

Report to	Amesbury Area Board
Date of Meeting	30 May 2013
Title of Report	Area Board Funding

Purpose of Report

To ask councillors to consider officer recommendations in respect to:

1. Winterbourne Parish Council - award £5,000 towards the replacement and refurbishment of QEII village field, conditional on the balance of funding being in place.
2. Larkhill Choral Society – award £179.98 for the purchase of a new CCTV system.
3. Great Durnford Cricket Club – award £3,000 towards the cost of a new gang mower, conditional on the balance of funding being in place.
4. Langford Parish Hall – award £337.50 towards the cost of replacement windows, conditional on the balance of funding being in place.
5. Amesbury Town Council – award £5,000 towards works to river bank in Lords Walk, conditional on the balance of funding being in place.
6. Tilshead Village Hall Committee – award £3,073.50 towards the cost of village hall refurbishment works (new kitchen equipment and damp proofing the floors), conditional on the balance of funding being in place.
7. St Michael's Primary School – award £500 towards the Early Years Project (pending technical officer approval)
8. Sport, Culture & Leisure Community Planning Panel - £3,000 towards project and administrative support costs for the Sports Fest event (summer 2013).
9. Amesbury Community Area Planning Panels - £6,240 for administrative support costs (2 Sept 2013 – 31 Mar 2014).

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 Adult Care, Communities and Housing (5 April 2013). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the [Area Board Grants Guidance 2013/2014](#).
 - 1.2. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any decision of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria and/or the officer's recommendation would need to demonstrate that the application in question has a wider community benefit, and give specific reasons for why this should justify an exception to the criteria.
 - 1.3. The Localism agenda supports the ethos of volunteering and community involvement and the nurturing of resilient communities. With this in mind Community Area Grants (CAGs) should be encouraged from and awarded to community and voluntary groups.
 - 1.4. The area board may want to link funding to local priorities, including those identified in their Community Plan, Local Area Joint Strategic Assessment and any other community based consultative work.
 - 1.5. Amesbury of Area Board has been allocated a 2013/2014 budget of **£82,361** for community area grants, digital literacy grants, community partnership core funding, area board operational funding and area board/councillor led initiatives. In 2013/14 only capital funding is available for community area and digital literacy grants.
 - 1.6. In addition to CAGs and digital literacy grants councillors can submit an Area Board/Councillor Led Initiative. This enables area boards to tackle sticky community issues and/or community identified priorities. Cabinet have emphasised that they do not wish these to be used to avoid complying with Community Area Grant criteria or for filling gaps where there are council service shortfalls.
 - 1.7. In support of the Olympic and Paralympic legacy, in 2013/14 the Amesbury Area Board invites applications that encourage young people and people with disabilities to become more actively involved in sports, outdoor activities, recreation, arts and volunteering.
 - 1.8. Applications of up to and including £500 can be made for a Community Area Grant, which will not require matched funding. Amounts of £501 - £5,000 will be required to find matched funding. The area board will rarely award more than £5,000. Grants of up to £500 are available for Digital Literacy projects.
 - 1.9. New for 2013/14 is a single on-line application process for Community Area Grants (CAG) and Digital Literacy grants, introduced to provide an easy step by step application process. The
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application process and funding criteria can be found [here](#).

- 1.10. Area boards will not consider CAG applications from town and parish councils for purposes that relate to their statutory duties or powers that should be funded from the local town/parish precept. However this does not preclude bids from town/parish councils, encouraging community projects that provide new opportunities for local people or those functions that are not the sole responsibility of the town/parish council.
- 1.11. Officers are required to provide recommendations in their funding reports (except in the case of Area Board/Councillor led initiatives), although the decision to support applications is made by Wiltshire councillors on the area board.
- 1.12. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting whilst there is money available.
- 1.13. All recipients of area board funding are expected to complete an evaluation form as soon as the project has been completed and provide receipts if requested. Groups are encouraged to up-load information and photographs about their project on to their area board [blogsite](#). Failure to evaluate projects will preclude applicants/organisations being considered for future funding.

Background documents used in the preparation of this report	<u>Area Board Grant Criteria and Guidance 2013/14 as approved by delegated decision</u> <u>Amesbury Area's Community Plan Priorities</u> <u>Amesbury Area Joint Strategic Assessment</u>
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Amesbury Area Board has been allocated a 2013/2014 budget of **£82,361** that may be allocated through Community Area Grants, Digital Literacy Grants, Area Board/Councillor Led Initiatives and funding support for community planning activities.
 - 2.2. Councillors will need to ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation outlined in Section 1 of this report.
 - 2.3. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in 2013/2014 are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
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2.4. There are now 6 funding rounds remaining during 2013/14. Deadlines for receipt of funding applications are as follows:

- 18 April 2013 for consideration on 30 May 2013
- 6 June 2013 for consideration on 18 July 2013
- 8 August 2013 for consideration on 19 September 2013
- 10 October 2013 for consideration on 21 November 2013
- 19 December 2013 for consideration on 30 January 2014
- 13 February 2014 for consideration on 27 March 2014

3. Environmental & Community Implications

3.1. Area Board Grants 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 Amesbury Area Board.

4.2. If grants are awarded in accordance with officer recommendations Amesbury area board will have a balance of **£56,030.02**.

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 and Small 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.

7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications will be outlined in section 8, "Officer Recommendations" of the funding report.

8. Officer Recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1.	Winterbourne Parish Council	QEII Field replace and refurbishment of play equipment	£10,000

- 8.1.1. Officers recommend that Winterbourne Parish Council is awarded £5,000 towards the costs of replacing and refurbishing play equipment in the village QEII playing field, conditional on the balance of funding being in place.
- 8.1.2. This application meets grant criteria 2013/14 and has been classified as a capital project by Wiltshire Council finance department.
- 8.1.3. As a designated QEII Field in Trust, this will be Winterbourne's lasting legacy from the 2012 Jubilee / Olympic celebrations. The project seeks to enhance local facilities for the benefit of a range of community priorities, including children and young people, health and wellbeing, inclusion, diversity and community spirit.

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8.2.	Larkhill Choral Society	Purchase of new CCTV System for Concerts	£179.98

- 8.2.1. Officers recommend that Larkhill Choral Society is awarded £179.98 for the purchase of a new CCTV System.
- 8.2.2. This application meets grant criteria 2013/14 and has been classified as a capital project by Wiltshire Council finance department.
- 8.2.3. Larkhill Choral Society's concerts are held in local churches where the organist is usually out of sight of the conductor, and a new CCTV System would allow an unobstructed view of the conductor, improving the standard of concerts.
- 8.2.4. One of the Amesbury Community Area priorities' relates to arts, culture and leisure, and this is a small community group, which Area Boards are encouraged to support through the community area grants scheme.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3.	Langford Parish Hall Committee	Replacement of windows	£337.50

- 8.3.1. Officers recommend that Langford Parish Hall Committee is awarded £337.50 towards the cost of replacing 4 windows with new units to assist with energy costs and to prevent problems with condensation and resulting mould damage.
- 8.3.2. This application meets grant criteria 2013/14 and has been classified as a capital project by Wiltshire Council finance department.
- 8.3.3. The hall is used by a variety of community groups, including a youth group, art class, sports groups, village events and private hire events.
- 8.3.4. The total cost of the project is £675 and the parish hall committee is contributing 50% of the costs from its reserves.

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8.4.	Great Durnford Cricket Club (GDCC)	Purchase of a new gang mower	£3,000

- 8.4.1. Officers recommend that Great Durnford Cricket Club is awarded £3,000 towards the cost of purchasing a new gang mower.
- 8.4.2. This application meets grant criteria 2013/14 and has been classified as a capital project by Wiltshire Council finance department.
- 8.4.3. GDCC is a long established cricket club (founded 1884) with teams entered in local Wednesday and Saturday leagues. The club's needs are normally self-financed, but it now needs to replace a significant capital item, which will cost £6,000.
- 8.4.4. The club will contribute £2,000 from its reserves and is seeking £1,000 from other donations.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5.	Amesbury Town Council	To secure and reinforce the riverbank in Lords Walk	£5,000

- 8.5.1. Officers recommend that Amesbury Town Council is awarded £5,000 towards the cost of securing the river bank in Lords Walk.
- 8.5.2. This application meets grant criteria 2013/14 and has been classified as a capital project by Wiltshire Council finance department.
- 8.5.3. Subsequent to the 2013/14 Amesbury Town Council budget being set in January this year, the council learnt that works required to secure the river bank in Lords Walk were more urgent and extensive than anticipated. This is a public circular walk, which is at risk of becoming impassable without urgent works to four affected areas.
- 8.5.4. The town council has been advised by its grounds maintenance contractor that timber posts, backfilling, the laying of a pipe to allow water to the stream and the reinstatement of the whole path is required.
- 8.5.5. The project will benefit all members of the community, with Lords Walk being used by local people, and visitors to the town. It is one of the few green areas in Amesbury where people can take a leisurely walk, exercise their dog and take general exercise. The area is a popular one for fishermen too, and is used by The Rotary for the annual duck race.
- 8.5.6. There is a Lords Walk Interest Group which continues to assist the town in ensuring the proper upkeep and further improvement to this area.

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8.6.	Tilshead Village Hall Committee	Village Hall Refurbishment Works (new kitchen equipment and floor damp proofing)	£3,073.50

- 8.6.1. Officers recommend that Tilshead Village Hall Committee is awarded £3,073.50 towards the cost of the hall's refurbishment programme. The programme is in 4 phases, and works should be

complete by September 2013. The Area Board awarded £3,500 to this programme in 2012/13 for phase 1 (new gutters, windows, fascias and drainpipes. This application is specifically to assist with the costs of new kitchen equipment and damp proofing the floors.

- 8.6.2. This application meets grant criteria 2013/14 and has been classified as a capital project by Wiltshire Council finance department.
- 8.6.3. The total cost of this programme of works is nearly £24,000, and the committee is also applying to the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) and Awards for All. A requirement of the LCF is a 3rd party contribution of 11.11% of the total amount requested, and the Area Board is being asked to act as the third party. Confirmation has been received that this is a feasible request.
- 8.6.4. This village hall is prone to flooding, and the programme of works is necessary to renew and protect the hall for future use. The new hall will be of benefit to the whole community.

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8.7.	St Michael's Primary School, Figheldean	Early Years Project	£500

- 8.7.1. Officers recommend that St Michael's Primary School is awarded £500 for the purchase of materials and equipment to enhance the learning and educational experience of pupils in the reception class. The school would like to improve its appeal to this age, and believe that a new sand table, outdoor clipboards, balancing steps and cd books will go some way to assisting with this.
- 8.7.2. At the time of going to print, confirmation has yet to be received that this application is seeking funding for capital purposes, councillors will be updated on the 30th May 2013.

Appendices	Appendix 1 Grant Application – Winterbourne Parish Council Appendix 2 Grant Application – Larkhill Choral Society Appendix 3 Grant Application- Langford Parish Hall Appendix 4 Grant Application – Great Durnford Cricket Club Appendix 5 Grant Application – Amesbury Town Council Appendix 6 Grant Application – Tilshead Village Hall Appendix 7 – St Michael's Primary School, Figheldean
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report other than those requested in the funding criteria e.g. estimates.

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