

Report to	Calne Area Board
Date of Meeting	03/07/2019
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding

Purpose of the report:

To consider the application for funding listed below

Applicant	Amount requested
Applicant: Calne Town Council Project Title: Horsebrook Nature Trail path upgrade View full application	£3000.00

1. Background

Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the [Area Board Grants Guidance](#)

[The funding criteria and application forms](#) are available on the council's website.

2. Main Considerations

2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded in the 2015/2016 year is made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of it being awarded.

2.2. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.

2.3. Councillors will need to be satisfied that the applications meet the Community Area Board grants criteria.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

Grant Funding will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

4. Financial Implications

Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure.

5. Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

6. Human Resources Implications

There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.

Community Area Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Council's equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes, where they meet the funding criteria.

8. Safeguarding Implications

The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

9. Applications for consideration

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2596	Calne Town Council	Horsebrook Nature Trail path upgrade	£3000.00
Project Description: The upgrade of approximately 220 metres of unmade path between Horsebrook in the west to Brewers Lane in the east. Work involves timber edging the existing path laying Type 1 stone topping with Mendip Dust to form a firm and more level path. The path is extremely well used by many local residents and the area is a wildlife haven but at wet times it is almost impassable due to the poor current surface and very muddy areas.			
Input from Community Engagement Manager: This application represents an application for a Pavement Improvement Grant (PIG). PIGS were relaunched earlier this year, with funding now allocated by the Area Boards. Schemes continue to be developed by Wiltshire Council's Rights of Way and Countryside team in partnership with local communities. This PIG application has been submitted by Calne Town Council. Officers from Wiltshire Council Rights of Way and Countryside team have worked with the applicant to ensure that the proposed scheme is appropriate. The Nature Trail area was originally gifted to the Town Council and the people of the town for their enjoyment. At present the path is owned by the Town Council but once upgraded it is suggested it will be designated a Permissive Footpath both owned and maintained by the Town Council. Improvements to the path form the major part of a proposed larger enhancement scheme for the Nature Trail, which hopes to eventually provide interpretation boards localised seating etc. A number of other local groups and organisations including The Wiltshire Badger Group, Bristol Avon Rivers Trust, Wiltshire Wildlife who are involved in helping to prepare a broad Management Plan, which it is thought the Town Council will fund.			

Wiltshire Council Rights of Way officers have provided a technical assessment of the proposed project and confirm that costs provided appear to be appropriate and realistic. They have no issues concerning the delivery of this project.

This application can be seen to link to JSA and Community priorities to promote active lifestyles. It could also provide opportunities to address social isolation and loneliness.

In addition it provides links to wider Wiltshire Council policies/strategies around Health; lifestyle and wellbeing; safer communities; sport, play and recreation and access to the countryside for all.

An award to this scheme would represent 45% of the total project costs.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report

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