

CALNE AREA BOARD

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

Present:

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

14 Chairman's Welcome and Introductions

The Chairman welcomed everyone to Extraordinary Grants Meeting of Calne Area Board which was open to the public.

15 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies.

16 Minutes

RESOLVED:

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7 February 2017 were signed as a true and accurate record.

17 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations.

18 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman drew attention to the close of the Hills Waste appeal and asked other members to join her in thanking Alan Hill for his commitment of time, and effort, in fighting the appeal on their behalf. Members were pleased to agree.

19 Area Board Funding

Consideration was given to the 2 applications made to the Community Area Grants Scheme.

Calne Our Place Project- Signage scheme to promote the area as the centre of the A4 Tourist Route and Great West Way: £5000

The application was introduced as a project to provide 4 Boundary Signs for Calne, with brighter illuminated more attractive informative signs with logos town crests and two slip signs with posts, which offer greater appeal to visitors tourists and residents. It was explained that 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.

The Board were informed that the wider “A4 historic route” project was receiving interest from neighbouring areas, as well as nationally. The Calne Our Place Project was concerned that despite initiating this project, they might lose their identity within the wider project.

The Board considered this application a worthwhile project, noting the potential benefit to the Tourism industry in Calne. Members discussed the need to provide funds quickly, to ensure that Calne did not lose leadership of the project. It was explained that funds were also being sought from The European Social Fund and it was important to obtain funds prior to the looming “Brexit”.

Cllr Alan Hill gave his unqualified support to the project and suggested that they award the funds, without any conditions attached. This was seconded by Cllr Glenis Ansell.

RESOLVED:

The Board agreed to award the funds unanimously.

The Mill Race- Gardening Project, providing a shed and associated gardening equipment: £1000

It was explained that 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 a scheme to promote healthy eating, by growing and cooking different foods. The funds were being sought for a shed to 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.

Members noted that the project was inline with Wiltshire Council’s Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Cllr Christine Crisp moved the motion to award the funds, which was seconded by Cllr Alan Hill.

RESOLVED:

The Board agreed to award the funds unanimously.

20 **Urgent items**

There were no urgent items.

21 **Close**

The next Area Board meeting would be held after the Local Government Elections in May 2017 at a date, time and location to be confirmed.

(Duration of meeting: 4.00 - 5.15 pm)

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