

Report to	Bradford on Avon Area Board
Date of Meeting	18 September 2013
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask Councillors to consider four applications seeking 2013/14 Community Area Grant funding:

- i) **Bradford on Avon Youth Advisory Group requesting £2,850 towards improvements at Poulton Skate Ramps**
- ii) **Winsley Parish Council requesting £4,000 towards a bus shelter at Dane Rise/Bradford Road in Winsley**
- iii) **Wiltshire Global Education Centre requesting £1,350 towards a Global Spotlight Competiton in local schools**
- iv) **Bradford on Avon Friends of Palestine requesting £3,000 towards a visit to Bradford by young Palestinian dancers**

## 1. Background

- 1.1 Area Boards have authority to approve Community 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 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 as to why this should justify an exception to the criteria.
- 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 Bradford on Avon Area Board has been allocated a budget in 2013/2014 of £ 51, 075 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives.
- 1.5 It has been decided that paper copies of funding applications will no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce the volume of paper used. However, the application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council website and hard copies will be available upon request.
- 1.6 The funding criteria and application forms are available on the Council's website ([www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards)) and paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

<b>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Community Area Grant Application Pack 2011/12</b></li><li>• <b>Bradford on Avon Community Area Plan</b></li><li>• <b>Wiltshire Local Area Agreement</b></li></ul>
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## 2 Main Considerations

- 2.1 Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2013/14 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2 There will be 5 rounds of funding during 2013/14, this being the second.

### 3 Environmental & Community Implications

3.1 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 Bradford on Avon Area Board.

4.2 If grants are awarded in line with recommendations, Bradford on Avon Area Board will have a balance of £ 23, 873 funding remaining in the grants budget for the 2013/14 financial year.

### 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	BoA Youth Advisory Group	Improvements to the Poulton Skate Ramps	£ 2, 850

8.1.1 This application meets the community area grant criteria for 2012/13.

8.1.2 The application demonstrates a link to the Bradford on Avon Community Plan and Wiltshire Local Area Agreement through the provision of leisure facilities for young people

and support to well being, fitness, creativity, safe places to go and personal development.

8.1.3 The skate ramps have fallen into a poor state of repair and the YAG has been consulting with young people and residents on the appropriate response. Aspirations are for a new, improved skate park but with limited resources the decision has been taken to tidy up and make safe the existing facility as a priority. The project aims to re-surface the skate ramps and make safe the ramps by boxing in the sides with sheet metal. This will also act as a resprayable graffiti wall. The riding surfaces will also be re-painted with grip paint.

8.1.4 The project beneficiaries will be children and young people from Bradford on Avon Community Area. There will be increased positive use of the ramps and youth workers will be supporting the young people. The Police are also involved with the Project and view it as a positive community project. Young people who use skate parks are very supportive of each other and will help younger children learn new tricks.

8.1.4 Consultation at the Party@Poulton on Saturday 7 September showed support for the ramps improvement project and also for the establishment of a Friends of Poulton Rec stakeholder group.

8.1.4 The Council's Play and Leisure Strategy Officer is supportive as it fits in with existing Council Strategies around Health, Lifestyle & Wellbeing, Safer Communities, Sport, Play & Recreation as well as being part of the Leisure Development Action Plan. The Neighbourhood Policing Team also supports the improvement of the skate board ramps at Poulton where the quality of the facilities has been criticised over many years.

8.1.5 The YAG are providing matching funding from grant monies allocated by the Colonel Llewellyn Palmer Educational Trust in 2012.

**Officers recommend that £ 2, 850 is awarded towards improvements to the Poulton Skate Ramps**

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project proposal</b>	<b>Funding requested</b>
<b>8.2</b>	<b>Winsley Parish Council</b>	<b>Bus Shelter at Dane Rise/ Turleigh</b>	<b>£ 4, 000</b>

8.2.1 This application meets the community area grant criteria for 2013/14.

8.2.2 The application demonstrates a link to the Bradford on Avon Community Plan and Wiltshire Local Area Agreement through its support for rural facilities and public transport for all.

8.2.3 The project will provide a bus shelter on the Bradford Road at the junction of Dane Rise where there has been a hard standing ready for the shelter for some years but

as cost has always been an issue it has never been installed. There is an increasingly ageing population from the Tynning Estate which is located at the north side of Bradford Road, it is this area from which approximately half of the users of this particular bus stop would come, the road is long and wide and does seem to be particularly exposed to the elements making the shelter more of a necessity - it has long been the intention of Winsley Parish Council to promote the use of the very good and important bus route into and out of Bath and to encourage people to use it for more than just shopping trips but to see it as a genuine alternative to commuting to work in their car.

- 8.2.4 The Parish Council is providing matching funding for this project but is unable to fully fund it because there are a number of other projects for which these might be needed e.g. the parish owns a nature reserve which has a lot of trees that need quite expensive maintenance and some long stretches of dry stone walling in need of repair. There is also a playground which has some items of equipment that are in need of repair or replacement, the total of which is estimated at nearly £10,000.
- 8.2.5 The Bradford on Avon Community Area Transport Group at its meeting on 2 September 2013 supported the application but was unable to fund with its limited resources. It was agreed to refer the project to the Area Board for funding via the Community Grants Scheme. The Parish Council is contributing matching funding towards the costs of the shelter.
- 8.2.6 The Wiltshire Council Passenger Transport Unit are supportive of the application, in principle, but following proposed changes to the service by First Bus, want reassurance that the buses will continue to stop at the Dane Rise/ Turleigh stop. The Parish Council are promised a verbal decision by First Bus on the final bus route shortly but how long it may take to implement and whether the bus company might again re-consider is not known.

**Officers recommend that £ 4,000 is awarded toward a new bus shelter in Winsley at Dane Rise/ Turleigh or at an alternative location to be agreed by First Bus and the Passenger Transport Unit at Wiltshire Council**

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3	Wiltshire Global Education Centre	Global Spotlight Competition in local schools	£ 1, 350

- 8.3.1 This application meets the community area grant criteria for 2012/13.
- 8.3.2 The application demonstrates a link to the Bradford on Avon Community Plan and Wiltshire Local Area Agreement through its support for education and citizenship objectives.
- 8.3.3 In the primary school competition, a group of Key Stage 2 children in each

participating school is identified and chooses a global issue with a local application that they are concerned about. Staff from WGEC spend a day in school with them, helping them with the research and filling in gaps in knowledge of their chosen subject. The children put together a lively presentation, supported by pupils from their local secondary school. On the day of the competition, teams present to the other teams and the panel of experts for the prize: a trip to London to visit their MP.

8.3.4 The children taking part in the competition will benefit directly by engaging with a global topic with a local significance, increasing their knowledge base and practising new skills – research, presentation, public speaking etc; in addition their whole school communities (at least 700 people) will benefit as the children disseminate their learning through assemblies etc and out into the community through parents, governors etc. Part of the criteria for success in the competition is the actions children have taken in their local area and we will guide them (through their teachers) into choosing topics that have been identified as issues in the Bradford on Avon Community Plan of 2005 such as Fairtrade, waste disposal and recycling, energy strategies and climate change, air quality – all topics that have been chosen by schools in other areas of Wiltshire and that have a local application within a global context. We can particularly see this competition meeting the agenda of Bradford on Avon becoming carbon neutral by 2050 – what better place to start than 2014's 10 year olds! We aim for long term change of ethos in the schools in which we work and know that we can achieve this through this competition by helping the children to realise (through the prize) that they can be active global citizens, that they have a voice that counts and that they can be agents of the change that they would like to see in their local community and the wider world.

8.3.5 By engaging secondary school pupils, the competition will also address the issue of transition from Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3 as identified in the 2005 Community Plan in a more dynamic way. We can see how this competition fits into some of the harder to achieve actions of the Bradford on Avon JSA such as 'raising understanding about inequalities in the county' and 'promoting community resilience through wider participation' and how it will promote understanding and action around the identified higher than average energy and water consumption. This is a short term project that will take place over 8 weeks in the summer term of 2014. It will commence with a baseline survey of knowledge in the existing schools against criteria which will be checked against end of project feedback from the schools. We will also require an action plan from each participating schools at the termination, outlining the changes that will take place in the school as a result of the project. It is difficult at this stage to predict what those changes might be but we would anticipate (and encourage) as a minimum membership of WGEC to indicate ongoing commitment plus a keenness by all schools (primary and secondary) to participate in the government's new Global Learning Programme as a partner school. Attitudinal change is notoriously difficult to evaluate and only a longitudinal study would determine the long-term changes on the community of this project which we would consider that to be beyond our remit. However we would suggest that part of the legacy for the schools of this project would be a survey in Bradford on Avon in 2015, trying to establish what indeed has changed as a result of what they have done in the community.

8.3.6 WGEC is the educational arm of the registered charity the Marlborough Brandt

Group and although part of it, is totally self-sustaining in terms of its funding. All projects undertaken by WGEC are on a full cost recovery basis.

8.3.7 Initial discussions have been held with Christchurch and Fitzmaurice primary schools and the Schools Cluster Co-ordinator is facilitating further dialogue to assess whether this project can go ahead in the Summer term of the current academic year.

8.3.8 Match funding for the project comes from an application the Colonel Llewellyn Palmer Educational Charity, to be confirmed in October 2013.

**Officers recommend that £ 1, 350 is contributed towards the global spotlight competition in local schools, subject to match funding being secured and support being confirmed from the schools to participate in the programme during 2013/14**

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4	Bradford on Avon Friends of Palestine	Visit to Bradford by young Palestinian dancers	£ 3, 000

8.4.1 This application meets the community area grant criteria for 2012/13.

8.4.2 The application demonstrates a link to the Bradford on Avon Community Plan and Wiltshire Local Area Agreement through its support for .

8.4.3 This project is to raise funds to enable a visit by young Palestinian traditional folklore dancers and musicians. The visit will be from 20th - 27th October 2013 and includes a public concert at Wiltshire Music Centre on 23rd October and workshops at local schools. This visit will build constructive contacts between Bradford and Bethlehem at a number of levels - arts and culture; better awareness and understanding of our two communities and their cultures - especially by young people (14-16 year olds); firm links between families in the two societies. This project will build foundations for continuing cultural exchanges between the people of Bradford and Bethlehem.

8.4.4 Culture and Arts - this visit will benefit the whole population of Bradford who will have the chance to buy a ticket for the concert at the Music Centre. They will be sold at affordable prices so most people who wish to will be able to go. The audience at the concert will be 300. This concert will be an attractive addition to the programme of world music available in Bradford.  
 Education - local schools who will host the young dancers for a week; also local families who will be hosting the dancers and their teachers in their homes. School children at the host school will have access to workshops in traditional Palestinian dancing. These will bring health benefits.  
 Economy and Tourism - the Music Centre will benefit by an income of £600; Bradford shops, cafes and taxis will gain from extra customers. Bradford as a town

will gain from good publicity at local, national and international level.  
 Inclusion and Diversity - this visit will bring 19 Muslim young people and teachers to Bradford .This will benefit interfaith relations in the town and let the host school and families share with the visitors in discovering more about the two societies' cultures and religions. The visit is supported by the West Wilts Interfaith group. It is also in line with the key aims of the Bradford Fair Trade and Oxfam Groups.  
 Building Community Understanding - a large number of people in Bradford are concerned about the situation in Palestine. BoAFOP now has 100 members who will be very pleased if this project succeeds. Evidence of the interest in Palestine was the attendance of 100 at a talk by a Palestinian farmer at Fair Trade Week in Bradford in March 13 and 80 at a talk by our MP on Palestine.  
 The Bradford Mayor and MP will host a civic reception for the dancers.  
 This project will lay the foundation for wider cultural and commercial exchanges between Bradford and Bethlehem in the future.

8.4.5 The total project costs are £16, 290, towards which the Town Council has contributed £ 750 and the balance is being raised from other fundraising and donations.

**Officers recommend that £ 3,000 is contributed towards the visit to Bradford by young Palestinian dancers**

<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>Grant applications from:</b> <b>Bradford on Avon Youth Advisory Group</b> <b>Winsley Parish Council</b> <b>Wiltshire Global Education Centre</b> <b>Bradford on Avon Friends of Palestine</b> <b>Comments from:</b> <b>Colin Brown, Play and Leisure Strategy Officer</b> <b>Ian White, Head of Passenger Transport</b> <b>Karen Butler, School Cluster Co-ordinator for Bradford on Avon</b>
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**No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.**

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