

<b>Report to</b>	Calne Area Board
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	05/04/2016
<b>Title of Report</b>	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
2. note return of unspent grant

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>
<b>Applicant:</b> Bentley Model Railway Group <b>Project Title:</b> Internal works to make new club building DDA compliant and fit for purpose.  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£5,000
<b>Applicant:</b> Cherhill Cricket Club <b>Project Title:</b> New roof  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£500

<b>Unspent Grant</b>	<b>Amount returned</b>
Calne Town Council/Royal British Legion: 'palest ink stronger than the best memory'	£1,000 (revenue)

## 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, 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.

### **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 Area Board meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> April 2016 will be the first opportunity to consider community grant applications in the 2016/17 financial year.

4.2. Applications will be considered at each area board meeting of the year, while funding remains:

31 May 2016	Deadline for receipt of applications - 3 May 2016
2 August 2016	Deadline for receipt of applications - 5 July 2016
4 October 2016	Deadline for receipt of applications - 6 September 2016
6 December 2016	Deadline for receipt of applications - 8 November 2016
7 February 2017	Deadline for receipt of applications - 10 January 2017

4.3. For 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**.

4.5. If all grant applications being considered under this report are approved by Members, the remaining capital balance will be **£51,080**.

4.6. The returned grant detailed below at point 10 represents a revenue credit to the Calne Area Board.

## 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
<a href="#">1776</a>	Bentley Model Railway Club	Improvements to achieve DDA compliance	£5000.00
<b>Project Description:</b> The Bentley Model Railway Group has purchased an industrial unit in Calne to become its club room. The building needs adapting and upgrading to make it fit for purpose. The specific work to be undertaken is reinstatement of a blocked up fire door improvement to the lighting and electrical supplies installation of a disabled toilet installation of a hot drinks making area fitting of new locks and purchase of keys and installation of a disabled persons lift to enable access to the mezzanine floor. It is our intent to buy materials and carry out as much of the work as we can ourselves where possible subject to regulations.			
<b>Input from Community Engagement Manager:</b>  This is potentially an exciting project from an enthusiastic group which is keen to share its enthusiasm and skills with the wider community.  The group was formed in Calne some 30 years ago, hence the name – 'Bentley Model Railway Club'. However, due to specific requirements for workshops and storage space, in recent years it has been based in an old railway shed/weighbridge at Chippenham railway station.  The group's current arrangement has come to an end and it has embarked upon an ambitious project to find a new home of their own. This has been achieved with the purchase of an industrial unit on the Portemmarsh estate.			

This application and the return of the club to the Calne Community Area can be seen to be of benefit to the wider community in two broadly different ways, which link to Area Board priorities:

- The group holds very popular and well attended exhibitions at least twice a year which attract many visitors to Calne and Corsham. The group hopes that their relocation to Calne will increase their activity in the Calne Community Area. This addresses the Area Board priority to 'develop a positive reputation for the Calne Community Area and to attract more visitors to venues and events'.
- The group has ambitions to create opportunities for other groups and individuals to access the space and the skills held by club members and to encourage other groups to form. For example; 'Men's sheds', Young Peoples positive activities, Intergenerational projects. This can be linked to the Area Board priorities to 'increase employment opportunities (especially through initiatives like apprenticeships and work experience) and social activities for and in consultation with young people' and also to 'recognise and address child poverty and childhood obesity'.

In addition the project links to the long held vision of the Area Board to encourage and promote a sense of community cohesion and wellbeing.

The Community Engagement Manager has held several conversations with the group and is impressed by the professionalism and vision of group members to extend their skills and assets to the wider community and also their strong focus on accessibility to older and disabled members of the group and the wider community.

Group members are keen to investigate opportunities to open up their new premises to other community groups to hold workshops and assist with short term storage issues for community projects.

The group has undertaken extensive planning work to bring its project to this grant application stage, including taking advice from Wiltshire Council Building Control officers.

In addition the group has identified funding from its reserves and donations from existing members in order to progress as soon as possible. As a result a grant to this project will represent approximately 25% of the total cost.

### **Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

## 9.2.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">1792</a>	Cherhill Cricket Club	New Roof	£500
<p><b>Project Description:</b></p> <p>Cherhill Cricket Club is looking for assistance in improving its club house to ensure it continues to provide a facility for the local team and the wider use of the community.</p> <p><b>Input from Community Engagement Manager:</b></p> <p>This cricket club was founded in 1988 and is an active sporting facility which attracts and encourages involvement of people both locally and from a wider catchment area including young people and women's cricket (Wilts U11 U12 U13, plus Wiltshire Ladies and Wilts Girls U13 and Cherhill Junior school).</p> <p>The project would link to the Area Board priority to 'support a program of accessible healthy lifestyle and social leisure activities in all of the villages across the community area'.</p> <p>The Club is using its reserves to fund this project, and its request for assistance from the area board would represent approximately 35% of the total cost.</p> <p><b>Proposal</b> That the Area Board determines the application.</p>			

## 10. Money returned to the Area Board in relation to a previous award:

Project	Amount returned
<p><b>Grant recipient:</b> Calne Town Council/Royal British Legion</p> <p><b>Project Title:</b> 'Palest ink stronger than the best memory'</p>	£1,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2014 the Area Board allocated funds towards a scheme that would encourage community engagement in projects that would commemorate the centenary of WW1.</li> <li>On 8<sup>th</sup> April the Area Board ratified an award of £1000 to the Town Council for a project that would engage local young people in Royal British Legion/Town Council aspirations to improve the war memorial and make it more relevant to younger generations of residents.</li> <li>Criteria states that, once an award has been drawn down, it should be spent within 3 months – this award was drawn down in October 2014.</li> </ul>	

- Town Council officers have confirmed that, to date, this funding has not been spent as a result of a misunderstanding between different partners involved in the project associated with defining the actual involvement of young people in the project.
- This issue is currently not resolved.
- As this project had not progressed, the Area Board asked the Community Engagement Manager to discuss options for progression with the Town Council.
- The Town Council has confirmed that it will repay the original grant to the area board, the project will be re-defined and, if appropriate, a new grant application will be made to the Area Board.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board notes the return of £1000 from the Town Council to the revenue budget.

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

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