

Report to	Calne Area Board
Date of Meeting	06/12/2016
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding

Purpose of the report

To ask the Area Board to:

1. consider 4 applications for community area grant funding listed below
2. note a Councillor Initiative approved by the CEM under delegated authority

Applicant	Amount requested
Applicant: Goatacre Cricket Club Project Title: Goatacre CC Junior Cricket Improvements Project View full application	£1700.00
Applicant: The Open Blue Trust Project Title: Bus conversion View full application	£3898.33
Applicant: Calne Rugby Football Club Project Title: Calne Rugby New Floodlights View full application	£1000.00
Applicant: Cherhill Toddler Group Project Title: Cherhill Toddler Group Resources View full application	£400.00

Councillor Initiative	
Cllr Hill initiative (approved under CEM delegation) To provide an additional round table with power points for the Calne Community Hub and Library.	£380.00

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, 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 Applications will be considered at each area board meeting of the year, while funding remains, there is one remaining meeting in this financial year:

7 February 2017	Deadline for receipt of applications - 10 January 2017
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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 4th October 2016 there was a capital balance of **£36,346.21**.

4.4 Following the delegated decisions noted under this report, the remaining capital balance is **£35,966.21**.

4.5. If all grant applications being considered under this report are approved by Members, the remaining capital balance will be **£29,327.88**.

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
2155	Goatacre Cricket Club	Goatacre CC Junior Cricket Improvements Project	£1700.00
<p>Project Description: Goatacre Cricket Club has made major improvements to its senior ground over the past 5 years to make it one of the best cricket facilities in the county. With 4 adult teams 5 junior including girls and a women's team that has just been formed they want to make improvements to their second ground so that all members have the use of the best facilities possible.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: This application meets community area grant criteria for 2016/17. In addition the project also links to the JSA community priority to support accessible healthy lifestyle and social leisure activities across the community area. Goatacre is a rural club that has been in existence since 1928 and has been a part of the village community throughout that time. It is well run and attended and offers a high standard of coaching for all. For adults and children alike, it offers a chance to make new friends, keep active and learn new skills.</p>			

Calne Area Board previously made an award to Goatacre Cricket Club from its 2014/15 community area grant scheme. This was for the sum of £4,500 towards improving facilities for junior players and women and for the erection of an electronic scoreboard for its main ground.

This new project will provide an electronic scoreboard and a protective bund for its second ground.

This application represents approximately 45% of the total project cost.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

9.2.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
1905	The Open Blue Trust	Bus conversion	£3898.33

Project Description:

Open Blue has been given a new double deck bus, which will be converted in to a mobile community centre for rural North Wiltshire.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

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

In addition the project links to the JSA community priority to support accessible healthy lifestyle and social leisure activities across the community area.

The Open Blue Trust is a registered charity and its old bus was a familiar visitor to Calne in the past. The bus served Calne over many years, hosting targeted community activities for local people of all ages, providing a safe place for young people and an opportunity to chat to experienced staff and volunteers. The bus was used by the children’s centres to provide activities for families and for counselling young parents. Calne parents and older residents benefitted from Open Blues successful 1pot cookery courses cooking healthy family meals for those on a budget and it also provided support at local events (such as the Area Board Community Safety Fair). In other areas it has also hosted carer and toddler groups after school clubs youth drop-ins and residents cafes in communities with no village hall or other facilities.

This is an ambitious project that the Trust is able to pursue as a result of the donation of a new double deck bus, which it aims to convert to enable it to continue and extend its work in the area.

The applicant has spent time discussing future plans with the Community Engagement Manager and Local Youth Facilitator and is keen to tie in elements of

the conversion to local priorities, for example making it accessible and dementia friendly.

The future use of the bus will not be confined to Calne, and as such the trust is applying to Corsham and Malmesbury Area Boards for grants of equal value.

In addition the applicant is in discussion with Chippenham Area Board with regards to a separate phase of the project which will help to equip the bus for specific projects.

This application represents approximately 6% of the total project cost.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

9.3.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2108	Calne Rugby Football Club	Calne Rugby New Floodlights	£1000.00

Project Description:

To purchase reconditioned portable floodlight unit for Calne RFC.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

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

In addition the project links to JSA community priority to support accessible healthy lifestyle and social leisure activities across the community area.

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)

The club has experienced a loss of players during evening practice sessions, which is a risk to its future. The club sees the acquisition of portable floodlights as vital to continue to offer playing opportunities to the community during the winter.

Wiltshire Council Sports Development officers have said that 'A grant will aid the retention of senior players at Calne RFC throughout the season. Often the club sees an increase in participation whilst the club are able to train under sunlight. However, during the winter months as there is limited/inadequate artificial lighting available the clubs see quite a dramatic drop in overall numbers. This is because

players are either choosing to train with larger, alternative rugby clubs who are better equipped to train during the winter or leaving the game. The benefits of the grant for the community are that Calne RFC will have an increased capacity and capability to keep more people regularly active through their club. The advantage of using the grant for portable floodlights ensures limited impact on local residents and will be owned, maintained and stored by Calne RFC'.

This application represents 100% of the total project cost.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

9.4

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2129	Cherhill Toddler Group	Cherhill Toddler Group Play equipment and sensory toys	£400.00

Proposal

This application is from a village toddler group which wants to acquire new sensory toys and play equipment, which are essential to enable children to mix and learn to play with other children in a happy and safe environment.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

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

In addition the project also links to the JSA community priority to support accessible healthy lifestyle and social leisure activities across the community area.

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)

The Cherhill Toddler group has been in existence for a number of years but is now under new management and, with minimal reserves and limited resources the volunteers are looking to provide new toys and equipment to encourage local families to continue to attend the local group, and to ensure that a valuable village resource is not lost to the community.

This application represents 100% of the total project cost.

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

Councillor Initiative	Amount returned
Cllr Hill (approved under CEM delegated authority) To provide an additional round table with power points for the Calne Community Hub and Library.	£380.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Following its meeting on 4th October 2016, Councillors identified the value of providing an additional table with power points in the Community Hub and library for use by the increasing number of local people who are using the venue as a place to access wifi through Wiltshire Online on their personal laptops.• It will also provide additional round table seating in the venue to enable better facilitation and delivery of future public meetings including Joint Strategic Assessment events and Area Board meetings.• This initiative links to all of the current area board priorities, but specifically towards building a positive reputation for Calne Community Area to attract more visitors to venues.• Under new Community Engagement Manager delegation arrangements agreed by Calne Area Board on 4th October 2016 'In order to expedite the work of the Area Board and to deal with urgent matters that may arise between meetings, the Community Engagement Manager, in consultation with the Chairman (or in their absence, the Vice-Chairman) of the Area Board, may authorise expenditure to support community projects from the delegated community grants budget of up to £5,000 in total, youth projects of up to £5,000 in total, and health and wellbeing projects of up to £1,000 in total, between meetings of the Area Board'.• The Community Engagement Manager has consulted the Chair of Calne Area Board and informed the Cabinet Member for Communities, Campuses, Area Boards and Broadband.	
Proposal That the Area Board notes this delegated spend of £380.00	

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

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