <p><b>Input from Community Engagement Manager:</b>  This is one of the few local amenities available for children and families in Nunton and there is local call for this work to be done and ready for the spring and summer months.</p>			
<p><b>Proposal</b>  That the Area Board determines the application.</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">3668</a>	Laverstock Memory Support Group	Laverstock Memory Support Group transition	£1500.00
<p><b>Project Description:</b>  The aim of this project is to ensure there is a smooth transition from the service for people with dementia and their families which has been provided for many years by the Laverstock Memory Support Group to one that can continue without the current leaders or the use of their home. A key objective of the project will be to share the knowledge skills and experience gained by the Laverstock Group with others and to help train whoever takes on responsibility for the new service.</p> <p><b>Input from Community Engagement Manager:</b>  This group has served Laverstock and the surrounding area for the past 10 years. It has been skilfully and sensitively led, leading to much benefit not only for its members, but also for those working whether in grass roots community support or to strategic, and even regional levels, in the field of dementia support and research. This project seeks to ensure that the experience and benefits gained these past 10 years are not lost, but transferred into a new model of dementia support provision in southern Wiltshire. Below is additional information relating to the costings listed in the application:</p>			

The budget is based on the assumption that the service for people living with dementia currently provided by the Laverstock Memory Support Group will transition into a new service provided by Alzheimer's Support later this year.

Initial discussions about the best way to achieve this transition have already started. It is expected that more detailed discussions will take place between April and July.

It is hoped that later this year Alzheimer's Support will be opening a new Day Centre in Salisbury to help serve the needs of people with dementia who live in South Wiltshire.

Our aim is to have a new experiential Support Group run by Alzheimer's Support meeting once a week in that Centre.

It is anticipated that this facility will open in the autumn of 2020. That will be the conclusion of the period for which we are seeking transition funding.

It should also be noted that the Laverstock Memory Support Group has recently been honoured to receive an invitation to give a presentation at the 15th UK Dementia Congress which is to be held in Bournemouth in November 2020.

It is envisaged that this will be a joint presentation by member so both groups and will probably highlight some of the lessons learned from the transition process.

In the bid we have submitted:

Communications refers to the costs of all forms of communication between the organisers and the members of the existing and new groups.

It includes using landline and mobile telephones, email, broadband and postal communications. It also includes the production of documentation related to past, present and probable future work.

The cost will include part of the standing charges for using these services, plus an allowance for the number of calls, etc, made and the consumables used, e.g. paper, ink and postage stamps.

Supporting members mainly relates to enabling members with dementia to have their say about the way they would like the new service to function.

It should be appreciated that in order to do this effectively most people with dementia need to have one-to-one support on the day of any meetings they attend and also someone who will go through the issues to be discussed before the day of the meeting.

In many cases, the best way to enable them to express their views in a meeting without distraction is for them to be interviewed by a team leader they already know.

Members may also need additional personal support during the transitions period to help them adjust to the new situation. Even if they are not going to join the new group, they may need help to find good alternative means of support, e.g. attending activities like 'Music for the Mind', that are appropriate to their current needs.

Costs mainly arise from the time spent by their advisors and from travel costs.

Inducting new staff : The time and effort required for this is component of the expenditure is the hardest to predict, because it will depend greatly on the experience and knowledge of the staff responsible for the new group.

However, we think it is reasonable to assume that they will have a good knowledge of dementia, but probably much less of running an 'experiential' group, where the starting point is members' recent and past experiences, and particularly of living with dementia.

If at all possible, it is likely to be helpful for them to attend one or two of the Laverstock Memory Support Group meetings before the group closes. It may also be necessary to spend time talking to individuals and the senior staff about some of the lessons learned from running the Laverstock Memory Support Group.

Another important characteristic of the Laverstock Memory Support Group has been the way it interacts with visitors and outside organisations to help them understand the needs of people with dementia.

A good recent example was a visit of a team from BBC Memory Radio who are setting up collections of songs and music that will help people to recall periods from the past, e.g the 1950's or the 1980's.

The feedback from the BBC was that they had found the input from the group very helpful and would like to continue the relationship with our members.

The cost estimate is based on experience of the time required to induct co-facilitators for the Laverstock Memory Support Group.

### **Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

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

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