

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee North Warwickshire Area Committee

Date of Committee 29 November 2006

Report Title North Warwickshire Community Development Fund 2006/07

Summary This report gives details of the applications received for this year's Community Development Fund (2006/07). It describes the process followed in evaluating the applications and makes recommendations as to which applications should receive a grant.

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? No.

Background papers Guidance Notes and Application Forms

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- Details to be specified

- Other Committees
- Local Member(s) Area Committee Funding sub-group. In attendance: Cllrs Sweet, Grant, Stanley, Moss
- Other Elected Members Cllr Fowler
- Cabinet Member
- Chief Executive
- Legal Sian Stroud, Solicitor
- Finance Nicola Cumberledge
- Strategic Directors David Carter

- District Councils North Warwickshire Borough Council – comments taken into account
- Health Authority
- Police
- Other Bodies/Individuals Heart of England, NWCVS, WRCC – comments taken into account, Summary of all applications to Local Area Managers – comments taken into account, Monica Fogarty, Nick Gower-Johnson

FINAL DECISION YES

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

- Further consideration by this Committee
- To Council
- To Cabinet
- To an O & S Committee
- To an Area Committee
- Further Consultation

North Warwickshire Area Committee – 29 November 2006

Community Development Fund 2006/07

Report of the Strategic Director of Performance & Development

Recommendations

Area Committee:

- (1) comments on last year's successful applications
- (2) confirms eligibility of this year's applications
- (3) determines which applications should receive a grant
- (4) determines the level of funding to be received by each successful application.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This is the seventh year that applications to the Community Development Fund (CDF) have been decided by Area Committee.
- 1.2 The aim of the Fund is 'to provide new opportunities for local people, particularly those who experience disadvantage or exclusion from mainstream activities'.
- 1.3 This year North Warwickshire Area Committee received more applications than the other four Committees and was the only area to receive an increase in applications on the previous year. Across the County 107 applications were received which included 31 from North Warwickshire.
- 1.4 A summary of all the projects considered by North Warwickshire Area Committee is given in **Appendix C**
- 1.5 The total County fund for this year stands at £167,310. This is divided between the five district and borough areas using a formula based on the Index of Multiple Deprivation (the level of deprivation, the size of the population and access to services within an area). The allocations are as follows:

North Warwickshire	£22,280
Nuneaton and Bedworth	£53,910
Rugby	£26,460
Stratford	£32,680
Warwick	£31,980

2. A Review of Last Year's funded projects

- 2.1 Last round, eleven projects were funded to a value of £22,280. Three of the projects supported Pre-schools to provide a better learning environment for their young pupils. Two more supported groups to update their IT equipment. A further three projects promoted sport and leisure activities for both younger and older generations. Two schools projects promoted music and financial skills. The final project was part of a Heritage Lottery bid to improve the grounds of Polesworth Abbey.
- 2.2 Nine of the projects have been completed successfully and have returned their end of project reports. In all cases the funding was spent in accordance with the application forms and the committee's recommendations.
- 2.3 Of the two remaining projects – New Way Credit Union is on course to complete its school banking project by the end of the year. We are waiting for feedback from Fillongley Pre-school who have had a change of personnel.
- 2.4 See **Appendix B** for further details.
- 2.5 Members might like to comment on the successes of these projects.

3. This Year's application process

- 3.1 This year, applications were invited from 22nd May with a closing date of 22nd September.

Publicity

- 3.2 The fund was publicised locally. Press releases were sent to 'The Herald' newspaper. Announcements were made at all four local Area Forums and application forms were available from all seven local libraries and the mobile library.
- 3.3 Locally, officers from North Warwickshire Borough Council and those representing the Community & Voluntary sector infrastructure organisations (including CVS, WRCC, The Volunteer Centre), were also supplied with application forms to hand out to appropriate groups and organisations.
- 3.4 Davina Key, Community Development Worker, CVS promoted the fund widely to community groups and helped to support 10 applications to this year's round.
- 3.5 County Councillors were also given application forms to hand out at their discretion.

Consultation

3.6 Consultation was undertaken with officers from across County Council directorates and with external partners. This was to clarify the relationship of applications to mainstream funding and to minimise the risk of inappropriate funding and duplication of support.

3.7 Officers were given a summary of all 31 applications received. They were asked to pass comment and invited to attend a review meeting on 9th October to look at all applications in greater detail. The meeting proved very useful and helped in particular to identify other sources of funding available for certain projects. The meeting was attended by four officers.

3.8 Members were also sent the same summary sheet and invited to a Funding sub-group meeting on 1st November to go through this year's applications and pass comment. The meeting was attended by four Members.

Site Visits

3.9 The Community Partnership Officer from the Area Team visited over half of the projects. He met with applicants to assess the need for the project and to find out more information about the proposal. These visits proved very useful in helping to gain additional information to score each application appropriately. The visits were conducted over a 10 day period in mid October.

1.0 Eligibility and Scoring of bids

1.1 Each application was evaluated against the eligibility and scoring criteria set out in the application guidance. The recommendation of those successful projects and the amounts that each should receive are set out in **Appendix A** and summarised in paragraph 5.4 below. The process that was followed is summarised below.

1.2 The application arrangements require that in order to qualify for a grant an application must satisfy the following entry criteria.

To be eligible to apply for the Community Development Fund, projects MUST:

- ✓ provide new opportunities for local people or develop the capacity of local people to run their own projects
- ✓ provide lasting benefit
- ✓ contribute to local strategic priorities
- ✓ require a maximum of £5,000 from this Fund
- ✓ be looking to spend the grant within 12 months of its award
- ✓ be led by a community or voluntary organisation
- ✓ have the support of a Warwickshire County Councillor
- ✓ be led by – or otherwise supported by – a fully constituted organisation with its own bank account

The Community Development Fund WILL NOT fund:

- ✗ The running costs of an established group or activities which are that group's main service
- ✗ Contribution to large scale and/or ongoing refurbishment, building or maintenance

- × One off events e.g. daytrips (other than capacity building events)
- × Any costs incurred before the grant is awarded
- × Services which are a group's statutory responsibility
- × Religious practises
- × Statutory organisations
- × Profit-making organisations

Projects which have been previously funded by the CDF, although groups which have previously been funded by the CDF may apply for a new project so long as any previous projects have been completed.

4.3 All applications have been scored out of 20 possible points against a number of factors relating to:

- (i) Location (deprivation) – up to 4 points
- (ii) Reducing inequalities – up to 2 points
- (iii) Community involvement – up to 3 points
- (iv) Community benefit – up to 3 points
- (v) Sustainability – up to 3 points
- (vi) Partnership working – 1 point
- (vii) Quality – up to 2 points
- (vii) Strategic priorities – up to 2 points

4.4 **Appendix C** provides a summary of all the applications received. The table indicates each projects eligibility, its final score and recommendation for funding. Where funding has not been recommended in most cases an alternative funding source has been identified.

Members are required to confirm whether they support these views for each project. Each application has been scored irrespective of their eligibility should members wish to regard any of them as qualifying for a grant.

5 Allocation of Grants

5.1 The amount available for North Warwickshire this year is £22,280.

5.2 The total amount requested by the 31 applicants is over £85,000 of which the “eligible” bids total over £70,000

5.3 Clearly it is not possible to fund all of these applications. In previous years the general practice has been to award grants to the highest scoring “eligible” applications. This usually involves a process of choosing between applications with the same number of points or reducing the grants to a particular points threshold in order to fit with the money available. It is suggested that this might be achieved as follows.

5.3 It is recommended that fourteen projects are funded. They are a good mix of groups benefiting a diverse group of users.

5.4 Five of the projects would support Village Hall committees to upgrade their facilities and attract more user groups. Three Pre-schools would benefit from providing a better learning environment to their young pupils. Two local organisations should become more sustainable by supporting them to take on new opportunities and areas of business. Two more local groups would receive support to accommodate new members. The remaining two projects would see training provision for a local residents association and the setting up of a new young women's group.

5.5 All fourteen projects scored either 13 points or above.

5.6 To enable fourteen projects to be supported, two are recommended to be fully funded whilst the remainder are recommended to be part funded from their original requests. The funding of all 14 projects should allow each to accomplish the core business of their project and give due consideration to further sources of funding.

5.7 See Appendix A for the list of proposed projects for funding this year.

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Appendix A

Proposed – Successful applicants of Community Development Fund 2006/07

Ref No	Name of group	Division(s)	Councillor	Score	Request £	Recommend £
NW 06/03	No Mans Heath village hall	Polesworth	Stanley	13	1158.16	1158.16
NW 06/04	The Friends of Atherstone Heritage	Atherstone	Forwood	13	2,000	1,000
NW 06/07	The Links Daycare Centre	Hartshill	Grant	13	3,150	1,650
NW 06/09	Baddesley Village Hall Committee	Baddesley	Sweet	13	5,000	1,000
NW 06/10	Ansley church hall committee	Arley	Hayfield	16	3,358.75	3,343.84
NW 06/11	Warton pre-school nursery	Baddesley	Sweet	13	3,215.99	1,400
NW0 6/13	Middleton Recreation room	Water Orton	Lea	13	1,050	1,050
NW0 6/17	Car-Go-Bus Community Transport	Atherstone	Forwood	14	5,000	3,000
NW0 6/19	Phoenix Group	Coleshill	Fowler	13	1,420	1,200
NW0 6/22	Hartshill allotment society	Hartshill	Grant	14	2,500	2,000
NW0 6/23	White Wood Leigh Residents Assoc	Hartshill	Grant	13	3,050	1,000
NW0 6/24	Little Ted's playgroup	Arley	Hayfield	13	1,600	580
NW0 6/28	The Ley Group Young People's Project	Arley	Hayfield	16	3,259.75	2,500
NW0 6/31	Maxstoke village hall committee	Coleshill	Fowler	13	3,250.98	1,398
						£22,280

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND 2005/2006

Name of Organisation	Status of Project	Description of Project	Amount Granted	Project Value
Warwickshire Independent Advocacy Alliance	Finished. Received final report	Project started June 06. Completed July 06 To purchase a computer through Schools Technical Service and set up e-mail and internet facility	300	350
Ansley Sports Cricket Club	Finished. Received Final Report	Project started / completed June 06 Successful project to expand coaching facilities of flourishing local cricket club by providing a third practise net and upgrading existing nets	3,500	4,083
Baddesley & Grendon Pre-School	On-going Received Final Report	Project started April 06 Purchase of outdoor playground equipment for 3 – 4 year olds. The Pre-school has acquired new accommodation on the site of Woodlands School. Once the move is complete the project will spend the remaining allocation on outdoor storage facilities and planters.	2,600	2,600
Hazels Helping Hands / Polesworth Abbey PCC	Finished. Received Final Report	Project started April 06. Completed June 06. Very successful project to design, build and plant a sensory garden in the grounds of Polesworth Abbey. Successfully applied to Heritage Lottery Fund for majority of funding. Garden officially opened with open air blessing and celebration event. Since opening received over 3,000 visitors	3,500	41,600
Ansley Parochial Church Council	Finished. Received Final Report	Project started / completed Jun 06 Successful project that has received Coalfields Regeneration Trust funding to employ a youth worker over 3 years. This funding contributed to software for new IT equipment as part of office refurbishment to accommodate new post	300	2,960
Ansley Parish Council	Finished. Received Final Report	Project started Jan 06. Completed October 06 Project has contributed to new play equipment on the Bretts Hall Recreation Site. Funding helped to buy a youth combi-shelter selected by the young people	2,950	60,000
Atherstone Youth Marching Band	Finished. Received final report	Project started / completed May 06 Purchase of musical instruments used for workshops to give others in community the opportunity to play a musical instrument. Instruments have also been used at local carnivals and parades	2,000	2,535

New Way Credit Union	On-going. Awaiting final report	Project started July 06. Funding has provided support to school banking network for pupils of Wood End, Kingsbury and Arden Hill primary schools	3,000	4,500
Water Orton Bowling Club	Finished. Received final report	Project started Jan 06. Completed March 06 Funding provided materials for new boundary fencing around premises. A group of volunteers spent a number of weekends erecting the fencing	1,130	1,330
Fillongley Pre-School	On-going. Awaiting final report	Awaiting info	1,410	
Jack & Jill Pre-School	Finished. Received final report	Project started Jan 06. Completed February 06 Funding provided partitioning of main room, new sarpet and selection of educational toys	1,590	1,590

Appendix C

1. NORTH WARWICKSHIRE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND APPLICATIONS 2006/07								
Ref No	Project	Name of Association	Description	Ward(s)	Eligibility	Score	Request	Recommend
NW0601	Funding for consultation group for cemetery improvements	Friends of Atherstone cemetery	To conduct a feasibility study for the creation of a heritage/memorial garden in Atherstone cemetery for all abilities.	Atherstone	Y	12	£2440	No. Apply to CRT Small grants programme or Awards 4 All
NW0602	Bench project	No Mans Heath village hall	To provide seating for all villages to enjoy especially the elderly, less mobile and housebound.	Polesworth	Y	11	£1465	No. AC funding already allocated to project
NW0603	Village hall improvements scheme	No Mans Heath village hall	To improve the building and furnishings to improve safety and comfort and ensure the building complies with health & safety standards.	Polesworth	Y	13	£1158.16	Yes. Match funding for successful bid to NWBC
NW0604	Promoting Atherstone's heritage	The friends of Atherstone heritage	To transfer the knowledge of Atherstone & surrounding villages heritage onto a website so that it is preserved for future generations after the shop closes.	Atherstone	Y	13	£2000	Yes. Support for one website heritage topic
NW0605	Flower & vegetable show	Mancetter village community assoc	Funding towards a flower and vegetable show to involve the whole community.	Hartshill	N	8	£1000	No. Request mainly for prize money and trophies
NW0606	Memorial bench	Piccadilly community association	To purchase a bench & plaque to recognise volunteers in Piccadilly past, present and future for all work achieved in the village of Piccadilly	Kingsbury	Y	9	£1000	No. Apply to Public Realm Fund (NWBC) through Parish Council
NW0607	Development of parent & toddler group	The links daycare centre	To purchase a storage shed, new equipment and skip hire to remove old/dangerous equipt.	Hartshill	Y	13	£3150	Yes. Feeder group to Nathaniel Newton School
NW0608	Hockey club junior development	Atherstone adders hockey club	Funding towards hire of astro pitch, transport, coaching, and equipment.	Atherstone, Hartshill, Polesworth,	Y	8	£1396.60	No. Apply to Local Network Fund or Youth Opportunities Fund
NW0609	Replacement of tables and chairs in Baddesley Ensor Village	Baddesley Ensor village hall management committee	To provide a full set of new tables and chairs that are light and easily manoeuvrable.	Baddesley Ensor	Y	13	£5000	Yes. Contribution towards project.

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Ref No	Project	Name of Association	Description	Ward(s)	Eligibility	Score	Request	Recommend
NW0610	New floor at Ansley village church hall	Ansley church hall committee	Materials and labour for new floor	Arley	Y	16	£3358.75	Yes. Successful bid to WREN last year
NW0611	Learning through print	Warton pre-school nursery	To create a separate quieter area where the children can develop their learning, listening and language skills through print.	Baddesley Ensor	Y	13	£3215.99	Yes. Support to create quite area
NW0612	Children's community allotment	Birchwood school	To encourage young people to cultivate a garden area to produce home grown vegetables organically and in turn promote healthy lifestyles and how leisure time can be spent producing something to eat.	Baddesley Ensor	N	13	£700	No. Application direct from school (Statutory agency). Friends ofto apply to Local Network Fund (LNF) or A4A
NW0613	Floor safety and improvement project	Middleton recreation room	To improve the floor surface of the main meeting room to bring it to modern standards of cleanliness and safety.	Water Orton	Y	13	£1050	Yes. Well used hall. Floor needing professional attention
NW0614	Echills wood railway	Echills wood railway society	Funding to provide safety fencing in public areas adjacent to railway lines.	Water Orton	Y	10	£5000	No. Not directly benefiting the community
NW0615	Hartshill parish plan project	Holy trinity church Hartshill & Hartshill PC	To carry out a feasibility study, pay for architect's drawings and write a business plan.	Hartshill	Y	12	£5000	No. Funding for architect fees only. Apply to Awards for All (A4A)
NW0616	Atherstone town hub	Atherstone town peoples forum	To purchase computers/software and towards advertising/marketing for a new tourist information centre.	Atherstone	Y	12	£5000	No. Element of double funding. Apply to Cov & Wark Re-investment Trust for Small Business Loan Scheme
NW0617	Training/meeting room	Car-Go-Bus Community Transport	Funding for materials/labour and equipment desks etc for new training/meeting room.	Atherstone	Y	14	£5000	Yes. Support partitioning and decoration of room
NW0618	Polesworth Scouts – into the next 100 years	Polesworth Scout Group	To purchase tents, folding tables and benches and a digital projector.	Polesworth	Y	10	£4504.89	No. Apply to Local Network Fund
NW0619	Provision of mobility and comfort equipment	Phoenix post diagnosis support group	To purchase 2 scooters, fans and a larder fridge to increase the mobility of disabled sufferers and provide additional comfort and hygiene.	Coleshill	Y	13	£1420	Yes. Support for two mobility scooters

2. NORTH WARWICKSHIRE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND APPLICATIONS 2006/07

Ref No	Project	Name of Association	Description	Ward(s)	Eligibility	Score	Request	Recommend
NW0620	Kingsbury academy's Disneyland project	Kingsbury academy	To pay for accommodation for children who will be dancing at Disneyland Paris	Kingsbury	N	5	£5000	No. Essentially one off event. Apply to LNF for costumes
NW0621	Help in setting up a new craft club & building its capacity	Coleshill craft club	To purchase a lockable cabinet and craft materials.	Coleshill	N	10	£350	No. Lack of constitution and bank account.
NW0622	Hartshill allotment regeneration project	Hartshill allotment and garden society	Funding for a JCB to remove dangerous structure and for 10 new sheds.	Hartshill	Y	14	£2500	Yes. Support upgrade of site
NW0623	Development of White Wood Leigh residents association	White Wood Leigh residents association	Funding for training, community events, venue hire, volunteers expenses and stationary to develop the capacity of the group so that it can be self-sustaining.	Hartshill	Y	13	£3050	Yes. Support training of committee and members of group
NW0624	Childrens play equipment	Little Ted's playgroup	To purchase additional equipment for safe play.	Arley	Y	13	£1600	Yes. Support for safe play environment
NW0625	Access to training for volunteers living in rural areas	NW CAB	The funding will be spent on salary, advertising, travel, promotional materials used to improve access to advice in rural areas by recruiting, training and retaining volunteers.	All Wards	Y	11	£4038	No. Support given through other WCC funding streams
NW0626	Arts, leisure and life skills development for young people	St Leonards youth club	To purchase equipment to develop skills in singing and musical ability.	Baddesley Ensor	Y	11	£4560	No. Limited value for money
NW0627	Bowling club pavilion upgrade/development	Water Orton bowling club committee	To purchase equipment to upgrade pavilion.	Water Orton	Y	10	£865	No. Limited number of beneficiaries. Apply to Awards for All
NW0628	Arley & Ansley Common Young Women's Group	The Ley Group Young People's Project	Payment for residentials, travel and rent for setting up a young women's group.	Arley	Y	16	£3259.75	Yes. Support to new group

3. NORTH WARWICKSHIRE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND APPLICATIONS 2006/07

Ref No	Project	Name of Association	Description	Ward(s)	Eligibility	Score	Request	Recommend
NW0629	Hartshill over 50's club	Hartshill over 50's club	For room hire, expenses, chairs/tables, cups/saucers etc to set up new group.	Hartshill	N	12	£3590	No. Application needed from owners of building.
NW0630	Water Orton Wanderers Football Club	Water Orton Wanderers Football Club	Funding to purchase training equipment and waterproof jackets to provide a facility for under 15s to play football.	Water Orton	Y	8	£500	No. Limited number of beneficiaries
NW0631	Maxstoke Village Hall Catering Services Upgrade	Maxstoke village hall committee	To purchase kitchen equipment to upgrade catering facilities.	Coleshill	Y	13	£3250.98	Yes. Support for village hall improvements