

Report to	Melksham Area Board
Date of Meeting	5 th June 2013
Title of Report	Community Funding

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 4 Community Area Grant applications and 1 councillor led initiative

1. Community grant applications

Melksham Disabled Football Club seeks £500 to fund a PA system to manage tournaments across open field sites.

Great Hinton Memorial Hall seeks £875 for fund improvements to their hot water system.

Melksham Extended Services seeks £250 for two gazebos for outdoor events

Jubilee Wood Scout Camp Site and Community Youth Activity centre seeks £500 equipment and storage to improve access for disabled people

2. Councillor led initiative

Keevil Village Hall

Councillor Jonathon Seed seeks £900 to resurface the road leading to Keevil Village Hall to enable disabled people to access the village hall

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 (27 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. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.5. Melksham Area Board has been allocated a 2012/2013 budget of £56,737 capital for community grants, and £14,492 revenue for community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. .
- 1.6. A decision has been made in 2012/2013 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.
- 1.7. The 2012/2013 funding criteria now stipulates that only Capital funding is available and the criteria and application forms are available on the council's website (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards)

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2012/13• Melksham Community Area Plan
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2012/13 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. There will be 4 further rounds of funding during 2013/14. The next Area Boards take place on 31st July 2013, 9 October, 11th December and 12th February 14

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 Melksham Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Melksham Area Board will have a balance of £53,712 Capital for Grants and Revenue of £14,492 to include Core Partnership Funding.

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, 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	<u>Melksham Disabled Football Club</u>	A PA system to manage tournaments across open field sites.	£500

- 8.1.1. The officer recommends this application is awarded
- 8.1.2. The application meets the criteria for community area grants 2013/14
- 8.1.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan; encourage exercise

8.1.4 Melksham Disabled Football Club are a not- for- profit organisation.

8.1.5 The project addresses equality and inclusion issues, enabling disabled people to participate in football.

8.1.6 Should the Area Board make a decision not to fund the project the project will be delayed as further funding will need to be sought

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
9	<u>Great Hinton Memorial Hall</u>	Improvements to their hot water system	£875

9.1.1. Officer recommends the application is awarded

9.1.2. The application meets the grant criteria 2012/13

9.1.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan with regard to supporting families.

9.1.4. The application does not meet a locally agreed priority however does give equal access to all members of Great Hinton community

9.1.5. The applicant is a not for profit organisation.

9.1.6. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project the project will need to find funding elsewhere.

Ref	Applicants	Project proposal	Funding requested
9.2.	<u>Melksham Extended Services</u>	2 Gazebos for outdoor events for the community	£250

9.2.1. Officer recommends the application is awarded

9.2.2. The application meets the grant criteria 2012/13

9.2.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan: ensure inclusion of all and raise the community spirit.

9.2.3. The application meets locally agreed/area board priorities

9.2.4. The applicant is a not for profit organisation.

9.2.5.If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project the project will need to find more funds to progress

Ref	Applicants	Project proposal	Funding requested
9.4	<u>Jubilee Wood Scout Camp Site</u>	Equipment and storage to improve access for disabled people	£500

9.4.1 The officer recommends this application is awarded subject to agreement from Bradford on Avon and Trowbridge Area Board to fund the rest of the project to the sum of £2000

9.4.2 The application meets the criteria for grants 2013/14

9.4.3 The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan; protect and enhance parks and green spaces

9.4.4..the applicant s are a not- for- profit organisation.

9.4.5.The project addresses equality and inclusion issues and will provide equal access for all and specifically addressing the needs of disabled people regarding access .

9.4.6.Should the Area Board make a decision not to fund the project the project will be delayed as further funding will need to be sought

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Ref 9.3	<u>Councillor Jonathon Seed for Keevil Village Hall</u>	Resurface road leading to keevil village hall to assist disabled access to the village hall	£900

9.3.1 Officer recommends the application is awarded

9.3.2 The application meets the grant criteria 2013/14

Appendices:	Appendix x 6 - Grant applications from <u>Melksham Disabled Football Club</u> <u>Great Hinton Memorial Hall</u> <u>Melksham Extended Services</u> <u>Jubilee Wood Scout Camp Site</u>
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	Councillor led initiative: <u>Keevil Village Hall</u>
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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