

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** CALNE AREA BOARD  
**Place:** The Community Hub, 27 High Street, CALNE, SN11 0BS  
**Date:** 8 March 2016  
**Start Time:** 5:30pm  
**Finish Time:** 6:03pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Alan Hill (Vice Chairman), Cllr Howard Marshall, Cllr Tony Trotman and Cllr Glenis Ansell

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Helen Bradley (Community Youth Officer), Natalie Heritage (Democratic Services Officer), Libby Beale (Senior Democratic Services Officer) and Jane Vaughan (Community Engagement Manager)

**Total in attendance: 10**

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<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Calne Area Board.</p>
2	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr Crisp. Cllr Hill chaired the meeting.</p>
3	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
4	<p><u>Area Board Funding</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the 4 applications made to the Community Area Grants Scheme and the member-led initiative by Cllr Hill for £10,000.</p> <p>Jane Vaughan, Community Engagement Manager, provided background information to each application. The application from Calne Bowls Club was for £800 for new benches. It was explained that the Bowls Club had raised money with the Town Council to establish their pavilion, however the Club now required support to purchase furniture.</p> <p>The application from Calne Salad Bowl was for £3013 to purchase furniture. It was explained that a large number of families visited the Bowl and would benefit from picnic tables. It was also proposed that a water fountain be built for young people using the Bowl; this was supported by Wessex Water. Councillors commented that a water fountain would encourage young people to drink water instead of fizzy drinks and agreed this would be a health benefit.</p> <p>Heddington Parish Council had applied for £5000 to purchase new play equipment for Heddington Recreation Group. The application had been submitted by a group of local families who were working with the Parish Council; the parent group had already organised a significant amount of fundraising. Cllr Hill noted the Parish Council would finance the maintenance of the project and that the Parish Council itself was committing £2000 to the project. It was explained that funding had to be drawn down within 12 months and then to be used within the following 3 months.</p> <p>An application from Goatacre Village Hall was presented for £2000 to update flooring for the village hall. The Hall had been awarded a grant by the Board in 2013, however it was noted that this application did not relate to the same part of the building. The Village Hall hoped that new flooring would attract new customers to hold events there.</p> <p>Cllr Hill then introduced a member-led initiative for £10,000 for a 'Virtual Hub'. The initiative was for digital information screens in various locations around the</p>

community that would help to ensure information would be shared in the locality. The Councillor acknowledged that the application was more than the usual £5,000 available for councillor-led projects, however, he explained the application was an exceptional circumstance, because it could promote health and wellbeing in Calne in a variety of ways; for instance, raising awareness of air quality levels in the town. The Board agreed that the screens could also complement the Health and Wellbeing Campus development programme; promoting local events and the Local Youth Network, in turn this could encourage engagement, access to local services and reduce social isolation. The Community Youth Officer also advised that the Area Board had a legal duty to promote children's services available locally and the screen would be a valuable tool to support this. Cllr Hill explained that the Community Area Partnership were supportive of the initiative and may allocate some funding for the project at a later date.

Jane Vaughan provided an update on the Town Council War Memorial project which received funding from the Area Board in 2014 to renovate the War Memorial. On 8 April 2014 the grant had been ratified; which had given the Town Council 12 months to draw down the funding and then a further 3 months to spend the money. In October 2014 the funding had been drawn down, however, it had not yet been spent, due to further discussions on how young people were to be involved in the project. It was highlighted that, should the Town Council decide it still wished to spend the money, this would require formal permission from the Area Board.

Councillors considered the applications as detailed above.

**Resolved:**

- i. To award £800 to Calne Bowls Club to purchase benches**
- ii. To award £3013 to Calne Salad Bowl for furniture**
- iii. To award £5000 to Heddington Parish Council for Pennies for Play, subject to a £2,000 contribution from the Parish Council**
- iv. To award £2000 to Goatacre Village Hall to update the flooring**
- v. To award £10,000 for Cllr Hill's member-led initiative for a 'Virtual Hub'**

**To note the update on the status of a grant to the Town Council to fund War Memorial renovations.**

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Community Area Transport Group (CATG)

Cllr Hill introduced the application from the CATG to create a crossing near Springfield School; the issue had long been a local priority, following previous estimates for the work, Highways officers had recently confirmed that a final estimate for the project would be approximately £13,700; this would leave a £6,700 shortfall in funding needed to undertake the project.

	<p>It was explained that the CATG had recommended to approve an additional £3350 from the CATG budget and £3350 from the Area Board budget. The Chairman explained that the CATG had sufficient funds within its budget to cover the full cost of the project and therefore proposed, seconded by Cllr Trotman, that the full £6700 required for the project be granted from the budget delegated to the CATG.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p><b>To support the crossing project at Springfield School and to grant £6700 from the CATG budget to fund the project.</b></p>
6	<p><u>Urgent items</u></p> <p>There were no urgent items.</p>
7	<p><u>Close</u></p> <p>The next Area Board meeting would be held at 6:30 pm on 5 April 2016 at Corn Exchange, Calne Town Hall with refreshments available from 6:00 pm.</p>