

Report to	Calne Area Board
Date of Meeting	31/05/2016
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding

Purpose of the report

To ask the Area Board:

1. To consider 3 applications for community area grant funding listed below

Applicant	Amount requested
Applicant: Calne Town Football Club Project Title: Floodlights and Ground Improvements. View full application	£5,000
Applicant: Calne Tennis Club Project Title: Community Hut View full application	£1233.31
Applicant: Calne Camera Club Project Title: Projector View full application	£700

2. To note the following sum allocated under authority delegated to the Community Engagement Manager.

Initiative	Amount
1. Calne Dementia Friends – generic banners to promote Dementia Awareness Week 2016	£90
Total delegated decisions since last meeting	£90

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.

2.5. Calne Area Board resolved on 8th December 2015 that, in respect of urgent matters that may arise, the Community Engagement Manager, following consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Area Board, may authorise expenditure to support community projects from the delegated budget of up to £5,000 in total between meetings of an Area Board. The decision and reasons why it was considered urgent will be reported to the next meeting of the Area Board.

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 31st May 2016 will be the 2nd 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:

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. 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**.

4.5. Following financial decisions made at the last area board meeting on 5th April 2016 the current balance is **£51,080**

4.6. If all grant applications being considered under this report are approved by Members, the remaining capital balance will be **£44,056.69**.

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
1937	Calne Town Football Club	Floodlights and Ground Improvements	£5000.00
<p>Project Description: Calne Town FC is seeking funds to provide new floodlights that meet the required lux level test and to make necessary ground improvements to meet current league requirements.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: This project addresses Wiltshire Council's Business Plan objectives: People in Wiltshire have healthy, active, high quality lives (healthy choices, positive</p>			

activities).

It can also be seen to link to Calne Area Board priorities, providing positive activities for young people, addressing obesity and building a positive reputation for the Calne Community Area to attract more visitors to venues and events.

Calne Town FC is one of the oldest football clubs in Wiltshire dating back to 1886.

The club has two senior teams and an under 18s team. Calne Town FC work closely with FC Calne local youth football section; to find local players for their under 18s team and this season, with local support, FC Calne and Calne Town FC have established a ladies team.

Calne Town FC has produced a robust business plan, which suggests that this project will enable Calne Town FC to sustain the current level of play and will enable the under 18s team to enter the floodlit league and the first team to play football in the Toolstation league.

Wiltshire Council Sports Development Officers have considered the application and have stated their belief that this project would have a massively positive impact for the entire club and provide the required infrastructure to be sustainable and to develop on a long term basis.

The Community Engagement Manager has held discussions with representatives from the club and has confirmed that; the group has already identified confirmed financial support from a number of organisations and funding from its own reserves. Calne Town FC has also ongoing development support from Calne Town Council.

The requested community grant from the Calne Area Board represents approximately 7% of the overall project costs; this would see the Club achieve its funding target and would enable this ambitious project to progress.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

9.2.

Application ID	Applicant		Project Proposal	Requested
1283	Calne Tennis Club	Calne Tennis Club Community Hut	£1233.31	
<p>Project Description:</p> <p>Following the success of building four floodlit tennis courts, Calne Tennis Club want to expand the scope of the club in the community. The hut will provide an essential part of the club and community; it will make it easier to provide quality coaching, there will be more opportunities for adults and juniors alike to play tennis and a focus for tournaments open days, as well as social events for all the community.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager:</p> <p>This project addresses Wiltshire Council’s Business Plan objectives: People in Wiltshire have healthy, active, high quality lives (healthy choices, positive activities).</p> <p>It can also be seen to link to Calne Area Board priorities; providing positive activities for young people, addressing obesity and building a positive reputation for the Calne Community Area to attract more visitors to venues and events.</p> <p>Calne Area Board supported this club previously when it relocated to Beversbrook in September 2014, since that time new members have been attracted to the club.</p> <p>This project will provide Calne Tennis Club with a physical base from which to promote tennis in the local and surrounding areas, as well as developing a strong and integrated club with an active and social membership and a contained, safe and accessible facility for children and young people to be based in during school holiday programmes. The Hub will also be able to be occupied during periods of bad weather.</p> <p>The club has an awareness of reaching out into the community to try and involve people who may not traditionally be attracted to the sport, or who feel that it is accessible to them.</p> <p>Club coaches run tennis camps during the school holidays which are open to members and non-members. The Head Coach has been selected to be one of a thousand coaches, as part of the Davis Cup Legacy, to deliver a very popular and oversubscribed free tennis coaching course to children who haven’t played tennis before. As part of the Great British Tennis scheme the club is also offering free tennis sessions throughout the summer. The club has a waiting list and is holding a Great British Tennis Day in May for adults and juniors to come along and try tennis for free. The club coaches are also keen to promote Tennis for the Disabled in Calne and surrounding areas. The club believes that the achievement of this project will assist in the facilitation of all these activities.</p>				

Wiltshire Council Sports Development Officers have considered the application and feel that the project will support the needs of the community through the provision of its own building that the club can operate from and in. 'The Club will be able to store, promote and utilise the hut to increased interaction and engagement with their members'.

Sports Development Officers are currently unfamiliar with the exact number of registered members with the club. However, they would be keen to support and promote any new tennis programmes that could be developed and anticipate that the installation of the new hut should increase the number of people getting involved with the sport.

Following the advice of the Lawn Tennis Association, the clubs current reserves are held as a sinking fund towards resurfacing the courts and general maintenance. However, the Club has identified significant Landfill Tax Credit funding and Calne Without Parish Council has also contributed towards the project.

The requested community grant from the Calne Area Board represents approximately 8% of the overall project costs; this would see the Club achieve its funding target and would enable another ambitious project to progress.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
1929	Calne Camera Club	Calne Camera Club Projector Fund	£700.00

Project Description:

The camera club in Calne is looking to acquire a new projector to support its activities.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

This is a modest project, which will enable a thriving local community group to develop and improve its leisure time activity offer not only to club members, but also to those other individuals in the community who attend and benefit from experiencing/being inspired by the artistic and creative talents of the group; as such it could be seen to link to Calne Area Boards priority to build a positive reputation for Calne Community Area to attract more visitors to venues and events and the ongoing aspiration of the Area Board; to encourage a vibrant and cohesive community.

The club has about 40 members and their ages range from early 30s into late 60s however the club also delivers a benefit to a far larger number of people who benefit from the social experiences, inspiration and stimulation associated with attending club exhibitions and talks. These include the Calne Heritage Centre, Stroke Clubs, WI, Calne Over 60s and the University of the 3rd Age.

As a small grant request, of under £1000, there is no requirement for match funding to be found, however the club has raised funds through member donations and a grant from the Calne Area Board would represent approximately 87% of the total project cost.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

10. Funding decisions delegated to the Community Engagement Manager:

10.1. Members are asked to note that, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Area Board, £90 has been allocated by the Community Engagement Manager in order to provide 2 x Dementia Friendly Calne banners to promote Dementia Awareness Week which took place during May 2016.

10.2. A decision to delegate funding decisions up to £5000 to the Community Engagement Manager, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman was made by the Area Board on 8th December 2015. This was made in order to respond quickly to work that the Area Board might wish to progress between scheduled Area Board meetings.

Proposal

That the Area Board notes this delegated funding decision

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

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