

Abingdon Area Committee Agenda



Contact: Claire Litchfield, Democratic Services Officer
Telephone number 01235 540306
Email: claire.litchfield@whitehorsedc.gov.uk
Date: 29 March 2011
Website: www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk

A meeting of the
Abingdon Area Committee
will be held on Wednesday 6 April 2011 at 9am
Guildhall, Abingdon

Members of the Committee:

Councillors

Samantha Bowring
Julia Bricknell
Paul Burton
Mary de Vere
Tony de Vere
Gervase Duffield
Beth Fleming
Richard Gibson

Jim Halliday
Angela Lawrence
Pat Lonergan
Julie Mayhew-Archer
Janet Morgan
Alison Rooke
Laurel Symons
Richard Webber

A large print version of this agenda is available. In addition any background papers referred to may be inspected by prior arrangement.

Please note that this meeting will be held in a wheelchair accessible venue. If you would like to attend and have any special access requirements, please let the Democratic Services Officers know beforehand and they will do their very best to meet your requirements.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Reed".

Margaret Reed
Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Members are reminded of the provisions contained in the code of conduct adopted on 30 September 2007 and standing order 34 regarding the declaration of personal and prejudicial interests.

Agenda

Open to the Public including the Press

Map and vision

(Page 4)

A map showing the location of the venue for this meeting is attached. A link to information about nearby car parking is http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/transport/car_parking/default.asp

The council's vision is to build and safeguard a fair, open and compassionate community.

1. Election of a chair

To elect a chair of the Abingdon Area Committee for the remainder of the 2010/11 municipal year.

2. Election of a vice-chair

To elect a vice-chair of the Abingdon Area Committee for the remainder of the 2010/11 municipal year.

3. Apologies for absence

To receive apologies for absence.

4. Minutes

(Pages 5 - 10)

To adopt and sign as a correct record the minutes of the committee meeting held on 5 November 2009.

5. Declarations of interest

To receive any declarations of personal or personal and prejudicial interests in respect of items on the agenda for this meeting.

6. Urgent business and chair's announcements

To receive notification of any matters, which the chair determines, should be considered as urgent business and the special circumstances, which have made the matters urgent, and to

receive any announcements from the chair.

7. Statements, petitions, and questions from the public relating to matters affecting the area committee

Any statements, petitions, and questions from the public under standing order 32 will be made or presented at the meeting.

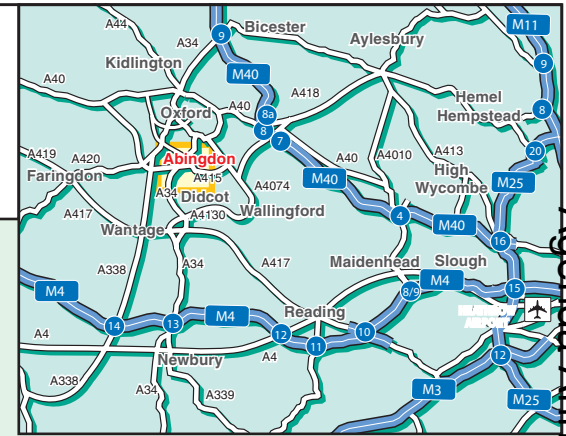
8. Community grants

(Pages 11 - 53)

To consider report 121/10 of the head of corporate strategy.

Exempt information under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972

None



© www.giveway.co.uk 2008 Tel: 0800 019 0027.
OS data. PU100040256. Crown ©2008.



KEY: Car Parks

	Abbey Close
	Cattle Market
	Charter Multi-storey
	Civic
	Rye Farm
	Hales Meadow
	Audlett Drive
	West St Helen Street

By rail – the nearest main line railway stations to Abingdon are either Didcot Parkway (seven miles) or Oxford (eight miles). Radley railway station is located on the main line between Oxford and Didcot and is three miles from Abingdon town centre. For details of train times visit www.nationalrail.co.uk or call 08457 484950

By bus – there are a number of bus routes serving Abingdon town centre. For details of services and timetables, visit Oxfordshire County Council’s website at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk. Contact details for bus operators can be found on the travel information pages on our website www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk

Parking – details of car parks charges can be found on our website



Minutes

of a meeting of the

Abingdon Area Committee

held at 7pm on Thursday 5 November 2009
at the Guildhall, Abingdon

Open to the Public, including the Press

Present:

Members: Councillor Julie Mayhew-Archer (Chair), Julia Bricknell, Paul Burton, Mary de Vere, Tony de Vere, Jim Halliday, Angela Lawrence, Pat Lonergan, Janet Morgan, Alison Rooke, Laurel Symons and Richard Webber

Officers: Steve Culliford, Lorna Edwards, Jason Popham and Toby Warren

Number of members of the public: Three

Ab.10 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Gervase Duffield.

Ab.11 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 2 July 2009 were adopted and signed as a correct record.

Ab.12 Declarations of interest

Declarations of interest were made in respect of community grant applications as follows:

Councillor	Type of interest	Application	Reason	Minute Ref
Julie Mayhew-Archer Jim Halliday Angela Lawrence Pat Lonergan Alison Rooke	Personal and Prejudicial	Abingdon Town Council (twinning)	In so far as they were town councillors	Ab.15
Richard Webber	Personal and Prejudicial	Drayton Twinning Society	In so far as he was a member of the Drayton Twinning society	Ab.15

Councillor	Type of interest	Application	Reason	Minute Ref
Jim Halliday	Personal	Sea Cadets	In so far he knew the organiser of the Sea Cadets	Ab.15
Alison Rooke	Personal	Abingdon Performing Arts Group Enterprise (APAGE)	In so far as she knew the organiser through her involvement with the operatic society	Ab.15
Tony de Vere Jim Halliday Richard Webber Julie Mayhew Archer Laurel Symons	Personal	APAGE	In so far as they knew the organiser	Ab.15
Jim Halliday	Personal	Abingdon Rugby Club	In so far as he knew the organiser	Ab.15

Ab.13 Urgent business and chair's announcements

None

Ab.14 Statements, petitions and questions from the public affecting the Abingdon Area Committee

The committee received three statements from the public relating to grant applications as follows:

- (1) Mr Malcolm Ross spoke on behalf of Abingdon Performing Arts Group Enterprise, known as APAGE, thanking the committee for the opportunity to speak. He welcomed the proposed service level agreement and the new relationship it would bring with the District Council. He stated that this was more important than the grant itself. He reported that he was well aware of the conditions included in the agreement and understood that it was not a contract. An Service Level agreement would mean that not only had APAGE secured psychological support but also a steady influx of funds.
- (2) Mr Steve Beacon spoke on behalf of the Abingdon Rugby Club. He highlighted the positive impact that the club had on Abingdon. He reported that the Club had been founded in 1931 and had in excess of 400 members, but it was hoped that this would increase to over 500 by 2013. At the same time the Club aimed to increase the number of volunteers. He stated that funding for the new rugby pitch had been secured and the Club was requesting a grant towards the pitch lighting.
- (3) Sue Hargreeves spoke in support of Abingdon Sea Cadets. She explained that the Sea Cadets were applying for a grant to replace their boat trailer, which was damaged

in the recent floods in 2007. A new trailer would mean the Sea Cadets could reintroduce teaching of power boating skills during the summer months. Amongst the Abingdon membership, there were currently cadets with special educational needs.

The Chair thanked the speakers for their statements explaining that they would be taken into account when the committee considered the respective applications later in the meeting.

Ab.15 Community Grants

The committee received and considered report 68/09 of the Head of Community Strategy, which set out details of three applications for community grants and two requests for twinning grants. The report also set out the committee's community grants budget position. It was noted that £10,830 remained in the current financial year. However, the committee noted that its available budget could be increased in that the grants awarded by the Committee on 6 November 2008 to the Compass Café and the Vale of White Horse Foyer had not been claimed. However, both applicants might not need to claim these grants if their applications for third party funding to the County Council's Chill Out Fund were unsuccessful.

Councillors noted that there was insufficient funding available to award all the grants requested. Councillors concluded that each application should be considered on its own merits and decided to have no regard to the possible additional funding from the Chill Out Fund. In the first instance, the committee considered whether to support the application in principle. The Committee would then revisit each application and vote on amounts to be awarded.

(1) Abingdon Town Council Twining

Councillor Tony de Vere took the Chair for this item

(Councillors Julie Mayhew-Archer, Jim Halliday, Angela Lawrence, Pat Lonergan and Alison Rooke had each declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item and left the room during its consideration).

Councillors considered the budget provision for this financial year and considered reducing the amount awarded to Abingdon Town Council for twinning purposes. It was reported that a large part of the grant would be used to fund the staff post.

(2) Drayton Twinning Society

(Councillor Richard Webber declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item and left the room in during its consideration).

Whilst considering each application on its own merits, Councillors commented that it would be fair if the grant to Drayton Twinning Society was reduced by the same percentage as that to Abingdon Town Council. It was reported that the Society was independent of the Parish Council and was run entirely by volunteers. It was commented that the Society ran on a two year cycle, one year was spent visiting the other twin town and the other spent hosting. This resulted in significant variations in the budget each year. The Committee was reluctant to decrease the grant mid-term as the twinning society was expecting the same level of funding and had budgeted for this. The Committee considered that the full amount requested should be awarded on this occasion but the Society should be informed that the amount could be reduced next year.

(3) APAGE (Abingdon Performing Arts Group Enterprise)

(Councillors Tony de Vere, Jim Halliday, Julie Mayhew-Archer, Alison Rooke, Laurel Symons and Richard Webber each declared a personal interest in this item).

At the last meeting of the Abingdon Area Committee members resolved to support, in principle, a three year Service Level Agreement (SLA) with APAGE to support the Abingdon Arts Festival. This would give APAGE regular funding and avoid the need for the organisation to submit a fresh grant application each year. Councillors commented that an agreement was not a contract, the agreement could be terminated by giving APAGE six months' notice and the amount could be reduced from one year to the next depending on the Councils budget. Councillors thought this was the best arrangement for both APAGE and the Council. The Committee agreed to award £2,750 to APAGE as part of the agreement. However if additional funds became available through grants, the authority was delegated to increase this amount to £3,000.

(4) Abingdon Sea Cadets

(Councillor Jim Halliday had declared a personal interest in this item).

Councillors asked if the Sea Cadets received any funding from the Ministry of Defence or the Navy as it had been reported that similar organisations had received funding in the past. It was reported that the Sea Cadets did not receive any further funding and were entirely self sufficient. Councillors commented that £1,000 was a significant sum for the Sea Cadets who had raised substantial funds themselves. Councillors noted that the Sea Cadets supported a lot of children and people with disabilities. As the Sea Cadets accommodated pupils from South Oxfordshire then it was suggested that the organisation should apply to that district council for grant funding also. The Committee decided to award the grant requested.

(5) Abingdon Rugby Club

(Councillor Jim Halliday had declared a personal interest in this item).

Members spoke highly of the Rugby Club and remarked on the high number of users. As the work at the club was nearly complete it was suggested that it would be beneficial for the Rugby Club to submit an invoice for the work, thus lowering the VAT payable before the VAT was raised again in January 2010.

RESOLVED

- (a) *that the remaining community grants budget for the committee in 2009/10 be noted;*
- (b) *that the following service level agreement grants be approved:*

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Grant awarded</u>	<u>Voting</u>
Abingdon Town Council	Twinning grant	£2,000	Proposed by Councillor Laurel Symons and seconded by Councillor Mary de Vere.

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Grant awarded</u>	<u>Voting</u>
			Agreed by 7 votes to nil.
Drayton Twinning Society	Twinning grant	£500 The society to be informed that this amount could reduce next year.	Proposed by Councillor Jim Halliday and seconded by Councillor Mary de Vere. Agreed by 10 votes to nil with 1 abstention.

- (c) that the Council enters into a service level agreement with the Abingdon Performing Art Group Enterprise, known as APAGE, using the agreement set out in the appendix to report 68/09;
- (d) that £2,750 be awarded in the current financial year to APAGE as part of the service level agreement with the council (proposed by Councillor Janet Morgan and seconded by Councillor Tony de Vere and agreed by 12 votes to nil);
- (e) that authority be delegated to the Community Strategy Manager, in consultation with the Chair of the Abingdon Area Committee, to increase the amount of grant funding to APAGE through the service level agreement from £2,750 up to £3,000 if funds become available in the current financial year; (proposed by Councillor Janet Morgan and seconded by Councillor Tony de Vere and agreed by 12 votes to nil)
- (f) that the following community grants be awarded:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Grant awarded</u>	<u>Voting</u>
Abingdon Sea Cadets	Funding for a new boat trailer	£1,139	Proposed by Councillor Pat Lonergan and seconded by Councillor Tony de Vere and agreed by 12 votes to nil.
Abingdon Rugby Club	Installing floodlighting	£4,441 (See also resolution (g) below)	Proposed by Councillor Pat Lonergan and seconded by Councillor Alison Rooke and agreed by 12 votes to nil

- (g) that authority be delegated to the Community Strategy Manager, in consultation with the Chair of Abingdon Area Committee, to increase the amount of grant awarded to Abingdon Rugby Club from £4,441 to £5,000 if funds become available in the current financial year; and

- (h) *that a decision on the need to re-establish the Abingdon Area Forum be deferred until the impact of the Choose Abingdon Partnership launch event has been fully evaluated.*

Exempt information under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972

None

The meeting rose at 8.45 pm

Abingdon Area Committee Report



Report of head of corporate strategy

Report No. 121/10

Author: Toby Warren

Telephone: 01235 547695

Textphone: 18001 01235 547695

E-mail: toby.warren@southandvale.gov.uk

Wards affected: Abingdon (all wards), Drayton,
Sutton Courtenay and Appleford

To: Abingdon Area Committee

DATE: 6 April 2011

Executive member responsible: Tony de Vere

Tel: 01235 540391

E-mail: tony.devere@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

Community Grants

Recommendations

- (a) that the Abingdon Area Committee notes the budget for community grants in 2011/12 for the Abingdon area of the Vale*
- (b) that the committee considers and determines the new applications which have been received and appraised*

Purpose of report

1. The purpose of this report is to set out the budget position for the Abingdon Area Committee in respect of community grants, to invite the committee to consider and determine grant applications.

Relationship with Corporate Plan

2. The award of grants to community and voluntary sector groups helps to deliver actions set out in the Vale's Sustainable Community Strategy, which aims to improve the quality of life for everyone in the Vale.

The community grants budget

3. The total budget for community grants for 2011/12 for the Vale is £103,400. This budget is apportioned between the Executive and four area committees. The Executive receives 20% of the budget and the remainder (£82,720) is apportioned according to the electorate in each area on 1 January 2011. The electorate in the Abingdon area on 1 January was 29,900, 31.90% of the Vale's electorate. Therefore the budget position for community grants for 2011/12 for the Abingdon area of the Vale is £26,391.
4. At its meeting on 7 January 2011 the Executive invited the area committees to meet no more than twice a year, in early April and early October. Therefore, if sufficient budget remains unallocated at the end of this meeting, the area committee will meet again in early October.

New grant applications

5. Applications totalling £50,690 have been received from the applicants listed below. Precises providing additional details are in the appendix to this report.
6. Officers have used a scoring system to help in evaluating each application. The scoring system is a fair and transparent way of evaluating how closely a project supports corporate and community strategy priorities, the local need and the amount of funding requested as a percentage of project cost.
7. In making the following recommendations officers have also taken into account the available budget. If the following recommendations are approved without amendment the total grant awarded will be £23,226.

Applicant	The Nasio Trust
Project	Operation Exit 7
Project cost £	£6,250
Grant sought £	£4,750
Score	150
<i>Officer recommendation</i>	£4,750
Reason	Project supports self development of young people

Applicant	The Abingdon Bridge
Project	Project engage
Project cost £	£13,000
Grant sought £	£5,000
Score	115
<i>Officer recommendation</i>	£3,500
Reason	Project supports self development of young people

Applicant	APAGE
Project	Abingdon Arts Festival 2012
Project cost £	£9,500
Grant sought £	£4,000
Score	105
<i>Officer recommendation</i>	£2,000

<i>recommendation</i>	
Reason	Less than amount requested due to available budget and high number and quality of other applications

Applicant	Film Oxford
Project	Film under the Stars – Summer screen
Project cost £	£4,025
Grant sought £	£3,425
Score	105
<i>Officer recommendation</i>	£350
Reason	High score but grant only towards costs of film hire rather than fixed costs. Also being considered by South East Area Committee for grant for Wantage performance

Applicant	South Abingdon Community Led Planning Group
Project	Community led plan
Project cost £	£14,727
Grant sought £	£4,725
Score	100
<i>Officer recommendation</i>	£3,308
Reason	Project will encourage local solutions to local problems

Applicant	Abingdon Carbon Cutters
Project	Community food project
Project cost £	£1,940
Grant sought £	£1,240
Score	100
<i>Officer recommendation</i>	£868
Reason	Project fosters community spirit

Applicant	Caudwell Day Centre
Project	Central heating unit
Project cost £	£3,500
Grant sought £	£3,500
Score	100
<i>Officer recommendation</i>	£2,450
Reason	Project helps to overcome social isolation

Applicant	Abingdon Town Amateur Boxing Club
Project	New training hall
Project cost £	£200,000
Grant sought £	£5,000
Score	90
<i>Officer recommendation</i>	£3,500
Reason	Early stages of project, large gap in funding, provide grant to assist with project development

Applicant	Abingdon Music Festival Association
Project	'Maestro' one day master class
Project cost £	£1,490
Grant sought £	£550
Score	85
<i>Officer recommendation</i>	£0
Reason	Adequate funds appear to be in place

Applicant	24th Abingdon Scout Group
Project	Rebuilding of scout hall
Project cost £	£114,200
Grant sought £	£5,000
Score	75
<i>Officer recommendation</i>	£2,000
Reason	Low score but has potential community benefit, early stages of project, planning permission obtained but large gap in funding, provide grant to assist with project development

Applicant	Abingdon Chamber Concerts
Project	Enhanced marketing scheme
Project cost £	£1,010
Grant sought £	£500
Score	70
<i>Officer recommendation</i>	£0
Reason	There appears to be limited community benefit

Applicant	Archway Foundation
Project	Serving those hurt by loneliness
Project cost £	£73,500
Grant sought £	£3,000
Score	65
<i>Officer recommendation</i>	£0
Reason	Expenditure costs unclear

Applicant	Abingdon Town Band
Project	Sustaining players project
Project cost £	£12,045
Grant sought £	£5,000
Score	65
<i>Officer recommendation</i>	£500
Reason	There appears to be limited community benefit, the application is for members' instruments and uniforms rather than public performance, recommend small grant to support cost of free public performances in Abingdon.

Applicant	Abingdon Rowing Club
Project	Rowing club electrics

Project cost £	£8,717
Grant sought £	£5,000
Score	60
<i>Officer recommendation</i>	£0
Reason	There appears to be limited community benefit

8. Members are requested to consider and determine the new grant applications received.

Options

9. There are no alternative options to the consideration and determination of the grant applications received.

Financial, legal and any other implications

10. Grant awards, if any, will be allocated from an Abingdon Area community grants budget and prior to determination the committee will be advised of the amount available to allocate.

Conclusion

11. The Abingdon Area Committee is requested to consider and determine the new grant applications received.

Background Papers

Community grant applications and supporting documents

Appendices

Precises summarising the applications received. Please note that precises are in alphabetical order.

Community Grants Evaluation Précis

Name of Organisation		24th Abingdon Scout Group	
Ref	730	Project Costs / Funding Position	
Project Name	Rebuilding of Scout Hall		£
Project Area	Wootton	Total Project Cost	£114,200
Area Committee	Abingdon	Amount Requested	£5,000
Project Description Demolition of existing hall which is in an extreme state of repair. Construction of new hall, with kitchen/shower facilities.		Secured Funding	£14,700
		Town/Parish council funding	£500
		Recommended Award	£2000
		Committee Decision	
Contributing to the Vale Community Strategy <i>Up to 60 points can be scored in this section</i>		Application Details	
C1	Which priority of the Vale Community Strategy does your project support?	involving young people	
C2	How does your project meet this priority?	The provision of a safe place for children to learn/develop skills (indoor and outdoor activities).	
C3	Does your project meet any other priorities of the Vale's Community Strategy?		
		Score	20
Contributing to the council's priorities <i>Up to 40 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C4	Which priority of the council does your project support?	helping to maintain a safe Vale	
C5	How does your project meet this priority?	Providing activities for children/young people and therefore helping to channel their energies positively.	
C6	Does your project meet any over council priorities?		
		Score	20
Consultation <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C7	How did you consult with the local community?	By meeting the parents of the Beaver, Cub Scouts, Scouts, Rainbows and Brownies.	
		Score	5
Local need <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C8	How do you know the community need this project?	The current hall was constructed in 1940 and is in a bad state of repair. The new facilities will provide an opportunity for many local groups to use the hall/use the field for camping/social activities in a secure setting.	
		Score	5
Community Benefit <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C9	Who will benefit from this project?	Beaver Colony, Cub Scouts, Scouts, Rainbows and Brownies. And the local schools which use the site for environment studies	

	Score	10
Finance score		
Up to 20% of the project costs – 15 points 21 – 40% of the project costs – 10 points 41 – 60% of the project costs – 5 points	Score	15
Scoring Points System:		
99 or less – recommend the project does not receive funding 100 or more – recommend the project receives some funding 140 or more – recommend the project is a funding priority	TOTAL	75
<u>Comments Section</u>		
Grants Officer:		
<p>This application has not been developed to its full potential and this is reflected in the score. It appears that the project is in very early stages of development which is supported by the planning permission which was only granted in February 2011. There are other opportunities of funding for this type of facility that should be explored in order to secure funding for the high project costs.</p>		
<u>Has this organisation previously received funding?</u>		
Conditions:		
Should any additional conditions be applied to a grant award?		

Community Grants Evaluation Précis

Name of Organisation		Abbey Chamber Concerts	
Ref	746	Project Costs / Funding Position	
Project Name	Enhanced marketing and advertising to increase audience numbers		£
Project Area	Abingdon	Total Project Cost	£1,010
Area Committee	Abingdon	Amount Requested	£500
Project Description Enhanced marketing campaign to increase average audience size for a monthly series of Sunday afternoon classical chamber concerts in Abingdon, from 30-40 to 60-80, using website, email marketing, postal mailshot, banners and promotional musical events		Secured Funding	£510
		Town/Parish council funding	£0
		Recommended Award	£0
		Committee Decision	
Contributing to the Vale Community Strategy <i>Up to 60 points can be scored in this section</i>		Application Details	
C1	Which priority of the Vale Community Strategy does your project support?	fostering a greater sense of the community	
C2	How does your project meet this priority?	Many of our audience are young students or the retired. We bring the whole community together. We raise Abingdon's profile as a cultural centre. Groups get the chance to perform in their local centre.	
C3	Does your project meet any other priorities of the Vale's Community Strategy?	improving quality of life for older people, involving younger people,	
		Score	40
Contributing to the council's priorities <i>Up to 40 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C4	Which priority of the council does your project support?	supporting a vibrant local economy	
C5	How does your project meet this priority?	we contribute to the economic development of Abingdon by bringing audience into Abingdon on Sundays, and selling tickets at local outlets, by supporting Change Abingdon Partnership (we have provided music for their events), and contributing to APAGE.	
C6	Does your project meet any over council priorities?		
		Score	10
Consultation <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C7	How did you consult with the local community?	The project meets the aims and has the support (though not financial) of the Town council, the Abingdon Partnership (an independent body tasked with regenerating Abingdon and funded by Town, Vale and County). Local schools and the annual music festival are keen to be involved. APAGE (a local group to promote	

		arts events in the town that produces a Festival Catalogue for distribution in Abingdon), though not able to give a grant, supported us through a free entry in this year's issue.		
			Score	5
Local need <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>				
C8	How do you know the community need this project?	Local musicians, groups and schools are all keen to take part - we have turned down many more applicants to play in the concerts than we can offer dates to. We have proved there is a demand, from players and audience. The series has done reasonably well in its first year, with many local groups eager to play. The audience profile is very wide – from school children to the retired.		
			Score	5
Community Benefit <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>				
C9	Who will benefit from this project?	The chance to perform in public is very important for players and groups of all ages and abilities and there are not many opportunities in Abingdon. It puts their music abilities to the test in a way that practice alone cannot. It gives local groups the chance to perform in public. Abingdon town centre is in need of regeneration with many local shops closed. This concert series will attract people into the town centre on Sundays. Tickets are sold through local outlets. This project supports Abingdon Town Council, and Vale of White Horse District Council, objectives to revitalise Abingdon Town Centre.		
			Score	5
Finance score				
Up to 20% of the project costs – 15 points 21 – 40% of the project costs – 10 points 41 – 60% of the project costs – 5 points			Score	5
Scoring Points System:				
99 or less – recommend the project does not receive funding 100 or more – recommend the project receives some funding 140 or more – recommend the project is a funding priority			TOTAL	70
<u>Comments Section</u>				
Grants Officer:				
This application is for funding towards advertising costs of Abbey Chamber Concerts to increase attendance numbers. Formal accounts have not been provided but a bank statement has been provided. This shows a balance of £945.44 at 19/2/11. No budget forecast for 2011/12 has been provided. It appears that performers are paid a fee per performance and that this is calculated from the profits made at each concert. Single quotes have been provided for a website template and for outdoor banners totalling £530 (more detailed quotes have not been received to cover the full costs of £1010). The application suggests a surplus is currently made from each concert of £270.				
<u>Has this organisation previously received funding?</u>				

Community Grants Evaluation Précis

Name of Organisation		Abingdon Carbon Cutters	
Ref	685	Project Costs / Funding Position	
Project Name	Community Food Project		£
Project Area	Abingdon	Total Project Cost	£1,940
Area Committee	Abingdon	Amount Requested	£1,240
Project Description Several individual strands to this project which all combine to raise awareness of the preparing, eating and understanding of good food, grown locally. The overall aim is to reduce waste and food miles.1. Cooking Sessions at South Abingdon Children's Centre2. Vegetable Growing Project at South Abingdon Children's Centre, Larkmead & St Edmunds.3. Apple Day - October 2011 - also in South Abingdon (probably Caldecott School: to be confirmed) - Event with demonstrations, advice, planting, competitions, for local people to understand the many uses of apples which would otherwise go to waste.		Secured Funding	£700
		Town/Parish council funding	£0
		Recommended Award	£868
		Committee Decision	
Contributing to the Vale Community Strategy <i>Up to 60 points can be scored in this section</i>		Application Details	
C1	Which priority of the Vale Community Strategy does your project support?	healthier communities	
C2	How does your project meet this priority?	In fact this project meets several of the priorities above.By encouraging and developing skills in preparing and eating local food, mainly vegetables, we will be contributing to healthier lifestyles for local residents.	
C3	Does your project meet any other priorities of the Vale's Community Strategy?	Our focus on cooking soups and other easy recipes shows residents how to reduce waste eg: our recipe for "what's in the fridge" soup will be promoted.Our aim is to involve young people which is the reason for using South Abingdon Children's Centre and the links with the schools. We believe that Apple Day in particular will help South Abingdon residents come together in an enjoyable community event. We have deliberately chosen to take this event to South Abingdon where we think the most scope for development of understanding of the issues.	
		Score	40
Contributing to the council's priorities <i>Up to 40 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C4	Which priority of the council does your project support?	rising to the challenge of climate change	
C5	How does your project meet this priority?	Research (See Carbon Conversations by Rosemary Randall, published by Cambridge Carbon Footprint, page 58) shows that food forms a large part of any individuals	

		carbon footprint, with a large part of our consumption having been travelled all over the world, processed and frozen and stored at great (carbon) cost. Apples and vegetables grown in the local area have the lowest food miles possible, and being able to prepare your own food gives individuals options for a healthier lifestyle, using food that has less processing built into it and utilisation of food that would otherwise be waste.		
C6	Does your project meet any over council priorities?	As part of our message we will be encouraging people to attend our local markets, such as the Local Excellence Market and the Farmer's Market, and to buy local produce grown in the Vale.		
			Score	20
Consultation <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>				
C7	How did you consult with the local community?	Our group includes 70 members all drawn from the local community and in addition we have consulted with Sandra Pearse, the South Abingdon Children's Centre Manager, who has assisted in helping us develop the work we are going to do in South Abingdon so that it meets the needs of the community there.		
			Score	10
Local need <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>				
C8	How do you know the community need this project?	We have noted the lack of nearby shopping choices for local people in South Abingdon which means they all are constrained to use Tesco. Staff at the Children's Centre feel that this set of projects will really strike a note with the community.		
			Score	10
Community Benefit <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>				
C9	Who will benefit from this project?	South Abingdon residents especially children, local food producers, the local markets.		
			Score	15
Finance score				
Up to 20% of the project costs – 15 points 21 – 40% of the project costs – 10 points 41 – 60% of the project costs – 5 points			Score	5
Scoring Points System:				
99 or less – recommend the project does not receive funding 100 or more – recommend the project receives some funding 140 or more – recommend the project is a funding priority			TOTAL	100
Comments Section				
Grants Officer:				
Abingdon Carbon Cutters are a small organisation looking to deliver a community food project in South Abingdon which will consist of cooking sessions, vegetable growing project and an apple day. The organisation has raised £700 from their own funds and donations. The organisation has not received support from Abingdon Town Council for this specific project, however the Town Council did support the Carbon Cutters with a grant in September 2010 towards their Eco Fair in October 2010.				

Has this organisation previously received funding?

2009/10 - awarded £200 spent £77

Conditions:

Should any additional conditions be applied to a grant award?

1. The council's logo should be used on an publications and at each event.

Community Grants

Evaluation Précis

Name of Organisation		Abingdon Music Festival Association	
Ref	739	Project Costs / Funding Position	
Project Name	'Maestro', a one-day masterclass in conducting led by Peter Stark, to be held at the Silk Hall, Radley College on 6 November 2011		£
Project Area	All (covers whole of Vale)	Total Project Cost	£1,490
Area Committee	Abingdon	Amount Requested	£550
Project Description 'Maestro' is a one-day masterclass which is to be held, under the umbrella of the Abingdon Music Festival 2011, in the Silk Hall at Radley College on 6 November. It will be led by Peter Stark who is a highly-experienced conductor and tutor, noted for inspiring young musicians. He was series consultant to the BBC2 series, 'Maestro'. Peter will teach conducting techniques to 8 local young musicians selected for their musicality. A 22-strong ensemble of young local musicians will perform Haydn symphonies under the baton of each participant, culminating in a 'concert' performance of a movement by each young conductor. The event will be open to a the public who will be encouraged to attend all or any part of 'Maestro', free of charge, to gain an insight into how conducting works and to enjoy what will be a highly educational, entertaining and enjoyable day. The VWHDC grant would specifically fund the 22 young musicians in the musical ensemble, without whom the masterclass could not take place.		Secured Funding	£300
		Town/Parish council funding	requested (received in previous years)
		Recommended Award	£0
		Committee Decision	
Contributing to the Vale Community Strategy <i>Up to 60 points can be scored in this section</i>		Application Details	
C1	Which priority of the Vale Community Strategy does your project support?	involving young people	
C2	How does your project meet this priority?	It is a unique opportunity for young people aged 16-21 years to benefit from the opportunity of conducting a musical ensemble in the Vale of White Horse area, while receiving coaching from an internationally-recognised expert. This opportunity would normally be accessible only to older students at a music conservatoire or university music department, and outside the local area.	

		The young musicians playing in the ensemble will also benefit from being involved in the coaching sessions. Since the event is open to the public at no cost, young people in the audience will also benefit. The refreshment breaks will enable all the young people to mix and talk to each other and the other attendees. Peter Stark has an international reputation for working successfully with young people. They will learn useful techniques and will be inspired to apply what they have learned to their musical studies. So although Maestro is only a day-long event our experience is that its benefits are long-lasting.
C3	Does your project meet any other priorities of the Vale's Community Strategy?	'Access to cultural facilities'. VWHDC has always been very sympathetic to the need for funding the arts which are life-enhancing and contribute to a healthy society in the broadest sense. We can all remember a teacher or mentor who influenced our decision to follow a particular path, and sometimes these influences are life-changing. Having a world-class conducting coach with considerable experience of working with young people means 'Maestro' is truly an inspirational event. 'Maestro 2009' received considerable positive feedback, both on the day and afterwards (see E8). 'Maestro 2011' will provide an opportunity to learn and experiment, demystifying an area of music in which few people have hands-on experience.'Improving the quality of life for old people'We will welcome older people to 'Maestro' and it is our experience that they very much enjoy this type of event.'Fostering a greater sense of the community' by bringing all ages together at a local event of mutual interest.
		Score 40
Contributing to the council's priorities <i>Up to 40 points can be scored in this section</i>		
C4	Which priority of the council does your project support?	supporting a vibrant local economy
C5	How does your project meet this priority?	The local young musicians in the musical ensemble will be selected for their playing ability and will be paid a fee for performing at the event. This experience could lead to future paid engagements and is something they can add to their curriculum vitae to enhance their prospects with study and job opportunities in the future. Save the Children will be selling lunch and other refreshments in aid of their charity. Our event offers them an opportunity to increase awareness of their charity in the local community and to raise funds for their excellent work.
C6	Does your project meet any over council priorities?	We could not realistically claim that 'Maestro' will make the Vale a safer or cleaner place. However, the role of the arts can not be underestimated in helping to engender a feeling of well-being and good morale in the community. A vibrant artistic scene is crucial to any civilised society and much publicity will be undertaken to encourage the widest-possible local participation.
		Score 10
Consultation <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>		
C7	How did you consult with the local community?	We have several music and instrumental teachers on our organising committee so it was easy to undertake research to see if there would be interest in 'Maestro'. The response was extremely positive from potential

		<p>participants and we immediately realised we would be oversubscribed. On the day of the event we were able to ask participants and audience as well as the musical ensemble what they were getting out of the event. The response was very positive and constructive. One interesting suggestion was that on a future occasion we might turn the orchestra round to face the other way so that the audience could better see the trainee conductors' faces and expression and we will implement that and other suggestions in 'Maestro 2011'. After "Maestro 2009" our chairman requested feedback from participants which was unanimously positive. This convinced us that we should organise "Maestro 2011", two years after the initial masterclass, since new young people will have reached the age to be able to benefit.</p>		
			Score	5
Local need				
<i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>				
C8	How do you know the community need this project?	<p>The initial idea for 'Maestro 2009' came from the BBC2 series. This guaranteed that the groundwork had been done. The BBC would have conducted research to ensure the format worked and that the audience would want watch it. We believed it would be successful in Abingdon as it has a higher than average number of musical groups and societies than many other areas of the UK. Peter Stark was series consultant for BBC Maestro and by engaging his services we had the benefit of his musical expertise as well as his personal knowledge about the viability of the format. There is a complete lack of such an opportunity in the local area. Such training would normally be accessible only to older students at a music conservatoire or university music department, and outside the local area. The fact that we were oversubscribed by the application deadline is evidence that the would-be participants were aware of the unique nature of the event, being dedicated to their young age and at a local venue.</p>		
			Score	10
Community Benefit				
<i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>				
C9	Who will benefit from this project?	<p>Young people between 16-21, the young musicians in the ensemble and the audience of all ages will benefit from the masterclass. We would expect to have more applicants than places available on 'Maestro 2011', as we did in 2009. Maestro is open to all. People with disabilities are most welcome and the venue is accessible. The community will benefit and feel empowered by the success of the event. Since it will be organised purely on a voluntary basis, it will demonstrate that the local community can benefit directly from its members giving so generously of their time. The VWHDC will also benefit because we will be pleased to acknowledge the council's support in our publicity and at the event.</p>		
			Score	10
Finance score				
<p>Up to 20% of the project costs – 15 points 21 – 40% of the project costs – 10 points</p>			Score	10

41 – 60% of the project costs – 5 points		
Scoring Points System: 115 or less – recommend the project does not receive funding 125 or more – recommend the project receives some funding 150 or more – recommend the project is a funding priority	TOTAL	85
<u>Comments Section</u>		
Grants Officer:		
Total funds in hand as at 31/5/2010 was £4,006. Expenditure in year ended 31/5/2010 was £6,281 (predominantly for fees for musicians) and income was £7,437.		
The organisation has sufficient funds to progress with this project. The key expenditure is towards coaching fees and for a £25 fee to be paid to each young musician.		
<u>Has this organisation previously received funding?</u>		

Community Grants Evaluation Précis

Name of Organisation		Abingdon Rowing Club	
Ref	731	Project Costs / Funding Position	
Project Name	Rowing Club Electrics		£
Project Area	Abingdon	Total Project Cost	£8,717
Area Committee	Abingdon	Amount Requested	£5,000
Project Description Abingdon Rowing Club, a community-based club with around 100 members from Abingdon and the surrounding area, is in urgent need of replacement Electrics in it's boat storage and training facilities. The existing system, installed in the 1960's, does not conform to modern regulations, and is becoming increasingly unsafe under its current demand, especially given the damp conditions experienced within the building. New lights and sockets would make the building safer, and provide a more pleasant environment for the busy day to day use of it's members.		Secured Funding	£0
		Town/Parish council funding	£0
		Recommended Award	£0
		Committee Decision	
Contributing to the Vale Community Strategy <i>Up to 60 points can be scored in this section</i>		Application Details	
C1	Which priority of the Vale Community Strategy does your project support?	access to good quality green spaces, sports, cultural and leisure facilities	
C2	How does your project meet this priority?	<p>The rowing club is a fantastic facility for many local residents, adults of all ages and children, as it promotes exercise and social interaction. This project will help make the rowing club safer for and better able to cope with the growing numbers of people in and around the area who are keen to make use of the River Thames.</p> <p>We have recently emptied our savings replacing the unsafe asbestos roof at a cost of over £15,000, and now have little funding available to rewire and revamp the electrics, which would help make the rowing club a safer place to be, while also allowing more of the club's future funds to be spent on equipment and facilities for increasing the membership of the club and access to the river and sport. As the rewiring has to happen at some point soon, if we are not able to receive additional funding, we will be forced to either increase our membership fees thus precluding some people from what we aim to be an inclusive club, or delay the replacement of some very run down equipment.</p>	
C3	Does your project meet any other priorities of the Vale's Community Strategy?	Low Carbon Vale -- Modern light fittings are more efficient than the old ones, so would use less energy. Healthier Communities -- Abingdon RC is sports facility and encourages members of all levels to join. New lighting and electrics would help this continue by keeping the rowing club safe.	

		Score	30
Contributing to the council's priorities <i>Up to 40 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C4	Which priority of the council does your project support?	helping to maintain a safe Vale	
C5	How does your project meet this priority?	The electrics are becoming dangerous with age, so the vale will be made safer by replacing these.	
C6	Does your project meet any over council priorities?	Rising to the challenge of climate change -- new light fittings would be more efficient than the old ones so would waste less energy.	
		Score	5
Consultation <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C7	How did you consult with the local community?	The club committee includes a representative from each group; each representative spoke with their group about the issue and each group gave their support for the project.	
		Score	10
Local need <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C8	How do you know the community need this project?	The current electrics are very old and with age are becoming unsafe which would result in the rowing club becoming unusable if the degradation continues.	
		Score	5
Community Benefit <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C9	Who will benefit from this project?	In priority, the current members of Abingdon Rowing Club, however this will have a knock on effect to the wider community allowing more members to be able to join and benefit from the facility.	
		Score	5
Finance score			
Up to 20% of the project costs – 15 points		Score	5
21 – 40% of the project costs – 10 points			
41 – 60% of the project costs – 5 points			
Scoring Points System:			
99 or less – recommend the project does not receive funding		TOTAL	60
100 or more – recommend the project receives some funding			
140 or more – recommend the project is a funding priority			
<u>Comments Section</u>			
Grants Officer:			
<p>The club currently has a membership of 100 and the facility is a members club only. The club are looking to meet the remaining costs through their Abingdon Rowing Club Head. An account summary has been included within the application and it is unclear on their current financial status.</p> <p>As the application has scored 60 the recommendation, in line with the scoring criteria, is the project does not receive funding at this time.</p> <p><u>Has this organisation previously received funding?</u></p>			

funding granted in 2002/3and 2003/4

Community Grants Evaluation Précis

Name of Organisation		Abingdon Town Amateur Boxing Club	
Ref	684	Project Costs / Funding Position	
Project Name	Abingdon Town ABC Gym Fund		£
Project Area	Abingdon	Total Project Cost	£200,000
Area Committee	Abingdon	Amount Requested	£5,000
Project Description To build a training hall with proper facilities for boxing which would also serve as a community hall open to local community groups.		Secured Funding	£21,000
		Town/Parish council funding	£5,000 (application to Abingdon TC)
		Recommended Award	£3500
		Committee Decision	
Contributing to the Vale Community Strategy <i>Up to 60 points can be scored in this section</i>		Application Details	
C1	Which priority of the Vale Community Strategy does your project support?	access to good quality green spaces, sports, cultural and leisure facilities	
C2	How does your project meet this priority?	The hall would be in South Abingdon, an area of relative deprivation, near the people we are most trying to help. Abingdon Town Amateur Boxing club provides a supportive environment for male and female athletes of all ages who are interested in pursuing competitive or non-competitive boxing training. This allows our members to develop discipline, increase confidence, live more healthily and find a sense of community.	
C3	Does your project meet any other priorities of the Vale's Community Strategy?	Fostering a greater sense of community, Healthier communities, Helping those without a car to access services, Involving Young People, Safer Communities	
		Score	40
Contributing to the council's priorities <i>Up to 40 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C4	Which priority of the council does your project support?	helping to maintain a safe Vale	
C5	How does your project meet this priority?	The boxing club provides a disciplined environment. It encourages young people to look after their bodies and minds and not abuse alcohol or drugs. It helps to keep young people out of trouble by giving them a more positive outlook.	
C6	Does your project meet any over council priorities?	N./A	
		Score	20
Consultation <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C7	How did you consult with the local community?	We ran a large petition in the area four years ago before starting fund raising.	
		Score	5
Local need <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			

C8	How do you know the community need this project?	here are a few comments we got ... The gym will be a good way for the kids to get better at boxing having access to the correct equipment. Provide good local community area for teenagers / children of all ages and adults to enjoy...It will make people more fit, decrease obesity, and will be a good pastime for all those who don't have many things to do, and I'll go there!...I support the building of the gym as it will get people off the streets and will also give people in the local area a social place to meet and make new friends....Abingdon has had an amateur boxing club for many years, successfully training young boys + offering a healthy spare time activity. Sadly they have moved about making the best of what they can find. That mean being unable to use all the right training equipment to improve and become better. Having a permanent base and better facilities will attract more kids (and adults) to adopt a healthy active lifestyle, and bring more positive publicity to the area..	
		Score	5
Community Benefit <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C9	Who will benefit from this project?	The young people targeted by the club live in South Abingdon - a part of town that has areas of social and educational deprivation. It will make a positive contribution to the wider community by cutting down on anti social behaviour.	
		Score	5
Finance score Up to 20% of the project costs – 15 points 21 – 40% of the project costs – 10 points 41 – 60% of the project costs – 5 points		Score	15
Scoring Points System: 99 or less – recommend the project does not receive funding 100 or more – recommend the project receives some funding 140 or more – recommend the project is a funding priority		TOTAL	90
<u>Comments Section</u>			
Grants Officer:			
This project shows a major contribution to the Vale Community Strategy and the Vale's Corporate Priorities. However the application could be improved by further evidence of community consultation and actual evidence of local need. Planning permission was granted in October 2007 but this expires in October 2010. The estimate of costs is not dated or signed and it is unlikely that a building of this type would be constructed for the £200,000 quoted. It is suggested that the grant award be used towards professional fees for advice regarding consultation, fundraising, legal and architectural design/costs.			
As at 31/5/10 the boxing club has cash in hand of £16,111. A new charity has been established to hold the funds for the new building but no details of this organisation have been submitted. This should also be a condition of the grant. It is also recommended that the Boxing Club seek advice from OCVA regarding funding and constitutional review.			
<u>Has this organisation previously received funding?</u>			
Conditions:			
Should any additional conditions be applied to a grant award?			
That the grant be used toward professional fees for fundraising, legal, consultation and architect			

design/costs.

That the Boxing Club submit a copy of the constitution of the new organisation who hold the funds for the new building.

That the Boxing Club seek advice from OCVA to review their constitution and that of the new organisation set up to hold the funds for the new building.

Community Grants Evaluation Précis

Name of Organisation		Abingdon Town Band	
Ref	677	Project Costs / Funding Position	
Project Name	Sustaining Players Project		£
Project Area	Abingdon	Total Project Cost	£12,045
Area Committee	Abingdon	Amount Requested	£5,000
Project Description To purchase instruments and uniforms to enable trainees of the band to join the main band for local performances and concerts.		Secured Funding	£3,900
		Town/Parish council funding	£0
		Recommended Award	£500
		Committee Decision	
Contributing to the Vale Community Strategy <i>Up to 60 points can be scored in this section</i>		Application Details	
C1	Which priority of the Vale Community Strategy does your project support?	involving young people	
C2	How does your project meet this priority?	To equip the young people with instruments and uniforms to enable them to join the main band and perform at local and national events aswell as twin towns across Europe.	
C3	Does your project meet any other priorities of the Vale's Community Strategy?	Fostering a greater sense of the community and a good understanding of the town and parish.	
		Score	30
Contributing to the council's priorities <i>Up to 40 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C4	Which priority of the council does your project support?	Not applicable	
C5	How does your project meet this priority?		
C6	Does your project meet any over council priorities?	no	
		Score	0
Consultation <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C7	How did you consult with the local community?	We attend the Clubs and societies day, Party in the Parks and advertise locally. Also word of mouth and within the local schools.	
		Score	10
Local need <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C8	How do you know the community need this project?	Membership is healthy and attendance at concerts is good. We regularly have interest via our website from people interested in joining the band and also booking the band for performances. We do local civic duties such as Remembrance Day and receive accolades.	
		Score	10
Community Benefit <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			

C9	Who will benefit from this project?	Younger members of the band and potential new players. Also the local community such as the Monday Club who regularly enjoy our performances.	
		Score	10
Finance score Up to 20% of the project costs – 15 points 21 – 40% of the project costs – 10 points 41 – 60% of the project costs – 5 points		Score	5
Scoring Points System: 99 or less – recommend the project does not receive funding 100 or more – recommend the project receives some funding 140 or more – recommend the project is a funding priority		TOTAL	65
<u>Comments Section</u>			
Grants Officer:			
<p>Abingdon Town Band are looking for support to purchase a Tenor Horn, a Euphonium, a Baritone and uniforms costing a total of £12,045. The organisation has secured £3,900 through carolling, concerts and a grassroots grant. At September 2010 the organisation held £9,278 and require additional funds to purchase the instruments.</p> <p>It is not clear on the need for these instruments and the number of members of the band and their recent activities. This is reflected in the applications overall score.</p> <p><u>Has this organisation previously received funding?</u></p> <p>2008/09 - Purchase of instruments - £750</p>			

Community Grants Evaluation Précis

Name of Organisation		APAGE	
Ref	686	Project Costs / Funding Position	
Project Name	Abingdon Arts Festival 2012		£
Project Area	Abingdon	Total Project Cost	£9,500
Area Committee	Abingdon	Amount Requested	£4,000
Project Description Abingdon Arts Festival 2012 will bring together many arts and community groups to provide a series of vibrant experiences during the time of year when there is a lull in the pace of life in the town. Our particular mission is to encourage the community to get involved in both the visual and performing arts and to showcase the talent and inspiration of local art groups.		Secured Funding	£3,500
		Town/Parish council funding	£0
		Recommended Award	£2000
		Committee Decision	
Contributing to the Vale Community Strategy <i>Up to 60 points can be scored in this section</i>		Application Details	
C1	Which priority of the Vale Community Strategy does your project support?	fostering a greater sense of the community	
C2	How does your project meet this priority?	All of the activities associated with the Abingdon Arts Festival are inclusive and encourage the community to get involved in the visual and performing arts. Whilst all of these events might achieve a little of this on their own, the Festival brand and the package of marketing effort with which our group supports these events gives a greater sense of being a part of a wider effort and a part of Abingdon as a whole. The Abingdon Arts Festival is known and valued in the surrounding area and helps to associate those who live in the hinterland with the town centre.	
C3	Does your project meet any other priorities of the Vale's Community Strategy?	This project is also very important in supporting the drive to maintain and enhance the health and vitality of market towns. As mentioned earlier, the Arts Festival takes place during a period when few other organisations want to stage events and when the towns traders, particularly the restaurants, face their most depressed period of the year. Our events draw people into the town centre during early Spring, contribute to the evening economy, and give a sense of activity and vibrancy to the town. The Arts Festival has an objective to increase our involvement with young people; in previous years the number of events involving schools and young people's organisations has been around ten percent- in 2012 we hope to increase this figure to 25% and to develop increasingly strong links with schools and youth services. Our work is very inclusive of those who do not own a car. Many of our events are staged in the town centre which enables audiences to use public transport, cycling or walking to get there.	

		Score	40
Contributing to the council's priorities			
<i>Up to 40 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C4	Which priority of the council does your project support?	supporting a vibrant local economy	
C5	How does your project meet this priority?	This project is also very important in supporting a vibrant local economy. As mentioned earlier, the Arts Festival takes place during the early Spring when few other organisations want to stage events due to the poor weather and when the towns traders, particularly the restaurants, face low footfall and custom. Our events draw people into the town centre, contribute to the evening economy, and give a sense of activity and vibrancy to the town.	
C6	Does your project meet any over council priorities?	The Abingdon Arts Festival will foster the arts and develop community involvement in the arts during a time when the councils will not be in a position to do so due to financial restrictions. There is good reason to suppose that the Arts Festival will deliver the Big Society agenda for the Arts in Abingdon and prevent the enthusiasm for the arts in this area from withering on the vine due to lack of local authority involvement.	
		Score	20
Consultation			
<i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C7	How did you consult with the local community?	Our group involves artists, musicians, teachers, professionals, publicists and schools and builds on the long history and previous years of success that we have in producing the Abingdon Arts Festival.	
		Score	15
Local need			
<i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C8	How do you know the community need this project?	There is an expectation that this Festival will happen every year and doorstep feedback received when distributing the programme of events is overwhelmingly positive. Tickets at many of the events are sold out and audience numbers increase each year.	
		Score	10
Community Benefit			
<i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C9	Who will benefit from this project?	Residents of the town, residents of the surrounding villages, schools, local businesses particularly those associated with the evening economy, arts groups, young people.	
		Score	15
Finance score			
Up to 20% of the project costs – 15 points		Score	5
21 – 40% of the project costs – 10 points			
41 – 60% of the project costs – 5 points			
Scoring Points System:		TOTAL	

<p>99 or less – recommend the project does not receive funding 100 or more – recommend the project receives some funding 140 or more – recommend the project is a funding priority</p>		105
<u>Comments Section</u>		
Grants Officer:		
<p>In 2009 the festival was awarded a £3,000 community grant for their 2010 arts festival. The event made a loss of £3,101, with a high proportional cost for advertising the event. The organisation currently holds £1,427 in reserves.</p> <p>The 2011 festival was not supported by a Community Grant, and the organisation needs to ensure the event breaks even to ensure the 2012 event is viable.</p> <p>APAGE are applying for their 2012 arts festival and have shown how they will fund the remaining balances of the project, with £3,500 secured or expected.</p> <p>To ensure the event is financially viable it will require financial support from the council or other funding bodies.</p> <p><u>Has this organisation previously received funding?</u></p> <p>2009/10 - £3000 2008/9 - £3000 regular annual awards since 2002/3</p>		
Conditions:		
<p>Should any additional conditions be applied to a grant award?</p> <p>2. The council's support should be acknowledged wherever possible, including the logo displayed on any publicity.</p>		

Community Grants Evaluation Précis

Name of Organisation		Caudwell Day Centre	
Ref	696	Project Costs / Funding Position	
Project Name	Central Heating unit		£
Project Area	Drayton	Total Project Cost	£3,500
Area Committee	Abingdon	Amount Requested	£3,500
Project Description The CDC (Caudwell Day Centre) is a Charity which provides facilities for the elderly in the area which is run by volunteers. The warm air central heating unit is many years old and has started to give give cause for concern regarding reliability and safety. It is proposed to replace the heating unit before complete failure is experienced.		Secured Funding	£0
		Town/Parish council funding	£0
		Recommended Award	£2450
		Committee Decision	
Contributing to the Vale Community Strategy <i>Up to 60 points can be scored in this section</i>		Application Details	
C1	Which priority of the Vale Community Strategy does your project support?	improving the quality of life for older people	
C2	How does your project meet this priority?	The CDC is a hall/meeting room with kitchen and toilets that allows older people to meet for recreational events such as whist drives, Art club and various group activities. Volunteers provide support and meals to groups who meet regularly. Other village organisations also make use of the hall for meetings, providing medical support and family gatherings.	
C3	Does your project meet any other priorities of the Vale's Community Strategy?	The wide range of activities supported as above.	
		Score	45
Contributing to the council's priorities <i>Up to 40 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C4	Which priority of the council does your project support?	Not applicable	
C5	How does your project meet this priority?		
C6	Does your project meet any over council priorities?	The CDC provides a wide rang of recreational and health related needs for the elderly using volunteers to run and manage the facility.	
Scored 10 points as a new heating system supports the council's objective of rising to the challenge of climate change.		Score	10
Consultation <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C7	How did you consult with the local community?	Contact with many individuals, volunteers, clubs and the Parish Council which also makes use of the facility for meetings.	
		Score	10
Local need			

<i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>		
C8	How do you know the community need this project?	The CDC has been very well supported by the community for nearly 40 years after it was originally founded by the Caudwell family who own the land/buildings and lease them to us.
		Score 15
Community Benefit <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>		
C9	Who will benefit from this project?	Mainly the elderly from Drayton and the wider area but also families and friends of the wider extended community.
		Score 15
Finance score		
Up to 20% of the project costs – 15 points 21 – 40% of the project costs – 10 points 41 – 60% of the project costs – 5 points		Score 5
Scoring Points System:		
99 or less – recommend the project does not receive funding 100 or more – recommend the project receives some funding 140 or more – recommend the project is a funding priority		TOTAL 100
<u>Comments Section</u>		
Grants Officer:		
<p>The Caudwell Centre is used daily by elderly people in Drayton, and it is also booked by other community organisation for their meetings, with the Parish Council holding their public meeting at the centre as it is the only meeting place within the village without a bar. The Caudwell Day Centre are applying for funding towards the replacement of an outdated central heating unit, that parts are now unobtainable.</p> <p>The organisation are currently renewing their lease with the Caudwell Family. The Centre has been operating in the same facility since 1971 and it is clear that the lease will be finalised.</p> <p>The application have not provided formal quotations, this will need to be supplied to ensure best price.</p> <p>The Centre are applying for full funding towards the project. Accounts at 2010 show saving investments of £15,335. Due to this the organisation could fully fund this project, unless other essential works are also due to be used from their reserves. However, any grant award should be for a proportion of the total costs.</p> <p>A new updated central heating unit will ensure the elderly residents of Drayton continue to be provided for, as an adequately heated building is a pre-requisite for the centres continued facility use for elderly residents.</p> <p><u>Has this organisation previously received funding?</u></p> <p>2003/4 - £450</p>		
Conditions:		
Should any additional conditions be applied to a grant award?		
<p>3. Supply two formal quotations before works start.</p> <p>4. Notification that work will commence together with proof of sufficient funds to complete the project.</p>		

Community Grants Evaluation Précis

Name of Organisation		Film Oxford	
Ref	683	Project Costs / Funding Position	
Project Name	Film under the Stars - Summerscreen		£
Project Area	Abingdon	Total Project Cost	£4,025
Area Committee	South East	Amount Requested	£3,425
Project Description To run 2 'Film under the Stars' events in Memorial Park Wantage (Aug 13th) and Abingdon Splash Park(Aug 20th) as part of the Summerscreen film festival for young people around Oxfordshire. On each evening we will screen a family feature film in the open air to audiences of up to 500 people. The events will run from 9.00pm until 11.00pm and will be free.		Secured Funding	£600
		Town/Parish council funding	£0
		Recommended Award	£350
		Committee Decision	
Contributing to the Vale Community Strategy <i>Up to 60 points can be scored in this section</i>		Application Details	
C1	Which priority of the Vale Community Strategy does your project support?	fostering a greater sense of the community	
C2	How does your project meet this priority?	Through screening a film in the open air people of all ages, races and backgrounds will gather and enjoy parks in a new way, value their open space more and integrate with new groups of people. The project will particularly target people on low income as the events are free. Through supporting this activity the local authority is supporting a local charitable organisation (Film Oxford) in furthering its aims and objectives	
C3	Does your project meet any other priorities of the Vale's Community Strategy?	Maintaining and enhancing the vitality and health of market towns. Through offering an additional activity for all during the summer holidays in parks in Wantage and Abingdon.Helping those without a car access services. Through bringing free activities to areas that are used by people and families on low income and often without cars.Healthier communities. Offering activities out in the open air.Safer Communities. By reclaiming park areas during a Saturday evening by the community - making these areas less of a 'no go' area at that time.Involving young people. In the past these activities have particularly appealed to young people 5 - 15 and families.	
		Score	40
Contributing to the council's priorities <i>Up to 40 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C4	Which priority of the council does your project support?	helping to maintain a safe Vale	
C5	How does your project meet this priority?	Often parks are seen as 'no go' areas after dark and there is a misplaced fear of crime. This activity will show the community that positive and safe activities can take place during darkness. The nature of the audience -	

		families, mixed age a race groups - means that these events are self controlling with no need for security beyond simple stewarding.By offering an activity for young adolescents we will be discouraging drinking and other anti - social behaviour		
C6	Does your project meet any over council priorities?	Supporting a vibrant local economy. By encouraging local people to seek leisure activities in their own neighbourhoods rather than travelling to big towns to watch films.Keeping the Vale a clean place to live. By putting out bins throughout the audience area the events encourage people to place litter in bins rather than litter the park. Any additional litter left is cleaned by stewards.		
			Score	25
Consultation <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>				
C7	How did you consult with the local community?	'Film Under the Stars' has run for over ten years in Oxford City parks and regularly attracts audiences of 400 plus. In recent years we have screened films three times in Memorial park in Wantage and at all these events the audiences have asked for more screenings of a similar kind. Although we have not run a screening event in Abingdon we are regularly approached by local people who contact Film Oxford, to extend these screenings to make them more countywide		
			Score	10
Local need <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>				
C8	How do you know the community need this project?	In Oxford these screenings are regularly attended by 400 plus audiences. In the past the events in Memorial Park Wantage have also attracted large audiences with requests for more events of a similar kind. In both Wantage and Abingdon there are no cinemas - the nearest being in Oxford or Didcot. Families in particular have said that they cannot afford to go to the multi plexes in large towns. This project offers a free film screening on their doorstep.		
			Score	10
Community Benefit <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>				
C9	Who will benefit from this project?	People of all ages - the events are open to all -Young people and families in particular.People with disabilities are welcomed as parks and facilities are fully accessible.People from low income families - park facilities are used alot by people on low income as they are within walking distance of where they live. The event is free.		
			Score	15
Finance score				
Up to 20% of the project costs – 15 points 21 – 40% of the project costs – 10 points 41 – 60% of the project costs – 5 points			Score	5
Scoring Points System:			TOTAL	

99 or less – recommend the project does not receive funding 100 or more – recommend the project receives some funding 140 or more – recommend the project is a funding priority		105
<u>Comments Section</u>		
Grants Officer:		
<p>Film Oxford are applying for 85% of the costs to provide 2 film events in Wantage and Abingdon in the summer. Film Oxford will look to fund the remaining £600 to meet the costs of the project.</p> <p>The only external cost of the project is to hire the 2 films the screening will show from 'Filmbank' for £700. All additional expenditure are for staffing costs, and costs relating to equipment. Their accounts show fixed assets for video equipment of £70,779, and it is unclear why the organisation have included expenditure for equipment.</p> <p>As the project has scored enough to justify some funding, the recommendation is to fund only the film hire for both events costing £350 each, giving a total grant of £700.</p> <p><u>Has this organisation previously received funding?</u></p>		
Conditions:		
<p>Should any additional conditions be applied to a grant award?</p> <p>5. Confirmation of the permission from the land owner for usage of the parks.</p> <p>6. Recognition of the grant should be included within any promotion and at the event.</p>		

Community Grants Evaluation Précis

Name of Organisation		South Abingdon Community Led Planning Group	
Ref	722	Project Costs / Funding Position	
Project Name	Community Led Plan		£
Project Area	Abingdon	Total Project Cost	£14,727
Area Committee	Abingdon	Amount Requested	£4,725
Project Description To run 4 events in South Abingdon to consult all 10,000 residents on the priorities for a community led plan for the area. Area to include all of Caldecott and Ock Meadow wards. To purchase various marketing materials to promote project to local residents and ensure maximum participation in consultation events. To print 5,000 questionnaires to be distributed to all homes in South Abingdon after the consultation events.		Secured Funding	£5,644
		Town/Parish council funding	£0
		Recommended Award	£3308
		Committee Decision	
Contributing to the Vale Community Strategy <i>Up to 60 points can be scored in this section</i>		Application Details	
C1	Which priority of the Vale Community Strategy does your project support?	fostering a greater sense of the community	
C2	How does your project meet this priority?	4 community consultation events will encourage local residents to contribute ideas for improving the local area and to become involved in finding local solutions/partnerships to deliver them. Some solutions will need resources from external partners but others will be found within the community through collaboration by existing community groups. Individuals and groups within the community will be encouraged to communicate more with each other. Printing of 5,000 questionnaires will ensure that every household in South Abingdon is consulted. Through the questionnaire, the results of the consultation events will be tested and all residents will be given an opportunity to become involved in the projects identified as priorities by the community. Varied marketing materials will be developed to appeal to all groups within the community. These materials will bring the project to the attention of all local residents and promote a greater sense of identity and pride in the local community.	
C3	Does your project meet any other priorities of the Vale's Community Strategy?	A good understanding of Town and parish priorities. The consultation process will inform the Community Led Plan and provide a clear indication of local residents' priorities. This information can be used by Abingdon Town Council involving young people. One of the 4 consultation events will be aimed exclusively at young people and will actively encourage them to contribute their ideas on how to improve local facilities for young people. It will also encourage young people to become involved in fund raising activities for new facilities such as a new skate park. Access to good quality green spaces, sports, cultural	

		and leisure facilities Consultation events will canvass opinion about a new boxing hall and an extension to the Preston Road Community Centre thereby ensuring that scarce resources are used to maximum benefit Improving the quality of life for older people Older residents will have an opportunity to suggest what local services and facilities would most improve their quality of life		
			Score	30
Contributing to the council's priorities <i>Up to 40 points can be scored in this section</i>				
C4	Which priority of the council does your project support?	keeping the Vale a clean place to live		
C5	How does your project meet this priority?	The consultation process will raise awareness of dog fouling issues, litter and waste in communal areas and front gardens. The community led plan will include an action plan developed by the local community in partnership with local service providers and local businesses. Possible solutions may include a dedicated dog walking area or working with housing associations to improve front gardens in targeted areas. By developing an increased sense of community ownership and local pride, other initiatives such as voluntary litter picks may become more possible to organise.		
C6	Does your project meet any over council priorities?	Helping to maintain a safe Vale. The project will involve consulting with local youth in South Abingdon to establish what facilities would be most likely to reduce anti-social behaviour. Rising to the challenge of climate change. Residents will be consulted about the need for measures to alleviate flooding on the footpath to Tescos. Supporting a vibrant local economy. The project will consult with local residents about educational achievements in the South Abingdon area and how these may be improved. All printing and marketing materials will be locally sourced.		
			Score	10
Consultation <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>				
C7	How did you consult with the local community?	The South Abingdon Community Led Plan will be developed through an extensive consultation process with 10,000 local residents. The consultation will be organised by local residents with support and advice from ORCC.		
Based on the consultation the group is planning on doing			Score	20
Local need <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>				
C8	How do you know the community need this project?	This project was initiated by the Vale Partnership. The partnership identified the need for all of its members to know more about the priorities of local residents in South Abingdon, and a need to encourage and support local residents to develop their own community led plan and work in partnership with various organisations in the LSP to deliver local solutions.		
			Score	15
Community Benefit <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>				
C9	Who will benefit from this project?	All 10,000 residents of South Abingdon will benefit from this project. The project will deliver a greater sense of community in South Abingdon which will make the area a		

		better place to live. Once the plan is complete, the community group will continue to work with service providers in the area to ensure that the actions included in the plan are carried out. The plan will include actions which will improve facilities and opportunities in the local area for all. The Vale District Council and other service providers will benefit from a greater knowledge of the priorities for local residents. Service providers can use the plan to inform their local policies.
		Score 15
Finance score		
Up to 20% of the project costs – 15 points 21 – 40% of the project costs – 10 points 41 – 60% of the project costs – 5 points		Score 10
Scoring Points System:		
99 or less – recommend the project does not receive funding 100 or more – recommend the project receives some funding 140 or more – recommend the project is a funding priority		TOTAL 100
<u>Comments Section</u>		
Corporate Projects Officer:		
<p>This application arises from the 'Community Places' project which is being sponsored by the Vale Partnership and South Oxfordshire Partnership and relates to the costs of developing a community led plan. The community-led planning process is supported by the Vale of White Horse District Council because it is an approach which is effective in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • enabling communities to identify issues and priorities and develop an action plan to address these • community building and building community capacity - more people involved and volunteering, and developing skills through their involvement that will continue to be used for the benefit of the community into the future • providing evidence of need/community support for projects to help secure grants for projects • bringing about benefits and improvements on the ground in communities <p>The application demonstrates that South Abingdon is using the community-led planning process supported by the council and the LSP.</p>		
Grants Officer:		
<p>This application is from a newly formed group aiming to deliver a Community Led Plan (CLP) for South Abingdon. A CLP for South Abingdon will engage a large number of people in having their say on the priorities for the area. The overall plan will include a action plan which will then be used as part of an ongoing implementation and improvement process that has been driven by the community.</p> <p>The organisation is formally constituted, however they do not have a bank account. The organisation therefore would need to open a bank account and appoint a treasurer.</p> <p>The organisation will apply to Abingdon Town Council in April 2011 for support of £3,358. They have a clear plan on how they will obtain the remaining funds to start the CLP consultation.</p>		
<u>Has this organisation previously received funding?</u>		
No		
Conditions:		
Should any additional conditions be applied to a grant award?		
1. Confirmation that the organisation has set up a bank account and appointed a treasurer		

Community Grants Evaluation Précis

Name of Organisation		The Abingdon Bridge	
Ref	740	Project Costs / Funding Position	
Project Name	Project engage		£
Project Area	Abingdon	Total Project Cost	£13,000
Area Committee	Abingdon	Amount Requested	£5,000
Project Description Engage will target disaffected young people (YP) in Abingdon town centre & south. Some YP will be identified to us by PCSO's to help steer those engaged or who could become involved in ASB onto a positive trajectory. Aims: engage 20 to 30 YP from the target areas, build relationships, identify their issues & needs, look at ways in which they can become more participative in their community, set up projects to deal with themes such as drugs, alcohol, voluntary opportunities & social interaction both within & without their peer group. Outcomes we expect are: improved community cohesion, mutual understanding & inter-generational interaction; more confidence engaging people in their community & each other; YP will respect others who are different or don't share their views, YP will become exemplars for YP younger than them promoting a virtuous cycle of improvement. Benefits to families, peers, friends & younger YP as the target cohort becomes more confident in themselves & within their community.		Secured Funding	£8,000
		Town/Parish council funding	£2,300 (secured)
		Recommended Award	£3,500
		Committee Decision	
Contributing to the Vale Community Strategy <i>Up to 60 points can be scored in this section</i>		Application Details	
C1	Which priority of the Vale Community Strategy does your project support?	fostering a greater sense of the community	
C2	How does your project meet this priority?	YP will become more aware of how they fit into & can contribute to their community; they will better understand how their community functions. YP's will develop a sense of belonging & of responsibility for their community. Their perceptions of others in their community will become more positive as will the perceptions others have of YP's.	
C3	Does your project meet any other priorities of the Vale's Community Strategy?	Yes, helping to maintain a safe Vale & involving young people.	
		Score	40
Contributing to the council's priorities <i>Up to 40 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C4	Which priority of the council does your	helping to maintain a safe Vale	

	project support?		
C5	How does your project meet this priority?	Through reforming the present behaviour or predicted behaviour of this cohort of YP's; Project Engage will depress the level of ASB in Abingdon.	
C6	Does your project meet any over council priorities?	Yes, involving young people.	
		Score	30
Consultation <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C7	How did you consult with the local community?	Through a recent pilot project which has shaped our aims & outcomes for Project Engage.	
		Score	10
Local need <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C8	How do you know the community need this project?	Through the pilot project & our local PCSO's are keen to employ a new means to help disruptive young people & young people we encountered in the pilot project have told us they require support & guidance.	
		Score	10
Community Benefit <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C9	Who will benefit from this project?	The young people we interact with, their families, friends & the local community. By extension, the younger young people will have a better influence from the older YP who will be their role models.	
		Score	15
Finance score			
Up to 20% of the project costs – 15 points		Score	10
21 – 40% of the project costs – 10 points			
41 – 60% of the project costs – 5 points			
Scoring Points System:			
99 or less – recommend the project does not receive funding		TOTAL	115
100 or more – recommend the project receives some funding			
140 or more – recommend the project is a funding priority			
<u>Comments Section</u>			
Grants Officer:			
Cash in hand as at 31/3/2010 was £15,844.			
It is difficult to identify this project from the core objectives of the organisation and to offer a grant would be towards core funding rather than a specific one off project. However, the organisation is operating efficiently and has secured funding from Abingdon Town Council.			
A budget forecast for 2011/12 has been provided and shows expenditure of some £63,000. Secured funding is stated as £8,000 and it is unknown how the balance will be funded. In the year ending 31 march 2010 total income was £33,413 and expenditure £21,458.			
<u>Has this organisation previously received funding?</u>			
2009/10 - £5,000, 2008/9 - £9,000			
Conditions:			
Should any additional conditions be applied to a grant award?			

Community Grants Evaluation Précis

Name of Organisation		The Archway Foundation	
Ref	747	Project Costs / Funding Position	
Project Name	Archway in Abingdon/Didcot/Wantage		£
Project Area	Abingdon	Total Project Cost	£73,500
Area Committee	Abingdon	Amount Requested	£3,000
Project Description Extend our volunteer driver service to reduce loneliness and promote a sense of inclusion and belonging to those hurt by loneliness who live in Abingdon and surrounding areas.		Secured Funding	£12,500
		Town/Parish council funding	£800 (in previous years - awaiting decision)
		Recommended Award	£0
		Committee Decision	
Contributing to the Vale Community Strategy <i>Up to 60 points can be scored in this section</i>		Application Details	
C1	Which priority of the Vale Community Strategy does your project support?	improving the quality of life for older people	
C2	How does your project meet this priority?	Reducing loneliness & isolation is recognised as a significant factor in improving health & well being and improving quality of life. Befriending is known to improve the quality of life through regular meaningful human contact & relationship.	
C3	Does your project meet any other priorities of the Vale's Community Strategy?	Enabling those without a car to access services. The provision of volunteer transport will enable those who do not have a car/cannot access public transport to participate in a fortnightly supportive social contact in a group setting.	
		Score	30
Contributing to the council's priorities <i>Up to 40 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C4	Which priority of the council does your project support?	supporting a vibrant local economy	
C5	How does your project meet this priority?	Reducing loneliness and promoting belonging improves health & well being, reducing sickness, promoting involvement in the community and thus contributing to the local economy.	
C6	Does your project meet any other council priorities?	Helping the Council to manage its business effectively by providing a value for money service that facilitates access by those often on the fringe of society.	
		Score	10
Consultation <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C7	How did you consult with the local community?	Via a social audit in Abingdon conducted by a community worker from a local church. Consulting with other voluntary groups in the area to avoid duplication of service provision. Consulting with health & social care professionals.	

		Score	10
Local need <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C8	How do you know the community need this project?	Social audit identified loneliness as one key issues to be addressed. A pilot project of a supportive social group started 2 years ago and has subsequently identified need in surrounding areas, particularly for transporting the elderly housebound and providing transport to the physically & emotionally vulnerable.	
		Score	5
Community Benefit <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C9	Who will benefit from this project?	Adults hurt by loneliness. Likely to be a high representation of people with physical and or mental health impairment given the links between these issues and loneliness/isolation/exclusion. We envisage attendance at the Friday social ncreasing to 20 to 25 as a result of transport provision.	
		Score	5
Finance score			
Up to 20% of the project costs – 15 points 21 – 40% of the project costs – 10 points 41 – 60% of the project costs – 5 points		Score	5
Scoring Points System:			
99 or less – recommend the project does not receive funding 100 or more – recommend the project receives some funding 140 or more – recommend the project is a funding priority		TOTAL	65
<u>Comments Section</u>			
Grants Officer:			
<p>This application is for funding to extend the volunteer driver service operated by The Archway Foundation. The Foundation already operates a volunteer driver service (£1,602 2010/£2,943 2009). It is not clear how many people previously benefited from the service and it is uncertain how many more would benefit in the future. The project name suggests the service would provide a service that would operate in Abingdon, Wantage and Didcot but this is not entirely clear.</p> <p>The application states that the beneficiaries would be some 20 to 25 people attending a Friday social session in Abingdon. It appears that this social event is already active and meeting fortnightly (with 15-20 people).</p> <p>As at 30 June 2010 the Foundation has cash in hand of £41,695, its expenditure for the year was £72,290 (£46,584 salaries). A budget forecast for 2011/12 has not been provided.</p> <p>The organisation appears to be well established and organised and its objectives do contribute to those within the Vale's Community Strategy. This application could have been improved by including a copy of the audit discussed in section C7(consultation) which could have increased the score in this section by providing evidence of need in the local area and therefore providing clarity for the subsequent sections.</p> <p>The expenditure costs are not clear, the application has quoted £73,500 total project costs but the detailed expenditure shown on the application form only equals £2,390.</p>			

Community Grants Evaluation Précis

Name of Organisation		The Nasio Trust	
Ref	693	Project Costs / Funding Position	
Project Name	Operation Exit 7		£
Project Area	All (covers whole of Vale)	Total Project Cost	£6,250
Area Committee	Abingdon	Amount Requested	£4,750
Project Description Working in partnership with the Vale CDRP and other local organisations, to try and divert young people away from the following negative outcomes as identified by Thames Valley Police, Anti-Social Behaviour, Alcohol/Drugs, Vandalism, Criminal Damage, Violent Crime, Harassment, Risk of Offending & Re-Offending, Gangs & Loitering. We will engage young people in seven positive activities of Personal Challenges, Team work, Education, Training, Restorative justice, Careers & Healthy wellbeing. We will harness disaffected youths enthusiasm for competitive sports & team building activities to help develop their aspirations, ambitions, motivation & social behaviour to choose positive futures through education, training, employment. This will reduce anti social behaviour, promote community cohesion, cut down on crime & fear of crime, with an opportunity to volunteer in Kenya & work with HIV Orphans. We have run similar projects in Berinsfield with 100% success rate. £4750 would help support this project		Secured Funding	£1,500
		Town/Parish council funding	£0
		Recommended Award	£4750
		Committee Decision	
Contributing to the Vale Community Strategy <i>Up to 60 points can be scored in this section</i>		Application Details	
C1	Which priority of the Vale Community Strategy does your project support?	safer communities	
C2	How does your project meet this priority?	The LSC Oxfordshire NEET report 2010 identified 6.8% of 16-18 youth in Abingdon not in Education or training whereas 58% of young people in 2010 in Oxfordshire as a whole achieved 5+ GCSE at A-C less than 37% youth did so in Abingdon. Under-achieving at school, excluded from schools & employment, many young people in this rural area are manifesting their frustration in anti-social behaviour, alcohol, drug abuse & crime. Motivating young people into positive activities, team building sessions will reduce post code rivalry, empowering to make informed choices, encourage back into education, training, employment will reduce crime & fear of crime through community cohesion, organise community fundraising	

		<p>events to build inter community relationships & create safer communities. Young people's involvement & commitment will add value to their community and local employers seeking employable young people. Restorative justice programmes will raise awareness of the impact of crime.</p>
C3	Does your project meet any other priorities of the Vale's Community Strategy?	<p>Involving young people: Operation Exit 7 is a fusion project combining 'Involving young people' and Safer communities. Competative Sports, team building events, personal leadership skills will improve team working, anger management, conflict resolution and communication skills. Encourage them back into mainstream education & training to secure sustainable futures and jobs. Getting them to organise Community events will give them the opportunity to be involved in decision making process in their community & activities. Work with schools, colleges other community groups will provide a wider support and services for young people. We will signpost young people to relevant services. Encourage apprenticeship and voluntary placements. Set up Youth Advisory Panels. Our target outcomes: annually 100 young people participating; 45 entering further education / training for employment 15 securing jobs, 15 gaining Community Sports qualifications & then contributing as volunteers to the programme.</p>
		<p>Score 60</p>
<p>Contributing to the council's priorities Up to 40 points can be scored in this section</p>		
C4	Which priority of the council does your project support?	helping to maintain a safe Vale
C5	How does your project meet this priority?	<p>The Young Peoples diversion programmes will reduce anti -social behaviour reduce fear of crime, criminal damage, burglary etc. Awareness workshops on drugs and alcohol will reduce alcohol related violence, crime and disorder in town centres. Mentoring will reduce the rate of re-offending. Actively involving young people in community cohesion programmes will foster a great sense of community. Domestic violence awareness will encourage reporting. Youth Forums will encourage young people's involment in their Neighbourhood action groups, raise issues that affect them & how they can be addressed. Highlight dangers of drink driving as most are at driving age. Competative matches & Team building activities will reduce post code gang rivalry and crime, during 2010 there was an increase of 8% incidents of anti-social behaviour involving Abingdon youth. Working with the 50% young women to support low self esteem & a history of educational under achievement & 55% from benefit dependent families.</p>
C6	Does your project meet any over council priorities?	<p>Supporting a vibrant local economy the focus of Project Exit 7 will empower young people to reject negative attitudes and behaviours create employeable young people for local employers. Change culture of benefit dependancy, improve education & Training aspirations. All activities will improve motivation, teamwork, more young people returning to education,training improving their health,volunteering will reduce the rate of young people out of employment & on benefits and acquire employable skills. Every year 100 disaffected young people will be engaged in structured & positive learning experience, 65 will develop community leadership</p>

		skills,55 project management skills including the power of analysis, reasearch, problem solving and 45 will return to mainstream learning or employment this will contribute to the economy. Hiring sports pitches weekly & during competative matches will improve the use of local facilities & economy. Fundraising activities & grants will improve the economy.		
			Score	40
Consultation <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>				
C7	How did you consult with the local community?	We presented to the Vale CDRP meeting, held an open youth forum meeting at the Abingdon Foyer, posted flyers in all Abingdon youth centres/ Connexions, emailed all local youth groups & workers across Abingdon. We were overwhelmed by the interest shown by young people and their leaders. We have run a similar project in Berinsfield (Operation Noah's Ark) with huge success. So far since 2003 more than 27 young people have volunteered in Kenya none has so far been arrested or committed crime we also saw a reduction of ASB and feel that targeting young people at risk of offending or reoffending will reduce these types of incidents in any community, give young people a sense of purpose, responsibility as well as reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. Andy one of our young person is now employed by South Oxfordshire District Council. We currently have 27 young people signed up to our programme. We have also been asked by Dalton Barracks, Faringdon & Wallingford Community groups to run similar programmes.		
			Score	15
Local need <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>				
C8	How do you know the community need this project?	Following discussions with the Vale CDRP & the Chief Inspector Andy Boyd has approved a neighbourhood officer to work along side the charity as part of the partnership. We have also been asked to extend the programme to both Faringdon & Wallingford areas. The Vale and South Youth Co-ordinator is in support of the project & attends all our youth forums & has invited young people. We are working in partnership with the Abingdon Bridge & the Foyer who believe this programme will fill the gap for local young people who are not in Education or Training (NEET) We intend to knock on door with the help of the PCSO & neighbourhood officers to encourage more young people.		
			Score	15
Community Benefit <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>				
C9	Who will benefit from this project?	Youths from Saxton Road Abingdon, the Foyer, Bridge, Net & young people from surrounding areas, local communities with reduced anti social behaviour, Local CDRP. The council & Police with reduced crime and fear of crime, local employers as we create employable, healthy young people. Reduce police time in town centres for over drinking, drugs etc Local Leisure centres and sports facilities being used on a regular basis. Local volunteers mentoring young people. We will work alongside the PAYP run by Oxfordshire Integrated Youth Services as we address the deep-seated attitudinal		

		<p>issues many of our target group are experiencing that the PAYP is not equipped to address. The project is designed to integrate young people's voices into our organisational development and delivery. Young people will be invited to join our Youth Advisory Group; a sub-group of the board. National funding will help support local youth activities.</p>	
		Score	15
Finance score Up to 20% of the project costs – 15 points 21 – 40% of the project costs – 10 points 41 – 60% of the project costs – 5 points		Score	5
Scoring Points System: 99 or less – recommend the project does not receive funding 100 or more – recommend the project receives some funding 140 or more – recommend the project is a funding priority		TOTAL	150
<u>Comments Section</u>			
Grants Officer:			
<p>The Nasio Trust's 'Operation Exit 7' looks to engage disadvantaged young people in the district by engaging them in a number of activities. The project has applied for funding towards the following activities:</p>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Ropes team building session • Football Pitch Hire - 6 months at Tilsley Park • Team building weekend at the Lake District • Awareness Workshop • and associated costs incurred with these activities. 			
<p>Each year the organisation has made a surplus. Last year they did make a loss of £34,475. This was a result of a large capital project building a new day care centre for HIV orphans in Kenya. This project was planned for a number of years and used surpluses from previous accounting years. At December 2010 the organisation currently holds £33,886 in reserves.</p>			
<p>The Trust has applied to Abingdon Town Council for financial support of £675 towards working with young people in the town centre and in South Abingdon. They will not know of a decision until late May 2011.</p>			
<p><u>Has this organisation previously received funding?</u></p>			
<p>No previous funding awarded.</p>			
<p><u>Conditions:</u></p>			
<p>Should any additional conditions be applied to a grant award?</p>			
<p><u>Young People's Co-ordinator Comments:</u></p>			
<p>I have been working with the Nasio Trust to develop links with young people and agencies in Abingdon and have attended some of the meetings.</p>			
<p>They have recruited a good and diverse range of young people who are committed to this project. I have been impressed with their dedication and the way they are engaging disadvantaged young people from several agencies in Abingdon (Bridge, NET, Foyer).</p>			
<p>I am confident this project will have the same positive outcomes as Berinsfield of empowering young people who are facing severe disadvantage such as being homeless, NEET, ex offenders or at risk of offending and give them the chance to participate in a project that not only involves them in their local community but helps them to understand issues of oppression and disadvantage in other parts of the world, by supporting through fundraising HIV orphans in Kenya. This gives them a sense of achievement and builds their confidence and self esteem and helps to develop their sense of self worth and how they can make a positive impact on their community. It also gives them a goal to work towards and incentive to stay out of trouble. I fully support the grant application for this project.</p>			