

AGENDA

Meeting: CALNE AREA BOARD
Place: Calne Library, The Strand, Calne, SN11 0JU
Date: Tuesday 7 March 2017
Time: 4.00 pm

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Cllr Christine Crisp, Calne Rural (Chairman)
Cllr Alan Hill, Calne South and Cherhill (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Howard Marshall, Calne Central
Cllr Tony Trotman, Calne Chilvester and Abberd
Cllr Glenis Ansell, Calne North

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Items to be considered		Time
1	Chairman's Welcome and Introductions The Chairman will welcome those present at the meeting.	6.30 pm
2	Apologies for Absence To receive any apologies.	
3	Minutes (<i>Pages 1 - 8</i>) To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7 February 2017.	
4	Declarations of Interest To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.	
5	Chairman's Announcements There are no Announcements.	6.40 pm
6	Area Board Funding (<i>Pages 9 - 14</i>) To consider applications to the Community Area Grants Scheme, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calne Our Place Project- Signage scheme to promote the area as the centre of the A4 Tourist Route and Great West Way: £5000 • The Mill Race- Gardening Project, providing a shed and associated gardening equipment: £1000 	
7	Urgent items Any other items of business which the Chairman agrees to consider as a matter of urgency.	
8	Close The Chairman will set out arrangements for the next meeting.	

CALNE AREA BOARD

MINUTES OF THE CALNE AREA BOARD MEETING HELD ON 7 FEBRUARY 2017 AT CALNE LIBRARY, THE STRAND, CALNE, SN11 0JU.

Present:

Cllr Christine Crisp (Chairman), Cllr Alan Hill (Vice Chairman), Cllr Howard Marshall and Cllr Glenis Ansell

Also Present:

Wiltshire Council Officers

- Jane Vaughan
- Helen Bradley
- Edmund Blick
- Dominic Argar

Town and Parish Councillors

- Hilmarton Parish Council- Mel Wilkins
- Cherhill Parish Council- David Evans
- Calne Without Parish Council- Richard Ayles and Ed Jones

Partners

- Police- Inspector Dave Hobman and Sergeant Gill Hughes
- Fire service- District Commander Jack Nicholson and Tom Burns

Local Youth Network

- Jordan Hyde (Calne Bowl Project)
- Jake Brock (Calne Bowl Project)
- Jordan Holt (Chair)
- Beth Wheeler
- Rebecca Green

Total Attendance: 25

1 **Chairman's Welcome and Introductions**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to Calne Area Board and introduced the Councillors and Officers present.

2 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Tony Trotman.

3 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6 December 2017 were signed as a true and accurate record.

4 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations.

5 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman drew attention to the written announcements included in the agenda pack.

6 **Partner Updates**

Police

Inspector David Hobman was in attendance and announced that he was soon to be leaving his post as Sector Head, covering Calne, and would be moving to a new post in Swindon. He named his replacement as Inspector Mark Luffman, but indicated that his Deputy Sector Head Gill Hughes would be staying, so there was an element of continuity.

Inspector Hobman referred the Board to the submitted police report and offered to answer any questions the Board had.

Cllr Glenis Ansell asked what actions were being taken in regards to the Rural Crime Partnership of Wiltshire and Swindon. Inspector Hobman said that, historically, rural crime has not received the same level of policing as towns, and that the new aim was about making an investment in rural policing, and aiming at prioritising it equally to town policing.

Cllr Ansell also asked about the performance of the 101 service. Inspector Hobman stated there was an institutional acknowledgement that the 101 service was appalling. He said that work was underway to get more calls answered and pledged that it would get better. He was not able to give a timeframe on the service being improved but said that the Police Crime Commissioner was treating it as a priority, as was the Chief Constable.

Cllr Alan Hill took the opportunity to say that he thought Calne had been very lucky in the community engagement of its police representatives. He said the police worked well, in harmony with Calne's community groups, to make the most of the limited resources that were available. Cllr Hill thanked Inspector Hobman for his efforts and he was applauded by the Board. In response, Inspector Hobman stated that the police were moving towards a more community focussed model and expressed it as a positive opportunity, in line with the foundations of Sir Robert Peels policing model.

Fire

District Commander Jack Nicholson was in attendance and referred the Board to the Fire Service report submitted. He volunteered to answer any questions raised but none were raised.

Other Group Updates

There were no further partner group updates.

7 Local Youth Network

Local Youth Network Grants

Rebecca Green gave a brief introduction to the two grant applications, reading extracts from the attached reports and explaining how the Local Youth Network had arrived at their decision.

An application from Wiltshire YFC sought £2500 for a pop up café scheme, whereby they planned to use a gazebo as a base for activities, to engage with teenagers and work with local youth clubs to increase their membership. Councillors were impressed with the outreaching nature of the project and awarded the funds unanimously.

An application from Calne Badminton Club sought £5000 for the establishment of a junior section, to provide a 2 hour weekday club for secondary school children, for 50 weeks of the year. Rebecca stated that in determining the application, the Local Youth Network came to the conclusion that the proposed project was ambitious and they felt a trial fund would be more appropriate. As such, the Local Youth Network were proposing the award of £1000, to help with the initial set up costs, as a pilot fund, with a view for plans to be put in place for a sustainable future. Cllr Alan Hill made a point of highlighting the mature and sensible way in which the Local Youth Network had come to it's decision. Cllr Howard Marshall, thanked Cllr Hill for his comments and confirmed that a lot of work goes into the decision making process.

A Local Youth Network initiative, Intergenerational Dementia Project, was an application by the Local Youth Network for £1000. This was to help fund a project to facilitate Dementia Friendly sessions with John Bentley School, along with further plans for 12 young volunteers to be part of a wider project to become Dementia friends and befriend adults with Dementia, helping introduce

them to music from their past, in order to trigger memories. Cllr Alan Hill asked what would happen to the equipment once a particular user no longer required it and it was confirmed that all equipment would be returned to the programme. Councillors voted to approve the funds unanimously.

Christine Crisp took the opportunity to thank the Local Youth Network in their efforts and professionalism in the work they do around the Youth Grant applications.

Cllr Hill, reaffirmed his praise of the Network but asked that their focus be on reaching out to the hard to reach areas of the community, targeting the young people with the most serious problems. It was noted that the pop up café was a good example of this.

RESOLVED:

- £2500 awarded to Wiltshire YFC
- £1000 awarded to Calne Badminton Club
- £1000 awarded to Local Youth Network initiative- Intergenerational Dementia Project

8 Our Community Matters

Dementia Friendly Calne

Chairman Cllr Christine Crisp gave an update on Dementia Friendly Calne group. She referred members to the report attached and confirmed that they had already received the backing of 5 organisations out of their target of 12. Dianne Gooch gave a further input, stating that their current priority was looking for backing for the 'Singing for the Brave' project. Cllr Glenis Ansell suggested using the Calne Larks Choir in the medium term, who meet at Calne Town Hall on Thursdays between Calne 12am and 1pm.

Older Persons Champion

Dianne Gooch also spoke as the Older Persons Champion representative, asking for volunteers to become local voices for the group.

Calne Community Hub and Library

Cllr Alan Hill gave an update on the Calne Community Hub and Library. He referred the Board to the attached report and spoke of the increased attendance since the introduction of the "Open +" system, going against the national trend in the decline of library use. He also highlighted that there had been no issues with rough sleepers, or anti-social behaviour. He was congratulatory of the volunteer staff and said that the Council would continue to work together with community groups to ensure the future success of the hub and library.

Parishes

A brief update was received from those Parish Council representatives in attendance.

Community Engagement Manager

A presentation was delivered by Jane Vaughan on “Our Community Matters” priorities, looking at proposals to take forward to future Area Board meetings. These included; championing training skills, health and well-being, diversity focus from culture groups, Local Youth Network to address young mental health and Champions projects to look at social inclusion of vulnerable and deprived persons. Cllr Alan Hill moved a motion to accept all proposals and this was agreed by the Board unanimously.

A short film was also shown to the Board on the Legacy for Wiltshire: 2012-2016, showing successful community events over the years. Jane Vaughan followed this by briefly mentioning the upcoming events, including the Great British Spring Clean, The Big Pledge- London Calling, Healthy Schools Initiative and World War One Commemorations build up to 2018.

9 Area Board Funding

The Board considered 5 Community Grant applications:

Calne Bowl Project- Landscaping Britain in Bloom 2017: £500

The project representative Jake Brock spoke in favour of the application, explaining that the on going project sought to reach out to the wider community, and that the Landscaping project would help them achieve this aim. Cllr Howard Marshall gave his support to the project, which he has championed from the beginning. Cllr Alan Hill raised the issue of how the plants would be watered and suggested that the Town Council could be utilised for this purpose. Cllr Howard Marshall said that he would, personally, look into this option with the Town Council. Cllrs voted on the application and the funds were awarded unanimously.

Castlefields Canal and River Park Association- Bigger and Better Outdoor Gym: £5430

Martin Court, trustee of the applicants, spoke in favour of the application, stating the outdoor gyms benefits to the whole community. He emphasised that the equipment was durable and would last. Cllr Alan Hill noted that the application sought more than the usual grants amount of £5000. However, he highlighted that the applicants were matching the funds and, given the benefit to the community, he was happy to use increase the amount to that sought, £5430. Cllrs voted and approved the funds unanimously.

Hilmarton Primary School Eco Club- Great British Clean Up Event: £280

Edith Cameron, from Hilmarton School, spoke in favour of the application, stating that she was involved in the “clean up” the previous year with the school and was applying for funds for equipment for this years “clean up” and future

years, on advice of the Community Engagement Manager. Chairman Christine Crisp also gave her support to the school and the event as a whole, stating that it was more beneficial and efficient for schools to have their own equipment. Cllrs voted and approved the funds unanimously.

Cherhill Parish Council- Cherhill and Yatesbury Defibrillator Project: £2045

David Evans spoke in favour of the application, stating that in light of the previous Area Board meetings input from the Ambulance service on the importance of defibrillators, the project was seeking funds for an additional defibrillator, to meet guidance of their requirement in a 200m radius for optimal efficiency. Cllrs awarded the funds unanimously.

Calne Community Daycentre- New Dishwasher: £1295

Cllr Glenis Ansell gave support to the application stating that she had visited the centre recently and confirming that they needed an industrial dishwasher. Chairman Cllr Christine Crisp also gave her support, stating that it was important that the volunteers were able to spend their time engaging with the service users, rather than washing up. Cllrs voted and awarded the funds unanimously.

The Board also considered the following Councillor initiatives:

Cllr Crisp- Dementia Action Alliance Promotional/ Welcome Packs: £350

Chairman Cllr Christine Crisp spoke in favour of the application. Cllr Alan Hill asked if this was to be an on going cost or a one off. Cllr Crisp explained that it was primarily for set up costs but that further funds could be sought in the future.

Cllr Hill- Ring fencing of funds to be allocated to community groups and organisations for litter picking equipment in the Great British Clean Up 2017: £2800

Cllr Hill explained the benefits of setting aside funds for the event, highlighting that people would be better encouraged to get involved if the equipment was more easily available.

Cllr Hill- Derry Hill Bells project (Christchurch, Derry Hill): Review of £2500 award

Cllr Hill gave support for this review and explained the reasons for the change in use of the funds. It was explained that the funds would now be used to commemorate the centenary of WW1 in a project to purchase bell instruments and equipment, to be used in establishing an inclusive musical project, which would hold a community event, in conjunction with Derry Hill primary school, during Remembrance Commemorations in 2018.

10 **Local Highways Investment Fund**

Chairman Christine Crisp gave a brief explanation of the origins and nature of the road resurfacing proposals. She explained that a Highways officer had volunteered to attend the meeting to answer questions but had been advised

that it would not be required, as the Board were confident in the procedures by which the plans had been produced.

Cllr Alan Hill gave a brief explanation of some of the factors included in the proposals and distinguished pothole repairs from major road resurfacing.

There was some criticism raised by attendees, notably Ross Henning, in regards to the failure of Wiltshire Council to repair potholes and a general criticism of the state of some of the local roads.

11 **Open Forum**

Chairman Cllr Christine Crisp highlighted a question that had been asked by Mr John Boaler from the Calne Branch Labour Party and it was explained that a written answer had already been provided to Mr Boaler, prior to the meeting.

Mr Boaler reiterated his question regarding proposed cuts to services in Calne and asked "When and How" Calne residents would be informed of these cuts. He criticised the current mechanism's as being unreachable to many people in the community, stating that a lot of residents would not know to look on Wiltshire Council's website for updates, for example.

12 **Urgent items**

There were no urgent items.

13 **Close**

Chairman Cllr Christine Crisp explained that the next meeting may be cancelled due to pre-election period, or that it would be a "grant only" meeting due to restriction on political Area Board activity from 15 March 2017. She advised that next full meeting would be held at 7.00 pm on 6 June 2017 at Calne Library 6.30 pm.

(Duration of meeting: 6.30 - 8.18 pm)

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Report to	Calne Area Board
Date of Meeting	07/03/2017
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding

Purpose of the report

To ask the Area Board to:

1. Consider 2 applications for community area grant funding listed below

Applicant	Amount requested
<p>Applicant: Calne Our Place Project Project Title: Signage scheme to promote the area as the centre of the A4 Tourist Route and Great West Way.</p>	£5,000.00
<p>Applicant: The Mill Race Project Title: Gardening Project – providing a shed and associated gardening equipment.</p>	£1,000.00

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 2016/2017 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 applications meet the Community Area Board grants criteria.

2.4. Calne area board has agreed to prioritise three themes from the Joint Strategic Assessment 2014- 2016/17, which had been highlighted at the ‘What Matters to You’, event held in 2014. These were to:

- Increase employment opportunities (especially through initiatives like apprenticeships and work experience) and social activities for and in consultation with young people.
- Recognise and address child poverty and childhood obesity.
- Build a positive reputation for Calne Community Area to attract more visitors to venues and events.

2.5. At the 'Our Community Matters' Event held in November 2016 new community priorities were identified. These were adopted at the Area Board held on December 6th 2016 and will be referred to below, at 9 - Applications for consideration, where relevant.

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

4.1 Applications have been considered at each area board meeting of the year. This extra meeting of the Calne Area Board has been arranged in order to allow consideration of grant applications that may otherwise experience a detrimental delay if they must wait until the next programmed meeting of the Calne Area Board, which will not take place until June 2017. This is as a result of the introduction of pre-election period arrangements prior to Local Government elections in May 2017.

4.2. In 2016/17 the Calne Area Board has been allocated a budget of **£40,661** capital funding. In addition the Area Board has rolled forward **£15,919** from the 2015/16 financial year. This gives a total capital budget of **£56,580**.

4.3. Following financial decisions made at the last area board meeting held on 7th February 2016 there was a capital balance of **£16,977.88**.

4.5. If all grant applications being considered under this report are approved by Members, the remaining capital balance will be **£10,977.88**.

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

9.1.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
	Calne Our Place Project	A4 Tourist Route and Great West Way signage scheme	£5,000
<p>Project Description: This project will provide 4 Boundary Signs for Calne with brighter illuminated more attractive informative signs with logos town crests two slip signs with posts which offer greater appeal to visitors tourists and residents. This aims to encourage visitors and residents to value and use the town by raising the profile of the Heritage Quarter and other places of interest in line with the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager:</p> <p>This application meets community area grant criteria for 2016/17.</p> <p>It contributes to the Council's business plan outcomes (2013-2017) to boost the local economy – creating and safeguarding jobs.</p> <p>The project also links strongly to the 2014 – 2016/17 Area Board priority 'to build a positive reputation for Calne Community Area, to attract more visitors to venues and events'.</p> <p>In addition it is linked to priorities identified at the Our Community Matters event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and Skills * • New business creation • Employment opportunities <p>* Community priorities specifically championed by the area board.</p> <p>Members will be familiar with the Calne Our Place Project and have supported their work in the past.</p> <p>Local volunteers are involved in several interrelated projects which they are undertaking through the improvement of the local economy, the street scene and built environment and the upskilling of local people in order to increase the positive image of the Community Area and to increase tourism in the area.</p>			

An idea to create a feature out of the A4 running through the community area originated from the Our Place Project and has since been taken up by Visit Wiltshire and interest has been shown by other towns straddling the route and Visit England.

Our Place volunteers have liaised with Wiltshire Council Highways and Planning Officers with regards to moving forward with this project as soon as possible.

This project forms part of a larger Calne Our Place business plan, which includes a number of projects A4 Tourism Heritage Quarter Retail Marketing Social Media Website Development Community Enterprise and Crowd Funding for the next two years. Precise plans and budgets will be put together in the coming months. The proposed budget is currently 50k.

The success of this application would also help the group to demonstrate local support of the larger business plan and will assist the group as it progresses with larger funding programme that includes LEADER Grant Funding, LEP Rural Tourism grants Community Enterprise and Crowd Funding programmes.

An award to this application will represent 50% of the total project cost.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

9.2.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
	The Mill Race	Mill Race Garden project	£1,000.00

Project Description:

The Mill Race Garden Project will develop into a long term activity for members of the centre encouraging them to participate in the whole process of growing vegetables and flowers from seed which can be enjoyed by everyone.

As the centre runs healthy eating cookery sessions, it is intended that produce grown during these sessions will be used by the members and perhaps involve them in trying food they have never tried before. They will also incorporate craft activities into the project by producing items such as mosaic pictures, bird baths or other items to encourage wild life. A shed will be installed in the Marden House garden where the group can grow plants from seed, pot up, plant out and finally use the produce in cookery sessions.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

This application meets community area grant criteria for 2016/17.

The Mill Race is run by Family Action and aims to help people who experience learning difficulties to live an independent life. The team of staff and volunteers get to know the members and the best ways to support them and to encourage their

involvement in the community through activities in and away from the Mill Race. Members have the opportunity of making new friends and trying new skills with support and encouragement from staff, volunteers and each other.

The Calne Area Board has worked in partnership with the Mill Race members in the past particularly on the Area Board project 'Calne Voices', which ran in partnership with Mill Race Members and produced a film and art project that provided an insight into the experience of people from Calne living with learning difficulties. (<http://truevisiontv.com/wiltshire-voices---calne-voices>)

This project meets Calne priorities identified at the Our Community Matters event in November 2016 and adopted by the Area Board:

- Diversity and Social Inclusion*
- Training and Skills*
- Mental health*
- Active and healthy lifestyles
- Participation in arts, crafts and culture

* Community priorities specifically championed by the area board.

It also contributes to the Council's business plan outcomes (2013-2017) to ensure that:

- People in Wiltshire have healthy, active, high quality lives (healthy choices, positive activities)
- Wiltshire has inclusive communities where everyone can achieve their potential (reducing disadvantage and poverty, health inequalities)

An award to this application will represent 50% of the total project cost.

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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