

Report to	Chippenham Area Board	Item No. 07
Date of Meeting	10th May 2010	
Title of Report	Community Area Grants	

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 6 applications seeking 2010/11 Community Area Grant Funding. Officer recommendations:

1. Chippenham Children's Parliament – award £1,000 for a Road Safety Campaign.
2. Yatton Keynell Parish Council – award £776 for the erection of Picket Fence Village Gateways, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place
3. Nettleton Parish Plan Committee – award £650 for the production of a Parish Plan, conditional upon the balance if funding being in place.
4. New ChAPTER– award £8,000 towards the Chippenham River Festival, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.
5. Castle Combe Village Hall – award £1,182 towards the installation of insulation and secondary double glazing in the village hall, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.
6. Kington St Michael Village Community Shop – award £2,755 towards the upgrade freezer and shelving in the village shop, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

1. Background

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Community Services (27th February 2010). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance for funding.
- 1.2. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any recommendation of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria would need the approval of the Leader, the appropriate Cabinet Member or the Cabinet.
- 1.3. In accordance with the Area Board Grants Guidance officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, however, the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on this Area Board.
- 1.4. Two applications to this round did not meet the funding criteria and were referred to Charities Information Bureau (CIB) for support to seek alternative sources of funding. CIB work on behalf of Wiltshire Council to support community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils to seek funding for community projects and schemes both from the Area Board and other local and national funding sources.
- 1.5. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.6. Chippenham Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £68,917 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget is £9. This gives a total budget of £68,926 for the 2010/2011 budget.
- 1.7. A decision has been made in 2010/2011 that paper copies of funding applications will no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce volume of paper used. However, the application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council web site and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.8. The 2010/2011 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 20010/11• Chippenham Community Area Plan
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2010/11 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. There will be 6 rounds of funding during 2010/11. The first is contained in this report the remaining will take place on;
 - 5th July 2010
 - 13th September 2010
 - 22nd November 2010
 - 17th January 2011
 - 7th March 2011

3. Environmental & Community Implications

Community Area Grants will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1. Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Chippenham Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Chippenham Area Board will have a balance of £54,563

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1. There are no specific Legal implications related to this report.

6. HR Implications

- 6.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

- 7.1. Community Area Grants give all local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.
- 7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within section 8 – “Officer Recommendations”.

8. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1 015	Chippenham Children's Parliament	Award £1,000 for a Road Safety Campaign	£1,000

8.1.1. Chippenham Children's Parliament – Award £1,000 for a Road Safety Campaign

8.1.2. This application meets the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2010/11.

8.1.3. This application demonstrates a link to the Chippenham & Villages Community Plan "Traffic congestion and inconsiderate parking near school entrances" and "Speeding vehicles particularly through villages during the rush hour" are both listed as concerns.

8.1.4. This project demonstrates a link to Wiltshire Council's priorities in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire "Investigate ways to reduce rates of serious injury and fatal road accidents in Wiltshire".

8.1.5. The Chippenham Children's Parliament was established in September 2007, and members are from the 10 primary schools in Chippenham and Village schools. The aims of the Children's Parliament are as follows:

- a) promote active citizenship amongst children under the age of 12
- b) provide children with information and experience of how local and national democratic processes work
- c) help wider society acknowledge children's abilities and potential

a) The Children's Parliament has identified 3 one of which is "To improve road safety around our schools".

8.1.6. The main elements of the Road Safety Campaign are as follows:

- a) Launch project with a competition for school children to design a Road Safety poster
- b) Work with studio technician to produce a DVD of children interviews about road safety
- c) Work with studio technician to produce radio jingle about road safety
- d) Work with local media to use and promote campaign
- e) Members of children's Parliament will lead the campaign in their own schools
- f) Children from across the Community Area participate in inter-school Road Safety Quiz

8.1.7. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project Chippenham Children's Parliament will not be able to proceed with the Road Safety Campaign.

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8.2.001	Yatton Keynell Parish Council	The erection of Picket Fence Village Gateways	£776

8.2.1. Yatton Keynell Parish Council - Award £776 for the erection of Picket Fence Village Gateways, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

8.2.2. This application meets the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2010/11.

8.2.3. This application demonstrates a link to the Chippenham & Villages Community Plan which lists the following concern "Speeding vehicles particularly through villages during the rush hour"

8.2.4. This project demonstrates a link to Wiltshire Council's priorities in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire "Investigate ways to reduce rates of serious injury and fatal road accidents in Wiltshire".

8.2.5. The erection of Village Gateways will serve a dual purpose, firstly to enhance the entrances to the village, but more importantly to encourage motorist to be more aware of the fact that they are entering a village environment. It is hoped that this will encourage motorists to be more mindful of road safety issues and to adopt an appropriate speed.

8.2.6. The Village Gates will be installed at both entrances to the village of Yatton Keynell on the B4039. No planning permission is required.

8.2.7. The Parish Council has worked with Wiltshire Council Highways Officers to ensure that the design and position of the Village gates are in line with Highways Guidelines.

8.2.8. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund this project this will result in a delay to the erection of the Village Gates whilst alternative funding is sought.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3.116	Nettleton Parish Plan Committee	The production of a Parish Plan for Nettleton	£650

8.3.1. Nettleton Parish Plan Committee – Award £650 for the production of a Parish Plan, conditional upon the balance if funding being in place

- 8.3.2. This application meets the Community Area Grant criteria for 2010/11.
- 8.3.3. This application demonstrates a link to the Chippenham & Villages Community Plan “Community Planning has become increasingly important within local government as a valuable method of enabling local people to influence the services that will be provided for them.”
- 8.3.4. This project demonstrates a link to Wiltshire Council’s priorities in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire “Help local communities to develop their own priorities and improvements”.
- 8.3.5. The production of a Parish Plan will benefit the parish by recording their main needs and aspirations, and it will also serve to inform the local authorities and other service providers.
- 8.3.6. In order to be as inclusive as possible and to give as many people in the Parish as possible an opportunity to participate and contribute to the production of the plan, the committee intend to host a public meeting. As there is no village hall in Nettleton a venue and public liability insurance are required.
- 8.3.7. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund this project this will result in a delay in the production of the Parish Plan whilst alternative funding is sought.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4.014	New ChAPTER	Chippenham River Festival 2010	£8,000

- 8.4.1. New ChAPTER – award £8,000 towards the Chippenham River Festival, conditional upon the balance of funding and appropriate licences being in place.
- 8.4.2. This application meets the Community Area Grant criteria for 2010/11. Councillors are reminded that the criteria states that “Up to £5,000 is available (more in exceptional circumstances)”.
- 8.4.3. This application demonstrates a link to the Chippenham & Villages Community Plan “Aim to increase support for community facilities and events, and to encourage a range of cultural opportunities for residents and visitors to the area”.
- 8.4.4. This project demonstrates links to Wiltshire Council’s priorities in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire, to create stronger and more inclusive communities “Improve community relations “ and “Encourage communities to take part in sporting and cultural activities and events that bring different age groups together”.
- 8.4.5. New ChAPTER organises the River Festival with the support of Chippenham Vision Board, Chippenham Chamber of Commerce, Chippenham Civic Society, DC Leisure and local businesses and organisations.

8.4.6. The River Festival is a family event on the August Bank Holiday weekend for all ages to celebrate Chippenham's beautiful river and enjoy punts, canoes, dinghies, sailing boats, and the return of the popular raft races. In the park attractions will include Sailing dinghy display, the Red Devils parachute display team, Chuffy the Land Train, Punch & Judy, Think Bikes, History and Eco-zones, guided river walks, craft & local produce stalls.

8.4.7. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project, the River Festival for 2010 is likely to have to reduce the activities on offer to the public.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5.011	Castle Combe Village Hall Committee	Installation of insulation and secondary double glazing in the village hall	£1,182

8.5.1. Castle Combe Village Hall Committee - award £1,182 towards the installation of insulation and secondary double glazing in the village hall, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

8.5.2. This application meets the Community Area Grant criteria for 2010/11.

8.5.3. This application demonstrates a link to the Chippenham & Villages Community Plan Review "More grants to small parishes for energy efficiency measures in public buildings".

8.5.4. This project demonstrates links to Wiltshire Council's priorities in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire priority actions "To reduce Wiltshire's carbon footprint".

8.5.5. Castle Combe Village Hall is a very well used local amenity in the centre of the village.

8.5.6. Whilst the Village Hall Committee has endeavoured to introduce improvements to the heating, there is still considerable heat loss which these energy efficiency measures will address.

8.5.7. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund this project this will result in a delay in the installation of energy efficiency measures in the village hall whilst alternative funding is sought.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.6. (Grant Register ref no)	Kington St Michael Village Community Shop	Upgrade freezer and shelving in the village community shop	£2,755

- 8.6.1. Kington St Michael Village Community Shop - award £2,755 towards the upgrade freezer and shelving in the village shop, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.
- 8.6.2. This application meets the Community Area Grant criteria for 2010/11.
- 8.6.3. This application demonstrates a link to the Chippenham & Villages Community Plan Review "Support (these) rural economy elements on a case by case basis through the Area Board.
- 8.6.4. This project demonstrates links to Wiltshire Council's priorities in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire priority actions "Help small businesses get better access to finance."
- 8.6.5. Support for the village community shop was specifically highlighted by parishioners in the Kington St Michael Parish Plan. The shop is the hub of the village and is owned by the community.
- 8.6.6. The purchase of the new freezer will increase the energy efficiency of the community shop, and reduce operating costs. The new shelving will enable a wider range of stock to be displayed.
- 8.6.7. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project it will result in a significant delay to the purchase of the equipment whilst an alternative source of funding is sought.

Appendices:	<p>Appendix 1 – Chippenham Children’s Parliament Application</p> <p>Appendix 2 – Yatton Keynell Parish Council Application</p> <p>Appendix 3 – Nettleton Parish Council Application</p> <p>Appendix 4 – Chippenham River Festival Application</p> <p>Appendix 5 – Castle Combe Village Hall Committee Application</p> <p>Appendix 6 – Kington St Michael Village Community Shop Application</p>
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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