

Devizes Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Devizes Area Board. These could include:
 - community area grants
 - youth grants
 - older and vulnerable people grants
 - area board initiatives
2. To document any recommendations provided through sub groups.

Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Youth Grants	Older and Vulnerable People Grants
Opening Balance For 2024/25	£ 25,869.00	£ 22,320.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 14,597.41	£ 19,780.85	£ 6,700.00
Current Balance	£ 11,271.59	£ 2,539.15	£ 1,000.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 973.59	£ -960.85	£ 0.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG2212	Area Board Initiative	Devizes Area Board	Furnishing the new youth space	£3600.00	£1800.00
Project Summary: Youth partners in Devizes are looking to open a space for the young people of Devizes to come and use. The space is currently unfurnished and will need to be made welcoming so that the young people want to come in. One of the partners has extensive experience of working with young people furnishing such spaces and is adept at getting good value for money.					

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG2105	Community Area Grant	Rethink Mental Illness	Retro Relics Mens Shed	£500.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: Existing board game cafe Retro Relics would like to offer extra support in the area of men's mental health and would like to create a men's shed option. This would provide lego building and model building and painting activities for isolated men in the Market Lavington area.</p>					
ABG2112	Community Area Grant	Devizes Canoe Club	Supporting Olympic Hopes at Devizes Canoe Club	£5175.00	£2500.00
<p>Project Summary: DCC is a 150-member amateur sports club and registered charity. We formed in 2009 and moved to our current site at Lower Wharf, Devizes, in 2015 with Wiltshire Council and Area Board support. The Club is a Paddle UK Quality Club with a Champion Club award for talent development. We deliver a significant youth development programme throughout the year and have invested over £2,500 this year alone from club funds to upgrade the fleet of equipment required to provide these opportunities to schools and colleges, including a project for Wiltshire College public service students from Trowbridge and Salisbury campuses. Talent development is a distinct programme focused on the sprint (Olympic) discipline for talented junior to U23 paddlers. Our pathway enables a beginner with the ability, commitment and support to progress into the talent programme. Our plan to sustain talent across the junior and U23 age ranges requires competitive equipment. All talent group paddlers are expected to buy their single-seat race boats (K1s), but it is beyond the ability of most parents to provide crew boats (K2s) for growing teenagers. These hulls cost about £5,000 new and are quickly outgrown, so DCC maintains a fleet of suitable competitive crew boats to cover most eventualities. Project Outline We have built up a fleet of four sprint K2 boats from a boat suitable for 12 year olds up to an ex London 2012 Team GB boat suitable for fully grown U23 adult paddlers. These boats have a working lifecycle of <20 years with careful management and maintenance. But we have a significant gap in the range at M-L size (commonly used by paddlers with combined crew weight of 160 to 180 kgs) and wish to procure a Nelo Cinco ML (just over £5,000 new). A Nelo Cinco K2 is the 'gold standard' boat and is the same make and model used by Team GB sprint paddlers. The key question is what the club could achieve with this support. Looking at our recent track record, DCC has achieved some tremendous results on the international stage this season being involved in two of the three junior medals GB have won this year. And, although the athletes themselves earned their medals with talent, hard work and perseverance, both pointed out that their success is due in no small part to the amazing dedication and support of our talent coaching team led by Bev and Trev Hunter: Marathon World Championships. Metkovic, Croatia, 19 to 22 September 2024 Mollie Ball (Devizes CC and Dauntsey's) along with K2 partner, Annabel Hutchinson from Reading, won her first international marathon medal - a bronze at the Marathon World Championships. 2024 Olympic Hopes Regatta. Szeged, Hungary, 19 to September 2024 Philippe Ehrnrooth (Devizes CC and Lavington School (now Bishop Wordsworth's)) secured his first international medal, winning silver in the men's under 17 K1 500m. This is the first GB medal at the Olympic Hopes Regatta for 6 years! (Mens U17 K4 team won a bronze medal in 2018). The GB talent system provides funded boats for paddlers in international teams but does not fund boats to help them reach that standard - that falls to parents and clubs! Both these Devizes paddlers started at Devizes CC as novice twelve-year-olds.</p>					
ABG2187	Community Area Grant	Bromham Community Hub	Bromham Community Hub Information Technology	£10935.40	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: The project is to install IT into the new building. We require 25-30 IT data points throughout the building for a variety of uses. We also need to provide and install the peripheral devices eg Wifi points and till/s along with the server cabinet, switches and connecting items to make the systems work.</p>					

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG2205	Community Area Grant	The Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race	Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race Promotional Banner	£498.00	£498.00

Project Summary:

This is for a Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race promotional banner to be erecting in Devizes Town Centre. The canoe race started by 1st Devizes Scouts back in 1948, there are usually up to about 600 competitors, and with friends, family and support crews means that about 3000 people come to Devizes over Easter.

ABG2166	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Devizes MS Support Group	Devizes MS Support Group Outing	£700.00	£500.00
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Project Summary:

We are hoping to give members of the Devizes MS Support Group an outing on a coach. Since starting the Group back in 2019 the group has been slowly growing, even through Covid, and we now support approximately 40 people who live with MS (Multiple Sclerosis). Although we meet regularly and support people via online groups, we haven't had a chance to organise a coach trip to give people the opportunity to join in on a fun day out. Unfortunately many people don't have the ability to go out very often on a day trip, so we think this would be great for them as we can arrange accessible transportation and take them to somewhere that they would enjoy.

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG2169	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Quakers Walk Community Biodiversity Group	Wildlife garden	£618.00	£500.00

Project Summary:

This grant will help fund the planting of shrubs, perennials, ferns, seeds along with mulch. This will transform an overgrown area by the pathway at the entrance of the meadow from Quakers Road down to Quakers Walk path, providing colour and delight to the many passers-by as well as providing food and shelter to wildlife.

ABG2162	Youth Grant	West Lavington Youth Club	West Lavington Youth Club	£27000.00	£3000.00
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Project Summary:

West Lavington Youth Club currently supports young people from the ages of 8 - 17 years old. we run three sessions a week for different age groups. We have young people attending from not only West Lavington but also Market Lavington, Seend, Worton, Easterton and Devizes showing their is a big need for a Youth Club in the area. We have children with a wide range of Special Educational Needs attend the youth club and we are able to provide a service that they can engage with on a weekly basis. We also have quite a few young people who attend specialist schools and due to staff understanding of special needs we are the only club they attend each week. Our sessions range from cricket, litter picking, karaoke and cooking to name just a few. It gives young people a safe space to come and join in with fun and engaging activities whilst hanging out with friends and being able to talk to staff about day to day life or any worries they may have such as exams. It also helps to keep them from getting bored and vandalising the local area. We are also applying for Flood Lights to enable us during the winter months, with dark evenings, the children still wish to play outside, despite, on occasions, the temperature. The Club building is surrounded by significant open grass areas, part of the playing field and a children's Park. External flood lighting will make it easier for staff to monitor what is happening, help to safeguard the young people and help enable everyone to spot potential dangerous objects, eg sharp objects, broken glass, needles etc.

ABG2171	Youth Grant	Spurgeons Childrens Charity Wiltshire Family Hub	Street Sports	£500.00	£500.00
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Project Summary:

To fund a Sports Facilitator to deliver fun sports activities to youths, in a MUGA in a community. In 2024 in partnership with Wailblingen Way Community Garden, District South Sports and DOCA we piloted a Community Meet in the MUGA area of Waiblingen Way, Devizes. Supported by Aster Housing and funded by the Area Board. This worked and gained positive feedback. To empower the community further and help build trusting relationships, Spurgeon's would like a further £500 to fund the Sports facilitator to return to the area and deliver 5 more sessions for youths and help build a good rapport with the Community Garden.

Background

3. Area Boards have authority to approve funding under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria. This document is available on the council's website.
4. Three funding streams are available to the Area Board, each with an annually awarded amount. These funding streams are as follows:
 - Community Area Grants (capital)
 - Youth Grants (revenue)
 - Older and Vulnerable People Grants (revenue)

5. The Area Board will be advised of the funding available prior to their first meeting of each financial year.

Main Considerations

6. Councillors need to be satisfied that the applications meet the requirements as set out in the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria and that the health and wellbeing and young persons funding guidelines have been adhered to.
7. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.
8. Councillors need to consider any recommendations made by sub groups of the Area Boards.

Safeguarding Implications

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

Public Health Implications

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

Environmental & Climate Change Implications

11. 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.

Financial Implications

12. Councillors must ensure that the Area Board has sufficient funding available to cover the grants awarded.

Legal Implications

13. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

Workforce Implications

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

Equalities Implications

15. Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.
16. Community Area Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes where they meet the funding criteria.

Proposals

17. To consider and determine the applications for grant funding.

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