Chesham & Villages Community Board agenda

Date: Thursday 11 March 2021

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Via Video Conference

Membership:

A Bacon, P Birchley (Chairman), N Brown, E Culverhouse, A Garth, P Hudson, P Jones, J MacBean, N Rose, M Shaw, N Southworth, M Stannard, D Varley, N Varley and F Wilson

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Chesham Community Board Funding – Summary from the Funding working group

This update provides a summary of the applications received, the amounts requested and the comments and recommendations of the group to be considered and agreed by the board.

The group met on the 8th March to consider the fourth round of funding applications received. The group's comments and recommendations are noted in the fourth-round table below. **Members of the board are asked to agree and/or share any comments or objections to these recommendations by Friday 19th Mar 2021. Please can you send any comments or responses to Olivia Field.**

The funding summary reports for each application are attached. If anyone would like to see the full applications they are more than welcome to request these from the Chairman.

Overview of funding available:

	Health & Wellbeing Fund	**Communities Area Priorities Fund**	**Local Infrastructure Fund**
Total	**£16,408.00**	**£90,014.00**	**£24,375.00**
Cllr crisis fund	£2,000.00		
Total left	**£14, 408.00**		
1st round allocation	£3,000.00	£34,928	
Total left	**£11,408.00**	**£55,086**	**£24,375.00**
2nd round allocation	£500	£13,482	£11,856.40
Total left	**£10,908**	**£41,604**	**£12,518.60**
3rd round allocation	£0	£0	£0
Total left	**£10,908**	**£41,604**	**£12,518.60**

4th round allocation	£2,500.00
Total Left	**£8,428**

Funding Applications Received and funding group recommendations to the board:

Group	Amount Requested	Overview	Recommendation to the Board from Funding Working Group (Emily Culverhouse, Patricia Birchley, Jane Macbean, Peter Jones)	Agreed amount & funding stream: CAP, H&W, LI		
1st Round NOTE: These amounts were agreed by the board on 3rd December				**H&W**	**CAP**	**LI**
1. Voices and Choices	£5000	Community Companionship service - trained volunteers matched with users and work closely with them to understand their interests and needs, and provide information and referrals to local support networks or activities. The aim of the project is to reduce loneliness in older people, and has come at a particular time where more people are socially isolated and may be in need of support and companionship.	The group would like to know the following: • How many people the project will reach and benefit in Chesham? • What is new about the project as opposed to what was already being delivered? • How will the group ensure they are not duplicating what other orgs deliver - e.g. the county connections support service, the role of council community link officers and others reaching socially isolated individuals. • Do they reach out into the villages surrounding Chesham? The group have received funding from Amersham CB £5k and have applied to Missenden's CB (meeting on 1 Dec). **Recommendation** – to **approve £3000** to go towards the costs of the volunteer, not the other costs.	£3000		
2. Chiltern Voice	£10,000	Chiltern Voice Community Radio won an FM Broadcast Licence for the term of 5 years. Funding is being sought to finance additional equipment	Questions:		£10,000	

		and installation work to enable the radio station to launch on FM wavelength in April 2021.	• Did the group receive money from Amersham and Missenden's and how much (applications were £5k to each board? **Recommendation:** The group recommends that the funding **of £5,200** should be awarded to bring it in line with the amounts requested of the other boards on the basis that the radio station will service all communities equally. *****UPDATE******** **Following comments at the board meeting and a review and further questions of the applicant at the funding meeting of 16 December, the group recommend that:** **Recommendation (following review)** **That the full £10k be awarded. The Community Board will be able to use the station for promotion of the board's activity. This will in turn offer a benefit back to the board and enhance its impact locally.**			
3. Restore Hope	£2000	The FoodLife Christmas Hamper project aims to bring joy to families who would not otherwise be able to afford a Christmas meal. Restore Hope aim to deliver 225 Christmas hamper boxes and 75 Alternative Boxing Day Treat boxes to local families.	**Recommendation:** To agree the application in full - £2k.		£2000	
4. Oasis Education	£9,000	The Oasis Partnership requires funds to part finance a project worker, in order to launch its Employment, Training, Education and Volunteering, (ETEV) project for the Chesham and Villages community. This project provides a wide range of different opportunities that focus on supporting people to move towards employment,	Due to the huge increase in unemployment in the Chesham area the group feel that this project will help address the life chances of individuals in a sustainable way.		£9,000	

		breaking down barriers that may be in their way. This project will also support the Chesham and Villages community as a whole by supporting people to become economically stable and in employment.	• The number of men in Chesham claiming UC and JSA in September 2020 was 948, (ages 18-50+), compared with 318 in February of 2020. • The number of women in Chesham claiming UC and JSA in September 2020 was 711 (ages 18-50+), compared with 242 in February of 2020. **Recommendation** Approve in full - £9k			
5. Oasis Food & Fun	£5,000	A new pilot project to run every Friday for 1 year and is aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of disadvantaged families in Chesham. Providing healthy and nutritious food to families. Teaching families how to prepare and cook on a budget.	The group feel that there is a huge amount of funding going into food in the area. Whilst both this and the education project above are new, they will support the education one to fill a clear need for extra support. The group feel that they would like to see how Oasis projects are having an impact locally and how the food and fun projects embeds and would welcome an application on this further down the line, if a need is demonstrated. **Recommendation** – to not fund at this stage but to consider at a later stage when impact can be demonstrated.	£0		
6. CAB	£5128	The project will upskill advisers with specialist benefits training. The objective is to continue to assist local people in Chesham and the surrounding villages with the most up to date, accurate and detailed welfare benefits advice. The benefits system is complex, ever changing and more clients are reliant on it since the outbreak of the pandemic.	**Recommendation:** to approve the full amount £5128 Question: Would like to see evidence of how this advisor will link in with other projects e.g. the Oasis education project.		£5128	

7. AG Parish Council	£1314	The funding is for the installation and operation of Fibre Wi-Fi in the Memorial Hall and Old School for the benefit of the whole Community and will be free to all. Once the Wi-Fi is installed the AGDCA will offer free training for both computer use and smart phone usage to all demographics in need.	**Recommendation:** To approve the total £1300 The group feel this is a modest amount to provide digital connectivity training opportunities to the whole community, particularly elderly and socially isolated.		£1300	
8. Cricket Club	£11000 is total costs, but applicant only seeking £7500 from the board to cover equipment costs.		The group felt that this was beneficial for a village community as a community physical activity facility. However, if funding, they would like to see evidence of how the volunteer time freed up as a result of the equipment has resulted in increased physical health and wellbeing activity support for local residents. The group felt that there may be opportunities to seek match funding from other funding sources, due to the physical activity nature of the application. **Recommendation:** The group feel that providing funding of **£7,500 would** contribute significantly to the local community and would encourage the applicant to seek match funding.		£7500	
			Total recommended amount to approve £37928	**£3000**	**£34928**	**£0**
2nd Round –	**As agreed by funding group on 16 December. Funding recommendations sent to the Board Members electronically for comments/objections by 11 Jan. No comments or objections by board members 11 Jan 2021**					
9. Franklin Fields Playground Group	£10,000	A small group of local residents have come together as a community group to raise money to refurbish the playground in Franklin Fields, Chartridge. The group is aiming to raise £70,000-£80,000 to refurbish the park with new equipment, fencing and surfaces to provide an intergenerational space for the community. The Community Board funding would allow for a trim trail and outdoor gym equipment.	**Recommendation: Approve in full £10k** Covers both young people and adult equipment, lots of match funding (£70k) seeking £10k from the board.			£10,000
10. Theatre Shed		The Comedy Masterclass is a workshop for young people aged 6-18 years (25 years for those with	Agree to fund two half terms initially and then would welcome an application for the third amount later in		£4,632	

	Minimum £2,316 to cover one half term but up to £7046 for 3 half terms	additional needs) who are at risk of exclusion. This new project offers the opportunity for artists of the future to have space and time to develop their skills. The main beneficiaries are young people aged 6-18 years (25 years for those with additional needs) who are from Chesham and the surrounding areas who are at risk of exclusion. The majority of the young people the Theatre Shed work with have physical and/or learning disabilities and/or mental health conditions.	the year when they can provide a progress report on the project delivery. **Recommendation to approve £4,632:** **(the costs for 2x half term covered)**			
11. Note the following projects are part of one Community Safety project broken into three clear elements as follows: a)Community Speed Watch (CSW)	£850	CSW is a national initiative where active members of local communities join together and are supported by Thames Valley Police to monitor speeds of vehicles using speed detection devices. Looking for funding to support a collective of initiatives including Community Speed Watch, MVAS and VAS in the Chesham and Villages board area. There have been several near misses and a number of collisions and the community would like to see a tangible measure to reduce speeds and make the roads safer.	**Recommendation:** **Agree £850 for the scoping works to be carried out.**		£850	
11. B) MVAS	£3000	There are calls for new MVAS locations to be established and potentially reducing the frequency of rotation across the total number of sites already in use. Requesting a second MVAS be purchased so that all sites can be serviced more frequently and to ensure no loss of impact.	**Recommendation:** **Agree £3000 for the scoping works to be carried out.**		£3000	
12. Church2Community	£5000	The Church to Community (C2C) Project developed after identifying a lack of provision for older people in the local area. In total about 60 people attend groups run by Church to Community including a memory support group, movers and shakers and a	The group would like to understand what other external funding have they applied for to support their projects or to cover this cost applied for– there may be other pots that will be able to support.	£0		

		silver surfers IT class. The groups give support to the vulnerable and isolated, promote health and wellbeing, and provides a safe environment where lasting friendships can grow. The activities also enable C2C to share useful information and signpost to relevant local services.	Lots of projects won't be able to run whilst social distancing in the New Year. The group suggests that the applicant return after Easter next year when they will know more clearly what projects and activities will actually be able to run and the costs for those. **Recommend advising on other funding sources in the first instance and approach board again next year.**			
13. Communi-Tree	£5000	The Communi-Tree Project is an ambitious plan to plant between 100 and 200 trees across Chesham over an 18-month period in a series of phased planting projects at key times of the year. The aim is to plant trees back into the urban setting in order to improve the Air Quality Management Area which will ultimately improve health outcomes.	**Recommendation : Agree £5000** As a key environment project the group were keen to support this. The Town Council will also be seeking further funding from other sources for further trees to be planted after this round of tree planting.		£5000	
14. Transitions UK	£4000	A mentoring and support project for young people at risk of offending/criminal exploitation, or who have offended and are choosing to avoid a future in and out of prison/youth offending institutions. The project will provide 300 hrs + support each to young person, with primary referral from Youth Offending teams and Attendance Centres plus other referral partners.	The group felt that this is a worthwhile project however, would like to explore further given this is a cross CB funding application. They would like to know if other boards are funding and also question whether for such a service whether this is something that should be commissioned if there is a evidenced need, rather than being funded through Community Boards. **Recommendation – not approved at this stage - to reconsider in the New Year after further exploring of the most appropriate funding source for this type of worthwhile project and exploring with the other 3 boards who have received an application to gain a collective view.**	£0		

15. Dial A Ride	£500 cllr fund	Dial a Ride has asked for a contribution to their lockdown service. They currently run 1000 journeys per month. Broken down for Chesham is an average of 180 journeys per month. 8 other boards have been contacted for a contribution to continue the valuable service. They are seeing an increase in GP referrals and other services which are under stress eg Red Cross Home from Hospital service.	The Chairman has agreed in principle and awaiting sign off from core members. **Recommendation: No objections received so this will be awarded under the CB crisis fund process.**	£500		
			Total recommended amount to approve £23,982	**£500**	**£13,482**	**£11856.40**
3rd Round		**As agreed by funding group on 21 January.**				
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17. Chenies Footpath	TBC	Chenies Parish Council previously sent an application for footpath and lining works. The PC	**Match funded by PC**			

		has asked for the TfB PID to be updated for the footpath only. Costs tbc (from 20-21 budget). Previous quote was for £7711 and TfB will revise the costs.	**Group Recommendation: Wait to receive final costs and would like a detailed breakdown of costs from TfB to consider this.**			

4th Round		**As agreed by funding group on 8 March. Funding recommendations sent to the Board Members electronically for comments/objections by 19 March.**				
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19. Big Community Take Away	£2500	Since the Big Community Take Away launched in April 2020, it has provided over 6,200 meals in the Chesham/Amersham area. The project benefits individuals, and families struggling from the effects Coronavirus both medical either in Covid/recovering those isolated or with mental health issues and those who have been financially affected either through furlough, loss of hours or redundancy and cannot afford to cover meals.	**Match funded by The Clare Foundation (£2000)** **Group Recommendation: The group feel that providing funding of £2,500 would contribute significantly to the local community.** **Total recommended amount to approve £2,500**	**£2500**		

Projects for consideration for 2021-22 funding allocation:

Chartridge PC	TBC	Chartridge PC has submitted an application for a pictorial sign to state the lane is unsuitable for HGV's as it is causing damage to the roads. TfB will scope costings – application for 2021-22 funding.	**Match funded by PC**			
VAS (part of the community speedwatch and MVAS project which has been agreed by the funding group)		The community board has completed application forms to trigger TfB investigation into 4 potential sites that may be appropriate for the installation of a Vehicle Activated Sign. The sites have been selected on the basis of a history of severe speeding and / or accidents, existing MVAS data showing excessive speeds during monitoring sessions or high levels of resident concern expressed to the highway authority and / or its elected representatives. TfB will scope costings – application for 2021-22 funding.	**A meeting was held 25th Feb 2021 between the board and TfB who have agreed to come back with revised PID for the 4 VAS sites. Jane has provided John Pateman (TfB) with detailed information about the 4 sites to help TfB produce a more accurate assessment.**			

VAS – Following the higher than previously anticipated costings, a meeting took place with TfB. The discussion was productive and TfB have agreed to get back to the board with the revised PID for the 4 VAS. It was highlighted that PIDs are not quotes.

NB - each Community Board can allocate a maximum of 50% of its Community Area Priorities Fund towards transport / highways projects.

Please note that Highways/Transport schemes offering 50% match funding will be prioritised by TfB.