

<b>Report to</b>	Melksham Area Board
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	24/02/2016
<b>Title of Report</b>	Community Area Grant Funding

<b>Area Board Grants Budget</b>			
Opening balance 2015/16	Spend to date	Current balance	Balance if all grants are agreed in February 2016
£56,673.00	£50,237.00	£6,436.00	- £4,846.50

**Purpose of the report:**

To consider the applications for funding listed below

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>
<b>Applicant:</b> Melksham & District Girlguiding <b>Project Title:</b> Melksham Girlguiding HQ. Insulation of Building  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£1500.00
<b>Applicant:</b> St John Ambulance <b>Project Title:</b> Melksham Unit Defibrillators  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£1000.00
<b>Applicant:</b> 1st Bowerhill Scout Group <b>Project Title:</b> 1st Bowerhill scout Group - Do Our Best  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£1300.00
<b>Applicant:</b> 1st Bowerhill Scout Group <b>Project Title:</b> 1st Bowerhill scout Group - Do Your Best  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£1985.50
<b>Applicant:</b> Avon Bowls Club <b>Project Title:</b> Avon Bowls Club Pavilion New Floor Covering  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£750.00

<b>Applicant:</b> Atworth Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee <b>Project Title:</b> Children's Play Equipment <a href="#">View full application</a>	£3750.00
<b>Applicant:</b> Melksham Town Sound <b>Project Title:</b> AM Transmission Project MTS <a href="#">View full application</a>	£997.00

## 1. Background

Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the [Area Board Grants Guidance](#)

[The funding criteria and application forms](#) are available on the council's website.

## 2. Main Considerations

2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded in the 2015/2016 year is made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of it being awarded.

2.2. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.

2.3. Councillors will need to be satisfied that the applications meet the Community Area Board grants criteria.

## 3. Environmental & Community Implications

Grant Funding will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

## 4. Financial Implications

Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure.

## 5. Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

## 6. Human Resources Implications

There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

## 7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.

Community Area 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.

## 8. Safeguarding Implications

The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

## 9. Applications for consideration

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">1563</a>	Melksham & District Girlguiding	Melksham Girlguiding HQ. Insulation of building	£1500.00
<b>Project Description:</b> Guides HQ is over 50 years old and is a single skin wooden building. Our heating bills are enormous and the building is very cold in winter. We intend to insulate one half this next year and the other half when we can raise funds.			
<b>Input from Community Engagement Manager:</b> The grant application meets the 2015/16 grants criteria.			
<b>Proposal</b> That the Area Board determines the application.			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">1599</a>	St John Ambulance	Melksham Unit Defibrillators	£1000.00
<b>Project Description:</b> To support our volunteers in their role and help them to save more lives in their local community we are planning an upgrade of life saving defibrillators. We are seeking donations or funding of up 1000 to support the cost of a new device training on the new device including the purchase of a training device and consumables to ensure continuous service.			
<b>Input from Community Engagement Manager:</b> The grant application meets the 2015/16 grants criteria.			
<b>Proposal</b> That the Area Board determines the application.			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">1657</a>	1st Bowerhill Scout Group	1st Bowerhill scout Group - Do Our Best	£1300.00
<b>Project Description:</b> We are fortunate to have a selection of equipment to draw from when creating activities. Our current storage container can hold the kit but we desperately need support for organising. To this end we are seeking funding for racking which will allow the kit to be stored off the ground and in an organised manner. In addition we are seeking funding for shelving and storage units for our dedicated cupboards at			

the Village Hall in order to organise the areas and make them safe and easily accessible.

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

The grant application meets the 2015/16 grants criteria.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">1589</a>	1st Bowerhill Scout Group	1st Bowerhill scout Group - Do Your Best	£1985.50

**Project Description:**

For our 2016 projects we are seeking funding for are Explorer challenge - kayaking expedition Scout cooking - Outdoor cookers Cub music activities - Ukuleles and Beaver outdoor experience - 3 pastel coloured bell tents.

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

The grant application meets the 2015/16 grants criteria.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">1651</a>	Avon Bowls Club	Avon Bowls Club Pavilion New Floor Covering	£750.00

**Project Description:**

The existing floor covering is in need of replacement since it is badly soiled and worn after more than 15 years of service. We are looking for part funding only. The balance of the cost approximately £1400 would be met out of our own funds.

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

The grant application meets the 2015/16 grants criteria.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">1659</a>	Atworth Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee	Children's Play Equipment	£3750.00

**Project Description:**

The current play equipment in the recreation ground has been there since the 60s and is looking old and tired. One piece of equipment had to be removed due to wood rot and needs replacing. This application is to repair some of the old equipment and to introduce new modern and exciting equipment for the children of

Atworth and the users of the play equipment in the recreation ground.

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

The grant application meets the 2015/16 grants criteria.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">1534</a>	Melksham Town Sound	AM Transmission Project MTS	£997.00

**Project Description:**

Melksham Town Sound is the local radio station for Melksham broadcasting online. We are now looking at broadcasting to Melksham on the AM frequency with a cover radius of up to 10 miles. As Ofcom currently say Melksham South West is not able to offer any FM licences for a couple of years they are offering us a chance to apply for an AM licence middle of next year 2016. We need to buy the transmission equipment ready for a 10 day trial early next year under Ofcoms RSL license. This will include an AM transmitter CE Marked and the Tower which will act as the antenna. This will then benefit the community early next year with a radio station all about Melksham on the AM band.

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

The grant application meets the 2015/16 grants criteria.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report

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