

Central Dudley Area Committee - 18th January 2011

Report of the Area Liaison Officer

Capital Allocations – Recommendations

Summary of New Applications By Ward

Castle & Priory

1. Old Park Farm TRA

Sycamore Centre, Dudley, DY1 3QE

Grant Value Requested - £276.75

Grant Value Recommended - £276.75

Purpose – 50% contribution to an application received by North Dudley AC for £553.50 to provide Laptop Computer and Printer to enable the work of the TRA which spans both North and Central AC areas.

Netherton Woodside & St Andrews

2. Woodside Community Association

Highgate Road, Dudley, DY2 0SN

Grant Value Requested - £1,306.76

Grant Value Recommended - £653.38

Purpose – Provision of a salt/grit spreader to make pathways safe in inclement weather and a janitorial trolley to aid cleaning and clearing up after users.

3. New Testament Welfare Association

Holly Hall Road, Woodside, DY2 0SP

Grant Value Requested- £1,001.10

Grant Value Recommended - £500.55

Purpose – Contribution towards the replacement of flooring within the

dining and activity area of the day centre.

Quarry Bank & Dudley Wood

4. None at this meeting

St James's

5. None at this meeting

St Thomas's

6. **St. Thomas's Community Network – Kids United 'Out of School' Club**

Beechwood Road, Dudley, DY2 7QA

Grant Value Requested - £3,518.50

Grant Value Recommended - £3,518.50

Purpose – Provision of separate toilet facilities for young people using the out of school club.

It is proposed by the working group that this grant award be shared between the three wards of St. Thomas's (50%) St James (25%) and Netherton Woodside and St Andrews (25%) due to users of the centres facilities coming from each of the three wards.

7. **Royal British Legion, Dudley Branch**

Ex Servicemen's Club, Hall Street, Dudley, DY2 7BT

Grant Value Requested - £3,000.00

Grant Value Recommended - £3,000.00

Purpose – To purchase laptops to continue the work of the RBL branch, Electronic Bugle and amplifier for use at ceremonies and funerals and ceremonial poles and standards along with coffin drape.

It is proposed by members of the working group that this grant award be shared between the two wards of St. Thomas's (50%) and Netherton Woodside and St Andrews (50%) due to RBL Branch working across these two wards.

Consideration of Grant Offers To Be Withdrawn

Netherton Woodside and St Andrews

- 8 **1st Primrose Hill Guides**

A grant was approved for £847.96 on the 6th November 2009 – Despite letters to the applicant and further enquiries by the Ward Member we have

been unable to make contact with regard to this grant offer and therefore with the agreement of the Ward Member for Netherton Woodside and St Andrews seek authorisation to close down this offer to enable the monies to be redistributed within the ward.

Withdrawing this grant offer would not prevent the applicant from applying again in the future,

Amendments to Existing Application Criteria

9. The Working Group also considered a number of options to amend the criteria for Capital Allocation applications relating to the length of time between an organisation receiving a capital grant and being able to submit a further application for capital funds.
10. The intention of this was to ensure that the funds available through Area Committee were distributed to as wide a number of community groups as possible.
10. The Working Group recommended that an amendment to the existing criteria be considered by Area Committee that would prevent an organisation making a further application no sooner than 12 months after completion of their earlier grant offer.
11. The Working Group also recommended that flexibility be built into the amended criteria to allow them to consider an further application from a previously successful organisation within this 12 month period if the organisation could :
 - a) Demonstrate immediate and extenuating circumstances; and
 - b) Demonstrate that funding from Area Committee was being requested, as match funding, to access a significantly greater amount of external funding from outside of the council.