1 RWB&C

Re Application 3700 - Purton Magazine

We are writing to you to express our support for the above application.

In December 2003, we were part of a group which rescued Purton Magazine which had been formerly a church magazine but was in the process of closing down as they could not maintain a managing committee from within church members.

We refounded Purton Magazine as a village magazine for the whole community including secular announcements as well as the church baptisms, marriages and funerals. Our aim was to maintain a good quality, informative monthly publication, at a reasonable price but without overwhelming the reader with advertising. A ratio of one-third advertising was our goal.

Over the years from the January 2004 issue we maintained a print volume of some 1000 copies per month. Apart from a few copies given to advertisers, all were sold by subscription or spot sales.

The interest of former Purtonians both elsewhere in UK and abroad were met by producing a web version of the magazine minus the advertising so that it could be done at low cost using a fairly basic website host.

We understand the difficulties that advertisers face needing an online presence. In our time with the magazine (2004-2017), it was evident to us that including advertising with the online version would have been impossible with the website hosting that we had.

Because of the above, we support this application for a publication of community-wide interest and relevance.

2 RWB&C

We are writing in support of the application for a grant from the Cricklade and Royal Wootton Bassett Area Board to support the development of an enhanced website for The Purton Magazine. The magazine meets a vital need for communication in the village and in encouraging the sense of community. The development of this new website will improve the viability of the magazine in both hard copy and on-line formats.

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I could not see where to comment on proposed grants and so I hope this more direct route will suffice. If not, and comments should be lodged via some place on the WC web site, I would be grateful for some guidance, or a link.

Having said that, I would like to support the Purton Magazine's application for a grant. The Magazine does great work in keeping residents informed and has done so for many years. Many older residents rely on the Magazine to keep them informed of upcoming events such as jumble sales, coffee chats and so on. The price of the Magazine has been held at its very nominal cost for several years through the loyal support of its advertisers. The Magazine has recognised that advertisers also need to advertise on-line as well as in the Magazine.

To accommodate that, the Magazine is proposing to have a modest web site where its advertisers will also be seen. This is important in order to retain the excellent advertiser base, as well encourage new advertisers.

I am pleased to support this endeavour and hope the Area Board will look on this application favourably.

4 RWB&C – Purton History Society

On behalf of Purton Historical Society Committee

I am Secretary of the Historical Society and we submit monthly articles and diaries of coming events to the Purton Magazine on a monthly basis, We think the magazine is a very valuable way of communication within the village. The printed copy is especially valuable and appreciated by some older residents and those who do not use a computer. We think the 'on line' version also appeals to many residents/advertisers and together the two versions make a very good communication package that covers all age groups. We know that our members appreciate our input into the magazine and we also reach many non-members who have either joined the society or come occasionally as visitors. As a Society it would be extremely difficult to communicate effectively to the public in any other way. The magazine is very well presented with a great variety of articles and in our opinion is of great value to both village organisations and individuals.

5 RWB&C – Purton PC

Chairman

I have noted the applications due for review by the Area Board and would make the following comments:

Purton Parish Council has provided Youth Provision for younger children at it: own expense for a while but, as they grow older it was felt the age range should be extended and to this end we are looking for 50% contribution for the 2020 financial year, we have a proven need for this service and it would engage with a greater number of young people. There is little else within the Village to occupy younger people and it has been considered a great success after an initial slow start. Purton magazine has the support of the Council as it is a valuable communication medium for the entire Parish but needs to update in these digital times. I know little of the Church request other than the facilities do need updating. Salisbury 6 Please add my name in support of the bid for the George Herbert Society. 7 Salisbury - Older Persons Champion & Member of HW Group My comments on those I have understanding of i support Salisury trust for homeless Tall tree story book - yes with proviso that project adapted to current situation: otherwise agreed and postponed to when situation back to some normality intergenerational -Alabare and graffiti artist - as per recommendation of H&WBGroup Cycling - as per recommendation of H&WBGroup 8 Salisbury – Safer & Supportive Community Group & Member of HW Group Please see my comments on the grants applications that would have gone to the March Board as follows Capital grants Salisbury Trust for Homeless - Whole hearted support both as private individual and as Secretary Safer and Supportive Salisbury George Herbert Resouces facility - Whole hearted support as Bemerton resident and Chair of Bemerton History Society Intergenerational support - Safer and Supportive Salisbury is involved in developing this project so in full support

Health and Wellbeing grants - as a member of the Panel that has reviewed these grants I am in full support. Hope this helps. 9 Warminster Thanks for allowing me to comment on the Warminster funding applications. The Wessex Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Therapy Centre - MS Therapy Centre Automatic Doors - MS centre needs and gets a lot of funding as a major charity. Whilst it does a good job it does not benefit much of the community. Outdoor gyms are expensive and certainly in Corsley after looking at them we decided not to put them in as whilst there is initial interest they end up not being used. VE celebrations - We have agreed not to take funding from our parish council in Corsley as we do not see how any VE events will take place. We have instead supported setting up community shop to community during this covid 19 lockdown. There should be no after school clubs until September so would put on hold until then. Would support pole saw bid but does seem very expensive. I could not find a saw more than £900 however for part time use such as this spending more than £500 would be excessive. I would also be concerned about volunteers without training using this kind of equipment. Wild flower projects are very popular at the moment and great for insects,

birds etc. Also timing is important so would support this project.

Wildflower restoration - would support this project.