

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee North Warwickshire Area Committee

Date of Committee 21 November 2007

Report Title Report of the Funding Sub-Group

Summary This report seeks to inform the Area Committee of key decisions made by the Funding Sub-Group in relation to new applications and reports relating to previous allocations of grants.

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework?

No.

Background papers Agenda and Reports of the Funding Sub-Group Meeting held on 24th October 2007.

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- Details to be specified

- Other Committees
- Local Member(s) Cllr Ray Sweet - Area Committee Chair
- Other Elected Members
- Cabinet Member
- Chief Executive David Carter
- Legal Sian Stroud
- Finance Nicola Cumberledge
- Other Chief Officers
- District Councils
- Health Authority
- Police

Other Bodies/Individuals

Area Committee Funding Sub-Group

FINAL DECISION YES

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

Further consideration by
this Committee

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To Council

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To Cabinet

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To an Area Committee

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Further Consultation

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Agenda No

North Warwickshire Area Committee – 21st November 2007

Report of the Funding Sub-Group

Report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development

Recommendation

Community Development Fund

1. That the CDF Summary End of Year Projects (Appendix A) be noted.
2. That the applications (Appendix B) for CDF funding in 2007/08 be approved.

Community Computers

3. That the applications for Community Computers (Appendix C) be approved.

Arts for Health

4. That the Dance4 Health Project be approved.

Social Inclusion Fund

5. That the Responsible Drinking Education programme be approved.

Well-Being Fund

6. That the applications for the Well Being Fund in relation to 'Retail Support and Business Development in Polesworth' and the 'Development of the Atherstone Booktown Project' be approved.
7. That the End of Year Project reports for Local Skills for Local Needs, Alcohol Awareness Training and Healthy Living amongst NEETS be noted.

Youth Development Grant

8. That Councillors Fowler, Grant and Sweet be noted as the Area Committee's representatives for liaising with the Youth Forum in the identification of projects.

1. Introduction

1.1 This report outlines the key decisions of the Funding Sub-Group at its meeting held on 24th October 2007. The report focuses on the following areas:

- **Community Development Fund:** An update on past CDF allocations and approval of applications in the current year.
- **Community Computers:** Approval of applications for 2007/08.
- **Arts for Health:** Approval for a Project
- **Social Inclusion Fund:** Approval for a project to cover the specific allocation that was available to tackle anti-social behaviour.
- **Well Being:** Approval for two applications and three end of year project reports.
- **Youth Development Grant:** Nomination of three members to work with Youth Forum on the allocation of the Youth Work Development Grant.

2. Community Development Fund

2.1 A summary of completed applications is attached as Appendix A to this report. As members will note all applications have been completed and final reports submitted. Appendix B contains a list of applications for approval in the current financial year together with the rationale for the selection.

3. Community Computers

3.1 Attached as Appendix C is a list of applications for Community Computers in 2007/08. A total of 14 applications have been received which means that 6 are still available for distribution. Work is currently underway to explore take up of the remaining computers. This will also involve informing potential applicants of the availability of laptops.

4. Arts for Health

4.1 £50,000 was allocated to the County Arts Service divided equally across the five boroughs/districts. It is proposed that the £10,000 allocation is used as part of a countywide project to promote dance for health activities. A countywide approach has ensured that the viability of the project is secured through the leverage of external funds.

4.2 In North Warwickshire it is proposed that a pilot project will be held in Atherstone Leisure Centre involving young women. This will involve both taster and workshop sessions and a key aim will be to address the issue of obesity through arts and physical activity.

5. Social Inclusion Fund

5.1 Members will be aware that at the July meeting of the Committee; it was reported that a sum of £6000 was available to address community safety issues principally around anti social behaviour. The instruction at that meeting was that the fund be publicised through the local CDRP and as a

result a proposals has been put forward entitled the 'Responsible Drinking Programme'.

5.2 The Programme addresses the substantial link between alcohol consumption and anti social behaviour by using the 'CragRats' a drama company to hold interactive workshops with all five secondary schools in North Warwickshire and the Pupil Referral Unit based in Keresley (attended by excluded North Warwickshire pupils) . At the end of the session the Company will seek to establish an infrastructure to enable schools to conduct their own workshops in the future. A sum of £6600 has been requested and it is proposed that the additional £600 required be absorbed within the overall SIF allocation for the Year.

6. Well Being Fund

6.1 Two applications have been received in relation to:

- Retail Support and Business Development in Polesworth (£6800): This project seeks to overcome the decline in visitor numbers to Polesworth by improving the image of the town centre through small grants to local retailers to improve shop frontages.
- Development of the Atherstone Booktown Project (£3000): This project seeks to assist in marketing activities to promote the booktown and more crucially attract new booksellers to the town.

6.2 Members are asked to note the following three End of Year Project reports:

Local Skills for Local Need (£5,000)

Warwickshire Wildlife Trust has completed this project satisfactorily, with some good outcomes achieved. The project set out to train local people who were not in work or education to provide them with skills in habitat conservation. The training course was held over 6 weeks at Kingsbury Water Park and helped to restore a number of wetland habitats on site. This final report highlights the achievements of the 9 individuals following completion of the training. The main achievement being that 3 of the participants are now in full time employment.

The Trust are now in the process of developing another skills training programme to replicate the success of this project.

Alcohol Awareness Training (£500)

Community Alcohol Service Coventry & Warwickshire has completed this project satisfactorily. One training event on Alcohol Awareness was delivered in Polesworth to 9 members of staff in the Voluntary & Community Sector who are in contact with alcohol misusing individuals.

The training should assist workers in their role and encourage referrals on to Swanswell Trust and Connexions who have specialist alcohol workers.

Healthy Living/Personal Safety Workshops-NEETS (£2523)

Millennium Volunteers has completed this project satisfactorily, with some good outcomes achieved. The project took 8 young people who were not in education, training or employment and supported them through a 4 week programme of different activities to boost their self confidence, improve their general outlook; raise awareness of leading healthier lifestyles; and raising standards in basic life skills.

The training was delivered in partnership with Connexions, North Warwickshire & Hinckley College and Warwickshire Youth Service. Out of the 8 young people. 2 Young people now have full time jobs. 3 young people have completed the Princes Trust Programme and 1 has enrolled onto a full time college course. Connexions are working with the other 2 young people to ensure they move into positive outcomes

Millennium Volunteers have received further funding from Connexions to run another course with NEET young people in 2007/08. They are currently looking for funding to add a healthy living extension to the course as it proved to be so successful this time.

7. Youth Development Grant

- 7.1 A total of £23, 880 has been made available to North Warwickshire through the Youth Development Grant. The Grant is administered through the joint involvement of the local Youth Forum and three members of the Area Committee. (Councillors Fowler, Grant and Sweet as recommended above)

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND 2006/2007

Summary of completed projects

Name of Organisation	Status of Project	Description of Project	Amount Granted	Project Value
Ley Group Young Peoples Project	Finished, Report received	Project completed October 07 The Young Woman's project 'Soul Sisters' set up in New Arley is going well. 13 Young women have planned their own programme: outward bounds course, healthy eating, self defence, sex- education and relationships – all of which has built up self confidence, team building skills, and planning skills. The group is looking to applying to Youth Opportunities Fund for further sessions	2,500	4665
Friends of Atherstone Heritage	On-going, Report received	Project started July 07 A local firm has been hired to add a new web page to the www.friendsoftherstone.org.uk website. The front page has been created and following pages will be completed shortly	1,000	1,000
White Wood Leigh Resident Association	On going, Report received	Project started October 06 Members of the Residents Association have put together a training programme to help empower committee members. They have so far received IT training. 8 members are also completing a Community Development qualification	1,000	1,700
Ansley Church Hall	Finished, report received	Project completed January 07 Project to replace the floor in the main hall was the last part of a complete modernisation programme for the village hall	3,343	40,000
Maxstoke Village Hall	Finished, Report received	Project completed July 07 The kitchen now has an upgraded hotwater system and improved washing-up facilities to enable the hall to cater for larger groups	1,398	2,900
Little Teds Play group	Finished, Report received	Project completed March 07 Replacement of toys and equipment. Room dividers to create a quiet corner and a craft area. Attendance has gone up 30%	580	580
Phoenix Group	Finished, report received	Project completed April 07 Two mobility scooters were purchased to assist members of the group join-in with group activities and away days. The Phoenix Group provides fellowship and respite care for people diagnosed with Dementia and their carers	1,200	1,450

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Baddesley Ensor Village Hall	Finished, report received	Project completed February 07 Purchase of portable chairs and tables for users of the village hall	1,000	2,670
Middleton Village Hall	Finished, report received	Project completed February 07 Professional resealing of wooden floor in main hall. Part of modernisation programme for village hall	1,050	1,368
Car-Go-Bus Community Transport	Finished, report received	Project completed May 07 To provide and decorate a training / meeting room for the benefit of the organisation and local community groups.	3,000	3950
No Mans Heath Village Hall	Finished, report received	Project completed January 07 To upholster the chairs and bench seating in the village hall	1,158	2,900
Links Day Care Centre	Finished, report received	Project completed March 07 To purchase a storage shed for outdoor equipment.. And purchase of new toys for parent & toddler playgroup	1,650	1,650
Warton Pre-school	Finished, report received	Project completed April 07 To create a quiet area to enable children to develop their reading and listening skills	1,400	1,400
Hartshill Allotments Association	On going, Report received	Project started October 06 Purchase of 12 new sheds and hire of JCB to clear site of rubbish. All derelict buildings and rubbish have been removed. Boundary hedge laid, access road repaired, new signage erected, shop opened. JCB to return to complete works	2,000	6,640

Successful applicants of Community Development Fund 2006/07

Ref No	Name of group	Division(s)	Councillor	Score	Request £	Recommended £
NW 07/02	St. Mary's Parochial Church Council	Atherstone	Forwood	13	5,000	5,000
NW 07/04	North Warwickshire Home Service	Arley, Coleshill, Water Orton, Hartshill	Hayfield Fowler Lea Grant	14	5,000	1,800
NW 07/06	St John's Hall Committee	Arley	Hayfield	13	2,551	2,551
NW 07/10	Jack & Jill Pre-school	Baddesley	Sweet	12	1,500	1,500
NW 07/11	Arley Parochial Church Council	Arley	Hayfield	17	3,171	3,171
NW 07/12	New Way Credit Union	Atherstone	Forwood	12	4,837	1,600
NW0 7/15	Baddesley Allotment Assoc	Baddesley	Sweet	12	5,000	3,500
NW0 7/16	Warton Pre-school	Baddesley	Sweet	12	4,537	2,460
NW0 7/17	Hartshill Over 50's	Hartshill	Grant	12	2,389	700
						£22,282

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND APPLICATIONS 2007/8

Ref No	Project	Name of Association	Description	Ward(s)	Eligibility	Score	Request	Recommend
NW0701	"How does your garden grow"	Kingsbury village Pre-school	Developing children's knowledge of how flower's and vegetables grow, promoting healthy eating & recycling. Training trip to Dobbies, purchase of seeds, compost bin garden storage tools and books.	Kingsbury	Y	11	£1278.90	No. Offer Small Grant Recommend Heart of England Co-Op 'Helping Hands'
NW0702	Project 2000	St Mary's Parochial Church Council	Architect's fees to provide first floor accommodation in St Mary's for the use by charities and voluntary groups in Atherstone	Atherstone	Y	13	£5000	Yes. £5,000 towards feasibility study
NW0703	Provision of access ramp and toilet facilities to Bowling Green	Thistle Bowls Club	Builder's fees to provide concrete base, soil connection and extension to main building and furnish with 2 WC's and hand basin.	Newton Regis	Y	9	£2.500	No. Recommend Area Forum Fund, NWBC
NW0704	"HOMESHOP"	North Warwickshire Home Service	Publicity to support bi-weekly mobile shop/drop-in service for housebound residents and older people.	Over Whitacre, Fillongley, Arley, Coleshill, Water Orton, Hartshill	Y	14	£5000	Yes. £1,800 towards printing of publicity leaflets
NW0705	Access to Gun Hill Community Wildlife Garden and Gun Hill Allotments	Gun Hill Allotments Association	Landscaping to provide central roadway access to wildlife garden & allotments. Provision of turning area and disabled parking. Soakaway for surface water.	New Arley	Y	11	£3.500	No. Should have been included in initial project bids. Recommend E-on Central Networks Safer Communities Fund
NW0706	The Phoenix St John's Hall	Ansley P.C.C. St John's Hall Committee	Provide Third party funding to contribute toward building work to maintain hall and provide disabled facilities. To support and assist community activities.	Ansley Common	y	13	£2,551	Yes. £2,551 Towards third party funding
NW0707	Baddesley Fun Club	Baddesley Fun Club	To provide equipment and stationary for children 0-8 to socialise and learn new skills.	Baddesley	Y	8	£1532.71	No. Offer Small Grant. Recommend Area Forum Fund, NWBC
NW0708	Mining Heritage 2006 Mining Monument	Piccadilly Community Association	To purchase Davy lamp as part of a memorial to help commemorate all those who have worked in the mining industry.	Piccadilly	Y	4	£5000	No. Recommend Heritage Lottery

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND APPLICATIONS 2007/8

Ref No	Project	Name of Association	Description	Ward(s)	Eligibility	Score	Request	Recommend
NW0709	Lifestyles	Hartshill Youth Project	Provide youth worker and assistant to support Hartshill youth project on out reach work at Snowhill Rec. Also room hire, trips and general expenses.	Hartshill	N	11	£5000	No. Project already supported by statutory funding
NW0710	New Kitchen Area	Jack & Jill Pre-school Nursey	To provide new larger and safer kitchen area due to expansion of nursery, plus equipment.	Dordon	Y	12	£1.500	Yes. £1,500 towards new kitchen
NW0711	Arley & St Michael's Community Project	Arley Parochial Church Council	Provide Third party funding to contribute toward creation & management of a new purpose built Community Centre for Arley St Michael's church.	Arley	Y	17	£3,171	Yes. £3,171 Towards third party funding
NW0712	School Project	New Way Credit Union	Officer time to promote school banking project to secondary school pupils. Encourage pupils to start saving and develop a knowledge of banking. Including cost of stationary, admin, publicity travel etc.	Atherstone	Y	12	£4,837	Yes. £1,600 To provide 30% match funding for applications to Area Forum Fund
NW0713	Wishaw Memorial Park	Wishaw Memorial Park	To provide safe seating, notice board, picnic table, and fencing to improve and enhance the park for the local community.	Wishaw	Y	5	£4133	No. Have received Public Realm Funding
NW0714	Improve access to PE equipment & move & extend greenhouse	Friend's of Warton & Nethersole's CofE Primary School	To improve playground facilities and purchase storage shed and greenhouse to enable school to respond to Healthy Schools Initiative. Pupils would be able to participate in more outdoor activities and learn gardening skills.	Warton	N	9	£2250	No. Can not support curricula activities
NW0715	Purchase of larger building	Baddesley Allotment Association	To purchase and erect a storage shed / shop to support local allotment holders with seed, fertiliser and equipment	Baddesley	Y	12	£5000	Yes. £3,000 Subject to consent and planning permission
NW0716	Reception/Welcoming area	Warton Pre-School Nursey	To improve reception area (make safe, secure & welcoming) Purchase equipment: notice board, lockers, large cupboard, also to include regarding of staff toilet/cloakroom	Warton	Y	12	£4537.05	Yes. £2,458 To fit new reception area Recommend A4A for equipment
NW0717	Games equipment	Hartshill Over 50s	Purchase games / activities for group and contribute towards room hire, volunteer expenses	Hartshill	Y	12	£2,389	Yes. £700 To pay for equipment. Recommend Heart of England Co-Op 'Helping Hands'

Community Computers 2007/08

Ref No	Group Name	Contact Name	Division	No. of computers	Computer location	Comments	Recommendation
NW08/01	Piccadilly Community Association	Ian Thomas	Kingsbury	2	Piccadilly Community Centre Secretary's home, Piccadilly	First computer to be used by community Second to be used by treasurer and secretary	2
NW08/02	Polesworth Abbey	Father Philip Wells	Polesworth	1	Polesworth Abbey	Use by volunteers at the 'welcome desk' and to support security system	1
NW08/03	Fillongley Village Hall Management Committee	John Taylor	Arley & Whitacre	2	Fillongley Village Hall	Use by community for slide shows and events and resumption of IT classes	2
NW08/04	Baxterley Parish Council	Mrs Alison Trenfield	Baddesley Ensor	2	Clerk's home, Baxterley	Use by Clerk for Parish Council business	1
NW08/05	Twycross, Norton Juxta Twycross & Orton-on-the Hill Parish Council	Miss Suzanne Sharples	Leicestershire	2	Clerk's home, Twycross	Ineligible not within Warwickshire	0
NW08/06	Sheepy Road Community Centre	Karen Brookes	Atherstone	1	Chair's home, Atherstone	Assist with production of minutes / leaflets	1
NW08/07	North Warwickshire Neighbourhood Watch	Philip Bent	Kingsbury	1	Treasurer's home, Kingsburt	Support the running of the group and improve communication	1
NW08/08	1st Grendon (All saints) Brownies	Janice Hetherington	Baddesley Ensor	1	Brown Owl's home, Baddesley	Help with administration of Brownie group and for Brownies to work toward IT badge	1
NW08/09	Polesworth Pre-School Children's Centre	Stephanie Davies	Polesworth	2	The Nethersole School	Help with administration of the pre-school and to assist staff with lesson planning	2
NW08/10	North Warks Colliery Welfare Social & Sports Club	Henry Chamberlain	Polesworth	1	The Club house, Sports & Welfare Club	Help with administration and improve communication	1
NW08/11	Eastlang Communities Group	Richard Tooth	Arley & Whitacre	1	Community Room, Eastlang Road	Help with administration of group and resumption of IT classes	1
NW08/12	Ansley Common Community Led Panel	Mrs Holt	Arley & Whitacre	1	Ansley Community Centre	Help with administration	1

