Wiltshire Council

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Report to	Pewsey
Date of Meeting	14/09/2015
Title of Report	Community Youth Grants

1. Purpose of the report:

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

Application	Grant Amount	
Applicant: Grafton Parish Council Project Title: Grafton Parish - Youth Activities Project	£4532.10	
Total grant amount requested at this meeting	£4532.1	
Total amount allocated so far	£6411	

2. Main Considerations

Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2014/15 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.

Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Cabinet member for Communities, Campuses, Area Boards, Leisure, Libraries and Flooding. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance 2014/2015.

Community Youth 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.

Community Youth Grants give all local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.

3. The applications

Applicant: Grafton Parish Council	Amount	
Project Title: Grafton Parish - Youth	Requested	

Activities Project	from Area	
	Board:	
	£4532.10	

This application meets grant criteria 2014/15.

Project Summary:Provision of a continuing programme of activities for young people to meet current and future needs for 13 - 19 year olds within the Parish and locality. Based at The Coronation Hall East Grafton and a series off site trips. A series of stuctured avtivities determined and driven by young people supported by Grafton Parish Council until volunteers are fully trained ad established.

Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community: This project commenced following representation from young people in the parish to the Parish Council whereby they requested support and guidance in providing a meeting place and activities. The Parish Council responded by holding sessions to explore the likely take up on the idea. Three sessions have been held to establish the needs of young people each meeting drawing in more young people and developing the ideas further. Young people are actively shaping the project and choosing activities where they can learn new skills such as resilience and independence and by working with peers develop leadership and team working skills - improving their personal and social development. The positive communications from everyone including parents demonstrates a real enthusiasm and need. Attendees from each of the 5 villages of the Parish will bring together young people who would not otherwise meet. Friendships will develop between young people from all economic and social backgrounds. The priorities and calendar of events have been established by the young people themselves during the sessions - we anticipate this progressing on an ongoing basis. Nine young people have been involved in establishing the needs. There is a maximum of 25 voung people who can benefit with another 10 who will soon be 13vrs old. We expect an average of ten attending each activity session. The project will be affordable through funding and PC support. The aim is to have free access to structured activities although in the future there may be a small charge for trips. Fundraising and volunteering will be encouraged along with participation in Spice Time Credits Scheme. A number of young people are keen to fundraise for a local cause Charlies Charity and work on projects that will benefit others within the community. Parent volunteers from within the community will be at the sessions. Accessibility will be through offering sessions free of charge and the Hall has disabled access to all areas with a hearing aid loop for the hard of hearing too. Geographically the Coronation Hall is easy to get to. We will use the monthly Community News email networks direct mail drops social media and a developing data base to communicate with young people. The Parish web site will also contain a page specifically for young people on which activities and communications can be posted. We have and will continue to work with Karen Brown LYN. We will encourage young people perhaps with their own clubs from neighbouring Parishes to participate and work together with us e.g. Great Bedwyn Burbage Shalbourne and Pewsey. Activities such as Self Defence

are bringing new partners with expertise into the Pewsey Area and network.

Please tell us about how you will protect and safeguard young people in your project: Four volunteers have been asked to complete DBS checks and to do relevant e-learning with Wiltshire Safeguarding Children Board Training Management System. One of the volunteers will also do the advanced one day programme of training. All volunteers will be trained in the Internet Guidelines Procedures and Policies for Child Protection and Safeguarding. The Coronation Hall is equipped with Wi-Fi and a sophisticated sound projection system which will be used under strict supervision at all times.

How will you know if your project has been successful? Monitoring will be by numbers attending sessions and joining in the programmes of activity. Feedback forms will be completed on Run a Club which will also act as a register of participants. The parish Council will monitor every two months progress and feedback - it will be a regular heading on the Parish Council Meetings agenda. An annual report will be given at the Annual parish Meeting in May. Communications from attendees and encouragements from parents will be shared.

Project Finance:

Itemised Expenditure eg Materials <u>help</u>	£	Itemised Income eg Our reserves	£	Tick if income confirmed	
Equipment for Coronat	£ 1147.10		£		
Hall Hire	£ 312.00		£		
Structured Activity	£ 530.00		£		
Organised Trips	£ 2045.00		£		
Safeguard training	£ 98.00		£		
First Aid Training	£ 100.00		£		
Food and Drinks	£ 300.00		£		
Total	£ 4532.10				
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