

Report to	Calne Community Area Board
Date of Meeting	5th February 2013
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 5 applications seeking 2012/13 Community Area Grant Funding:

- 1. CCAP – Fairtrade project** - requesting £994 to pump prime a project that will encourage and promote Calne as a Fairtrade Community Area.

Officers recommend that a grant of £994 is awarded.

- 2. Friends of Abberd Brook** – requesting £1,750 towards a community art project to produce a mosaic at the Prince Charles Drive Underpass.

Officers recommend that a grant of £1,750 is awarded, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

- 3. Derry Hill & Studley Village Hall Trust** – requesting £4,940 towards the refurbishment of kitchen facilities.

Officers recommend that a grant of £4,940 is awarded, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

- 4. SPLASH** – requesting £4,600 towards 'Calne ... Get Out There' project offering sports, outdoor and residential activities for young people living in the Calne Community Area.

Officers recommend that a grant of £4,600 is awarded conditional upon the balance of funding being in place and the applicant liaising with the Calne Youth Development Co-ordinator.

- 5. Derry Hill Defibrillator Project** – requesting £1,000 towards the purchase of a defibrillator for the village hall.

Officers recommend that this request for funding is declined, based upon a consideration of advice received from professional officers and that the applicant is advised to liaise with the First Responders Scheme and Public Health Officers for alternative approaches to addressing this issue.

1. Background

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Community Services. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance for funding.
- 1.2. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any decision of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria and/or the officer's recommendation would need to demonstrate that the application in question has a wider community benefit, and give specific reasons for why this should justify an exception to the criteria.
- 1.3. The emphasis in the Coalition Government's Localism agenda supports the ethos of volunteering and community involvement. With this in mind Community Area Grants should be encouraged from and awarded to community and voluntary groups.
- 1.4. Area boards will not consider applications from town and parish councils for purposes that relate to their statutory duties or powers that should be funded from the local town/parish precept. However this does not preclude bids from town/parish councils, encouraging community projects that provide new opportunities for local people or those functions that are not the sole responsibility of the town/parish council.
- 1.5. In addition to Community Area Grants, Councillors can submit an Area Board Project which differs from Community Area Grants in that they do not require match funding. Area Board Projects should not be used to avoid complying with Community Area Grant criteria.
- 1.6. Area Board Projects are designed to enable the Area Board to address community issues or projects identified in the Community Plan/Local Agreement for Wiltshire. An application form is used and quotes for project work have to be provided in a similar manner to the Community Area Grant Scheme.
- 1.7. Officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, although the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on the Area Board.
- 1.8. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.9. Paper copies of funding applications will no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce volume of paper used. However, the application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council web site and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.10. Information and forms are available at: (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

<p>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Area Grant Application Pack 2012/13 • Calne Community Area Plan – 2004-14 (incl. 2006/2010 update) • Area Board Grants Guidance 2012/13 • Wiltshire Joint Strategic Assessment 2011
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2012/13 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. The funding contained within this report forms the final round of funding for 2012/13.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

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

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1. Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Calne Community Area Board.
- 4.2. Following awards made at the meeting up to and including 11th December 2012 the budget remaining available to the Calne Community Area Board for 2012/13 was £17,744.
- 4.3. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, the Calne Community Area Board will have a balance of £5,460.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1. There are no specific Legal implications related to this report.

6. HR Implications

- 6.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

- 7.1. Community Area Grants give all local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.

7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within section 8 – “Officer Recommendations”.

8. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	Calne Community Area Partnership	Fairtrade project	£994

8.1.1. **It is recommended that Calne Community Area Partnership is awarded a grant of £994 to pump prime a project that will encourage and promote Calne as a Fairtrade Community Area.**

8.1.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets grant criteria for 2012/13.

8.1.3. The project links to the Calne Community Area Partnerships issues around the economy and the environment and about creating a cohesive and vibrant community.

8.1.4. The project also links to issues that are being identified through the Calne Town Council ‘Town Team’ and the ‘Calne Springs’ working group that is looking at ways to encourage and promote retail trade in the Community Area and also a pride amongst local people in their town centre.

8.1.5. The achievement of Fairtrade status would be a valuable promotional tool for local retail businesses and the process of achieving it would provide opportunities for attracting positive media attention to the Community Area.

8.1.6. The Calne Area Board passed a resolution supporting the principles of Fairtrade on Tuesday, 19th April, 2011. As a result the town achieved one of the 5 goals laid down by the Fairtrade Foundation.

8.1.7. An award to this project will cover 100% of the cost of the project.

8.1.8. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project the scheme will be delayed while alternative funding is sought.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Grant application – CCAP / Fairtrade project
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Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2	Friends of the Abberd Brook (FAB)	Community Art Mosaic at Prince Charles Drive Underpass.	£1,750

- 8.2.1 It is recommended that the Friends of the Abberd Brook (FAB) are awarded a grant of £1,790 towards a community art project to produce a mosaic at the Prince Charles Drive Underpass, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.**
- 8.2.2** Officers are of the opinion that this application meets grant criteria for 2012/13.
- 8.2.3** The project addresses issues and aspirations outlined in the Calne Community Area Plan; to promote community activities that promote a sense of pride and well being and activities that encourage children and young people to take a constructive role in the community.
- 8.2.4** The Abberd Brook forms an important traffic free route which has been identified as an important safer route to and from the town centre, not only by FAB, but also the former Area Board Safer Routes working group, the Sandpit Road working group, the CATG working group and Calne Area Transport group. The proposed project will enhance this route.
- 8.2.5** In addition the project will be facilitated by local artists from the Calne Artists group and will involve children, young people and their parents/carers with opportunities to discover and explore engaging in the arts and intergenerational activity.
- 8.2.6** FAB has previously run a similar project on the other side of the underpass, which it funded from its own reserves and alternative funding streams.
- 8.2.7** This is an area which had previously been identified as being prone to minor incidents of anti-social behaviour and also to negative forms of graffiti. Following the completion of the previous project no further incidents have been reported.
- 8.2.8** An award to this project will represent approximately 30% of the overall project costs.
- 8.2.9** If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project the scheme will be delayed while alternative funding is sought.

Appendices:	Appendix 2 Grant application – Friends of the Abberd Brook
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8.3	Derry Hill & Studley Village Hall Trust	Refurbishment of kitchen facilities.	£4,940

8.3.1 It is recommended that Derry Hill & Studley Village Hall Trust is awarded a grant of £4940 towards the refurbishment of kitchen facilities, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

8.3.2 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets current grant criteria for 2012/13.

8.3.3 The project addresses aspirations in the Calne Community Area Plan to increase facilities in the Calne Community Area, to exceed national guidelines.

8.3.4 This project will provide a modern facility for the use of a wide range of community groups and individuals within a well used village hall.

8.3.5 Members may wish to note that the Parish Council has not contributed to this project. However the Village Hall Committee has allocated all of its free reserves for the project.

8.3.6 The grant being requested from the Calne Area Board represents approximately 33% of the total cost of the project.

8.3.7 If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project the scheme will be delayed while alternative funding is sought.

Appendices:	Appendix 3 Grant application – Derry Hill and Studley Village Hall Committee.
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8.4	SPLASH	'Get Out There' – sports, outdoor and residential activities for young people from the Calne Community Area.	£4,600

8.4.1 It is recommended that SPLASH is awarded a grant of £4,600 towards the 'Calne – Get Out There' Project, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place and the applicant liaising with the Calne Youth Development Co-ordinator to assess where savings could be made and extra activity be

included in the project plan.

- 8.4.2** Officers are of the opinion that this application meets current grant criteria for 2012/13.
- 8.4.3** It is recognised that communities need positive activities to engage young people during school holidays to reduce boredom which often leads to anti social behaviour and conflict within communities.
- 8.4.4** This project addresses aspirations in the Calne Community Area Plan to increase activities that encourage children and young people to take a constructive role in the community.
- 8.4.5** The project also addresses 2 key points relating to young people listed in the Joint Strategic Assessment: increasing things for young people to do and obesity, healthy eating and exercise.
- 8.4.6** This project aims to provide opportunities for approximately 100 young people to engage in 10 days of activities including: climbing, mountain biking, fishing, dance, canoeing/kayaking and an overnight camping experience in the woods. The project will be run by fully trained & experienced facilitators.
- 8.4.7** Work that SPLASH has undertaken in the past with young people and local groups and organisations suggest that holiday activities that are affordable for young people are important. This project will be free to all young people from the Calne Community Area in order to ensure that no one is excluded from taking part as a result of financial constraints.
- 8.4.8** The Area Board may wish to note that SPLASH has previously concentrated upon projects that engage young people from across the County. However this project has been designed specifically for the Calne Community Area and will be planned in consultation with community partners and young people from Calne.
- 8.4.9** The Youth Development Co-ordinator has confirmed that this project would enhance youth provision in the community area and has suggested that SPLASH engage with the forthcoming Youth Advisory Group in order to consult with young people about their aspirations.
- 8.4.10** The Area Board will note that project costs are high compared to youth activities funded previously (eg. CAYPIG 'Things to do Places to go' 4 week programme of summer activities 2011 = £4,285) and may wish to consider asking the applicant to liaise with the Youth Development Co-ordinator to discuss where savings could be made and more activities could be included in the project.
- 8.4.11** The grant being requested from the Calne Area Board represents approximately 50% of the total cost of the project.
- 8.4.12** If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project the scheme will run at a reduced level.

Appendices:	Appendix 4 Grant application – SPLASH.
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8.5	Lansdowne Hall Trust	Purchase of a Defibrillator.	£1,000

- 8.5.1 It is recommended that a request for funding this project is declined in line with advice received from professional officers and that the applicant is advised to liaise with the First Responders Scheme and Public Health Officers for alternative approaches to addressing this issue.**
- 8.5.2** Officers are of the opinion that this application meets current grant criteria for 2012/13.
- 8.5.3** The project also links to aspirations in the Calne Community Area Plan to increase access to health care facilities.
- 8.5.4** A defibrillator is a machine designed to deliver an electric shock to a person whose heart has stopped. Termed a cardiac arrest, this is different from, but may be caused by, a heart attack, where blood flow to the heart is impaired.
- 8.5.5** Advice received from Public Health Officers suggests that defibrillators are best suited to venues with large numbers of people, such as visitor venues like Bowood, Salisbury Cathedral or Avebury. Whether the Lansdowne Hall constitutes this kind of venue is a question that should be raised when considering this application. (see appendix 6)
- 8.5.6** Ambulance data for Wiltshire in 2008/09 shows that the number of heart attack calls in the Calne Community Area was 7 and that not all of these would have required the use of a defibrillator. (see appendix 6)
- 8.5.7** The Area Board may also wish to note that the Parish Council has made a contribution towards this project and that several other area boards have also made contributions towards similar projects around the County. However there are also examples of other area boards declining similar requests.
- 8.5.8** It should be considered that there are at least 10 village Halls in the Calne Community Area and that an award to this project would set a precedent for similar applications from each one of these. This would represent the allocation of funds equivalent to almost a quarter of the Area Board's Community Budget.
- 8.5.9** The grant being requested from the Calne Area Board represents approximately

33% of the total cost of the project.

8.5.10 If the Area Board is inclined to make a decision to fund the project, it must consider that ongoing costs associated with the project will need to be met and that the applicant has suggested these will be found through local fundraising.

8.5.11 If the Area Board decides to decline this application it may wish to consider suggesting that the applicant liaises with the Calne First Responders Scheme and Public Health Officers for alternative approaches to addressing this issue.

Appendices:	Appendix 5 Grant application – Derry Hill and Studley Village Hall Committee. Appendix 6 Briefing note – Defibrillators in Public Places, Briefing note.
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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