

Report to	Calne Area Board
Date of Meeting	08/03/2016
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding

Purpose of the report:

1. To consider 4 applications for community area grant funding listed below
2. To consider 1 Councillor Initiative from community area funding listed below

Applicant	Amount requested
Applicant: Calne Bowls Club Project Title: Calne Bowls Club Benches View full application	£800.00
Applicant: Calne Salad Bowl Project Title: Bowl street furniture View full application	£3013.00
Applicant: Heddington Parish Council Project Title: Pennies for Play View full application	£5000.00
Applicant: Goatacre Village Hall Project Title: Goatacre Village Hall Flooring Update View full application	£2000.00

Councillor Initiative	Amount requested
Councillor: Alan Hill – Calne South and Cherhill Project Title: ‘Virtual Hub’ Digital screens project (see appendix a)	£10,000

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

4.1. The extraordinary Area Board meeting of 8th March 2016 will be the last opportunity to consider community grant applications in the 2015/16 financial year.

4.2. In 2015/16 the Calne Area Board was allocated a budget of £45,179 capital funding.

4.3. Following decisions made so far in this financial year, the area board current balance is £36,732 capital.

4.5. If all grant applications being considered under this report are approved by Members, the remaining capital balance will be **£15,919**.

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
1688	Calne Town Council	Calne Bowls Club Benches	£800.00
<p>Project Description: Working in partnership with Calne Town Council, land owners and Calne Recreation Club Lease holders Calne Bowls Club received grant funding to build a new bowls pavilion. The new pavilion has been installed but the club now wishes to purchase club benches and notice boards. The new pavilion will be used by the Calne Bowl Club members and maybe Calne Rugby Junior Club during the winter month to insure maximum usage. A Grant from the Calne Area Board will enable the club to purchase new benches and a notice board to give the new pavilion that homely feeling.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: Calne Bowls Club was founded in 1914 and have been providing a venue for lawn bowls and community activities for the local community of Calne ever since. Today the club maintains an excellent bowling green which is managed by a volunteer ground person. The club has worked, with support from the Town Council to achieve a new pavilion building. A grant from the area board will enable the club to add the final touches to its ambitious project. It will represent 100% of the total cost of this part of the project.</p>			
<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
1647	Calne salad bowl	Bowl Street furniture	£3013.00
<p>Project Description: To install a water fountain at the bowl and some picnic benches. Both of which have been requested by members of the public including parents who use the park with young children.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: The Calne Bowl Project has been supported by the Area Board in the past and Members will be familiar with the determination and commitment that young people from the area have demonstrated in achieving the creation of a new skateboarding/BMXing/scooting facility in the town.</p> <p>The Calne Salad Bowl group is an offshoot of the Bowl Project and involves interested young people in developing the landscape of the Bowl Park. Their achievements to date have included them entering the Calne in Bloom competition and winning the South West in Bloom Youth Award – for outstanding contributions by youths or youth groups.</p> <p>The group is now involved in phase2 of the Bowl Park development and through consultation with Bowl users and visitors/spectators have identified the requirement for more seating and the installation of a drinking water fountain.</p>			

The group has recognised that the latter is of particular importance to enable young people to exercise and remain hydrated while also encouraging the reduced consumption of sugary drinks addressing the associated health concerns. It will also be a facility that is accessible for other members of the public using Castlefields Park and the Sustrans cycle path and will be the only drinking fountain and source of accessible free drinking water in the town.

The group has undertaken extensive planning work to bring their project to this grant application stage, including negotiations with the Town Council and Wessex Water. The group has also received confirmation from Calne Town Council that they will undertake future mechanical and hygiene maintenance work.

The Community Engagement Manager has asked the Local Youth Network to provide its view on this project, to provide a young person's perspective of the application, they have commented:

- This is a well thought through application
- It displays good partnership working
- A clear need is being fulfilled and it hits priorities for the wider community as well as young people's needs
- It will have a long term sustainable impact on Calne
- It demonstrates a clear health benefit
- It provides opportunities for intergenerational cohesion- by providing family accessible space.

In addition the group has been able to attract additional funding from the Town Council and a substantial financial donation from a local resident in order to progress this project. As a result a grant to this project will represent approximately 45% of the total cost.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
1686	Heddington Parish Council	Pennies for Play	£5000.00

Project Description:

The existing play equipment at Heddington Recreation Ground is dilapidated and will soon need to be removed on health and safety grounds. Heddington Parish Council is working with an active group of local parents to fund the purchase and installation of new state of the art play equipment.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

Heddington Recreation Ground is a place where families from the village and the surrounding area meet and play in a safe environment. Outdoor play is often cited as an essential part of childhood and playgrounds as having an essential role in the social emotional cognitive and physical well-being of children.

It is hoped that the attraction of new and exciting play equipment will encourage an increase in the amount of time that local children spend outdoors getting the exercise and social interaction they need for their physical and mental well-being.

The local community group and Parish Council have undertaken an ambitious programme of fundraising in order to achieve their plans and this application represents the final sum required to enable the project to begin.

The Parish Council has committed £2,000 from its parish precept towards this project and in addition will undertake future maintenance.

An award towards this project will represent approximately 10% of the total cost.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
1789	Goatacre Village Hall	Goatacre Village Hall Flooring Update	£2000.00

Project Description:

To update flooring in various areas in the village hall.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

The village hall has been a community owned facility for many years, the building and surrounding land was conveyed in 1962, with the Parish Council acting as custodial trustees.

The village hall committee has stated that they wish to carry out this project in order to benefit the local community who currently use the hall and also to help them to attract more people both locally and from a wider catchment area.

The Area Board granted an award to the Village Hall committee on 15th October 2013, this was used to refurbish the hall floor and install two new velux windows. This application does not relate to the part of the building upgraded at that time.

The Village Hall committee are using their reserves to match potential funding from the Area Board. An award to this project would represent 50% of the total cost.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Councillor Led Initiative

Councillor Initiative	Amount requested
Councillor: Alan Hill – Calne South and Cherhill Project Title: 'Virtual Hub' Digital Screen project.	£10,000
<p>The Area Board and Community Hub hope to run a project providing digital information screens in the Hub/Library and Health & Wellbeing centres that are currently being developed. The system we hope to use is similar to other digital signage systems, but it uses cloud based software. The key advantages are:</p> <p>It is hoped the project will extend to include screens in a wide range of locations so that shopping areas, Parish Halls, village pubs, schools etc are all capable of sharing the same information at the same time wirelessly.</p> <p>The new Hub/library and Health and well being centres have an ambition to engage the whole community area, and make digital information more accessible. This network of digital screens will create a 'virtual hub' that will be accessible to the whole community area.</p> <p>The project will use some of this funding to offer match funding to Town/Parish Councils and other partners in order to assist in providing at least one screen in each parish.</p> <p>The project will initially be managed by the Community Engagement Manager and the Chair of the Community Area Partnership, but it is hoped that it will then go on to be run by the Hub volunteers.</p> <p>The Community Area Partnership has committed a sum of £1,500 towards this project.</p>	

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

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