

Report to	Melksham
Date of Meeting	12/02/2014
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

1. Purpose of the report:

To ask Councillors to consider the following applications seeking funding from the Area Board.

Application	Grant Amount	Officer Recommendation
Applicant: Wiltshire Mind Project Title: Mental Health Awareness and Wellbeing Days	481	1
Applicant: Semington Parish Council Project Title: Semington War Memorial Refurbishment Project	1,500	1
Applicant: Melksham Community Environmental Group Project Title: Poppy Seed Project	94.50	1
Applicant: Crazy about Knitting Project Title: new knitting group in Melksham - Crazy about Knitting - to be held at Melksham Baptist Church	500.00	1
Applicant: Melksham Town Sound Project Title: Melksham Town Sound FM Funding	500	1
Applicant: Bowerhill Residents Action Group Project Title: Installation of solar panels on the roof of the Bowerhill Village Hall	2500	
Applicant: 2385 (Melksham) Air Cadets Project Title: Melksham Air Cadets New Minibus	2500	1
Applicant: Shaw Hill Playing Field and Village Hall Project Title: Shaw Village Hall Marquee	500	1
Applicant: Atworth Duke of Edinburgh's Award Group Project Title: Duke of Edinburgh's award expedition supervisor	325.00	1
Applicant: Golden Fleece Cricket Club Project Title: Golden Fleece Cricket Club Groundwork	500	1
Applicant: Tourist Information Centre Project Title: Tourist Information Centre IT equipment	499	1
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Project Title: Melksham Tourist Information Centre IT equipment		
Applicant: Atworth Parish Council Project Title: Village war memorial refurbishment	2895	1
Applicant: Shaw and Whitley Friendship Club Project Title: New dishwasher for Shaw and Whitley Friendship Club	924	1
Applicant: Whorwellsdown District Girlguiding Project Title: Whorwellsdown District Guides visit to ZOOM	392	1
Applicant: Over 55s Afternoon Tea Project Title: Atworth benches	500	1

Main Considerations

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. 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.

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.

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

Awards must fall within the budget allocated to the Area Board.

5. Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

6. HR Implications

There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

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.

Applicant: Wiltshire Mind	Amount	Officer
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Project Title: Mental Health Awareness and Wellbeing Days	Requested : 481	Recommendation: 1
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This application meets grant criteria 2012/13.
Wiltshire Mind requires a flip chart easel, a travel display stand and 2 roll up displays in order to assist our provision of Mental Health Awareness days to take place in Melksham and nearby communities. Examples of when Wiltshire Mind will conduct these Awareness Days include World Mental Health Day, National Suicide Day and running a local Time To Change event to promote reducing stigma about mental health. There is also a national Time To Talk day being run by Time to Change on 6/2/2014. These Awareness days will take place at various venues which may include the Town Hall, the Assembly Rooms, the Library, supermarket foyers, local schools and colleges, churches and Canberra Youth Centre. The purpose of the Awareness Days is to help overcome the stigma of mental illness by encouraging dialogue and interactive conversation. There will also be details provided on where to go for support, help and information.

Applicant: Semington Parish Council Project Title: Semington War Memorial Refurbishment Project	Amount Requested : 1,500	Officer Recommendation: 1
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This application meets grant criteria 2012/13.
The war memorial located in the grounds of St Georges Church has deteriorated over nearly 100 years and needs attention prior to the 2014 centenary. In particular some of the lettering has been lost. The memorial was erected under public subscription and is not the property of the Church.

09/01/2014 10:05:14 Mark CAM in progress Email User Update Applicant informs that 20% of the costs are being applied for from War Memorial Grant, the project now costing Â£3,000 with Â£1,500 being requested from the Area Board and the other half being match funded. This will come to the Area Board on Feb 12th at the Assembly Hall.

Applicant: Melksham Community Environmental Group Project Title: Poppy Seed Project	Amount Requested : 94.50	Officer Recommendation: 1
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This application meets grant criteria 2012/13.
Every year, in March, Melksham Community Area Partnership stage a very successful Seed Swap event in Melksham. This year, we would like to commemorate 100 years since WW1 by giving away packets of poppy seeds to each person attending. Seeds are 1.89 a packet and 50 are required.

Applicant: Crazy about Knitting Project Title: new knitting group in Melksham - Crazy about Knitting - to be held at Melksham Baptist Church	Amount Requested : 500.00	Officer Recommendation: 1
<p>This application meets grant criteria 2012/13. We are a new group setting up and would use the money to purchase wool which we could then offer to our members who in turn will knit items for charity.</p>		
Applicant: Melksham Town Sound Project Title: Melksham Town Sound FM Funding	Amount Requested : 500	Officer Recommendation: 1
<p>This application meets grant criteria 2012/13. Melksham Town Sound Funding for a FM Licence.</p>		
Applicant: Bowerhill Residents Action Group Project Title: Installation of solar panels on the roof of the Bowerhill Village Hall	Amount Requested : 2500	Officer Recommendation:
<p>This application meets grant criteria 2012/13. To help reduce our ever increasing energy bills the Bowerhill Village Hall Trust wishes to install solar panels on the roof of the Hall. The Hall has been checked by a firm that supplies solar panels and it is suitable for this work. The ever increasing energy charges means that we have to increase our charges to the Hall users, many of whom are already struggling to pay their costs and another increase may cause very important user groups to close. If we can reduce our bills we will be able to at least keep our charges at their current levels.</p> <p>28/01/2014 10:37:14 Update Item Email To User Members asked if it was legal to provide funds where the organisation will receive payment in the future, this was checked and a precedent has been set with Corsham, however at meeting on 27 Jan, Cllr Seed stated that the government grant has just been announced and that the group should apply to that, request group withdraw their application, failing that, this is not likely to be agreed at Area Board on 12.2. 14, however does meet the criteria</p> <p>09/01/2014 10:58:45 Mark CAM in progress Email User Update The Bowerhill Village Hall committee held its meeting last evening and I now have the information that Melksham Area Board asked for in connection with our grant application. We have received two estimates for the work - one from RSG for Â£5470 + VAT @5% and from KEC for Â£5219 including VAT. We have chosen the cheaper option. The</p>		

roof can support the solar panels. The electricity generated will be mostly used for the Village Hall use but any surplus will be sold to the National Grid. It is estimated that on current electricity prices it will take 7 years to recoup the costs of installing the panels but with electricity expected to increase by 10% per annum for the next 10 years the cost will probably be recovered in a shorter timescale. If there is any further information required please contact me. I hope that the Area Board will recommend the grant at the February meeting

02/12/2013 15:51:27 Mark Deferred Email User Update Members wish to know if the project has considered selling services to the network, t/c made, this has been considered by Sean, member of the group and professional in the field, however it would be most useful to have the evidence, so applicant suggested it would be deferred til Feb meeting

Applicant: 2385 (Melksham) Air Cadets
Project Title: Melksham Air Cadets New Minibus

Amount
Requested
: 2500

Officer
Recommendation: 1

This application meets grant criteria 2012/13.

Melksham ATC is in need of a new minibus. We have had a minibus for several years now and the current bus is becoming increasingly costly to run and maintain. This new bus would ensure the continued high activity of the squadrons cadet in activities such as archery, climbing, caving, educational trips and residential camps at RAF stations. The bus is also integral to our participation at community events within Melksham and the surrounding area such as the food festival, Christmas fair and party in the park. Also it will be put to use for fundraising events like car parking.

13/01/2014 09:38:48 Update Item Email To User response from applicant; we haven't been in contact with scouts regarding sharing a bus. We weren't aware that they had also applied. Having thought about this and discussed it with other squadron staff we don't feel this would benefit us and the scouts. Our bus is in use nearly every weekend, during 2012 there were only 6 weekends the squadron was not active! Also our minibus is often away for the whole weekend and during the holidays is often away for the whole week on camps. As I scout leader myself (at a different group) this is when the scouts would be requiring the most use out of the bus. You can see the conflict that could potentially happen. 09/01/2014 11:10:50 Mark Application Appraisal Email User Update requested information - can the group share with scouts?

Applicant: Shaw Hill Playing Field and Village Hall
Project Title: Shaw Village Hall Marquee

Amount
Requested

Officer
Recommendation

	: 500	n: 1
<p>This application meets grant criteria 2012/13. We wish to buy a small marquee/large gazebo for use at village fetes and other events on our playing field and for rent to local users hiring the Hall or fields.</p> <p>09/01/2014 10:48:53 Mark Application Received Email User Update Requested information from applicant regarding high cost of gazebo:- Peter states: I have recently acquired the same type of gazebo for the Corsham Windband Association and can assure you that, should you require a genuinely robust, long-lasting pop-up type tent, this is the type to have (I have spoken to market traders who say anything cheaper is a waste of money for anything more than relatively light or domestic use) The gazebo we intend to purchase is the most robust type we have seen, as used by market traders. We have had a number of cheaper ones disintegrate. Follow this link to see what it looks like: http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/PRO-50-Aluminum-Heavy-Duty-Pop-Up-Tent-Instant-Gazebo-Quick-Marquee-w-roller-bag-/281077695078?pt=LH_DefaultDomain_3&var=&hash=item8715bedbbd. We are going for the 6x3 metre version in white with side walls. There is another company selling the same but at a higher cost. If you look for pro-50 types I think you will find this is the cheapest and should last many years. Peter Hatherell</p>		
Applicant: Atworth Duke of Edinburgh's Award Group Project Title: Duke of Edinburgh's award expedition supervisor	Amount Requested : 325.00	Officer Recommendation: 1
<p>This application meets grant criteria 2012/13. We need to train another Duke of Edinburgh's award expedition supervisor to help with our expeditions in 2014. We currently have 18 young people completing their Bronze award and wanting to enrol for Silver level in 2014. We currently only have 1 qualified supervisor.</p>		
Applicant: Golden Fleece Cricket Club Project Title: Golden Fleece Cricket Club Groundwork	Amount Requested : 500	Officer Recommendation: 1
<p>This application meets grant criteria 2012/13. In order to enhance the playing area and pavilion facilities, we intend to level the most undulating part of the field and bring water into the pavilion.</p>		
Applicant: Tourist Information Centre Project Title: Tourist Information Centre IT equipment	Amount Requested : 499	Officer Recommendation: 1
<p>This application meets grant criteria 2012/13. to replace and upgrade our out of date office equipment and software.</p>		

27/01/2014 11:52:56 Mark Application Received Email User Update there may be some synergy with the request - through Cllr Aves, and the Town council to add to a web site of events in Melksham, they request funding for fliers

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Applicant: Atworth Parish Council Project Title: Village war memorial refurbishment	Amount Requested : 2895	Officer Recommendation: 1
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This application meets grant criteria 2012/13.
To honour the fallen and as part of the forthcoming centenary (World War 1) We wish to refurbish our clock tower, which has within it, rolls of honour which identify local service men and women, that never returned from the war. The refurbishment would consist of, improving the legibility of the names of the service personnel, deep cleansing of the bath stone surrounding the WWI plaque and cleansing of the four sides to the clock tower. The oak access door also requires sympathetic repair. By doing this, we would hope that it will cause people, especially the younger generation, to take notice and appreciate what the memorial represents - the enormous sacrifice made, by so many.

Applicant: Shaw and Whitley Friendship Club Project Title: New dishwasher for Shaw and Whitley Friendship Club	Amount Requested : 924	Officer Recommendation: 1
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This application meets grant criteria 2012/13.
The Shaw and Whitley provides approx. 40 meals for the over sixties every Wednesday. The present dishwasher is no longer functioning and everything is being washed by hand. This is unsatisfactory and inefficient especially from a health and safety point of view. (dishes are not being sterilised).

27/01/2014 11:49:32 Mark Application Received Email User Update requested info regarding why this so much more expensive and was it a catering one. - see update

Applicant: Whorwellsdown District Girlguiding	Amount	Officer
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Project Title: Whorwellsdown District Guides visit to ZOOM	Requested : 392	Recommendation: 1
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This application meets grant criteria 2012/13.
 Whorwellsdown District are taking part in the Region Girlguiding Association festival at Wincanton Race Course July 5th to celebrate the Brownie birthday of 100 years. The Zoom Festival is being organised by Cirque Bijou. It is a girl guiding event only so it will be a safe space for our girls to enjoy many activities. Circus Skills with Gerry Cottles Circus. Ice Skating, Zorb Balling, High Wire, Dance and Drama live performances, art and craft activities is to name a few. We are taking the girls there by Chandlers Coach which is the cheapest; the cost is Â£390. The cost of the ticket is Â£25, which has been paid in instalments. We have many girls who live in rural areas around Melksham where families are living on tight budgets and we wish this event to be inclusive and therefore are requesting some financial support.

Applicant: Over 55s Afternoon Tea Project Title: Atworth benches	Amount Requested : 500	Officer Recommendation: 1
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This application meets grant criteria 2012/13.
 To provide two seating benches with arms, on the Atworth recreation field. These would be sited at the further boundaries of the field and away from the children's play area. Elderly people would have somewhere to walk to and stretch their legs in a rural environment, knowing that they can sit and rest at intervals. They could sit and enjoy a different view from the siting of each bench. This would give pleasure and enhance the daily lives of older people , but could also be used by anyone of any age on the field.

27/01/2014 11:54:40 Mark Application Received Email User Update could these also commemorate WW1 if relevant to this local community?

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