

Report to	Calne Area Board
Date of Meeting	19/09/2017
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding

Purpose of the report:

1. To note revision to 2 previous applications)

Applicant	Amount awarded
Applicant: Calne Town Football Club Project Title: Calne Town FC Floodlights and Ground Improvements View full application	£5,000.00 (#1937 awarded 31/05/2016)
Applicant: Calne Community Day Centre Project Title: Dishwasher View full application	£1,295.00 (#2261 awarded 07/02/2017)

2. To consider 4 applications for funding listed below

Applicant	Amount requested
Applicant: 1st Calne Guides Project Title: Calne Guides Camping Equipment View full application	£2009.98
Applicant: Wiltshire Citizens Advice Project Title: Flexible Citizens Advice Service View full application	£978.00
Applicant: Calne Community Area Fairtrade Group Project Title: Project supporting Calne Campaign to become Fairtrade Community View full application	£880.69
Applicant: Calne Town FC Project Title: Calne Town FC ground improvements View full application	£5000.00

3. To note 1 application awarded under delegated authority.

Applicant	Amount awarded under delegated authority:
Applicant: Calne Men's Shed Project Title: Connection of electricity View full application	£655.00

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 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

Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure.

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. Application for revision

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Awarded
1937	Calne Town Football Club	Floodlights and Ground Improvements	£5,000.00

Project Description:

Calne Town FC was awarded a community area grant for £5,000 on 31st May 2016 – This was a contribution towards a major project of works that was costed at that time to total £69,000 and planned to cover the following aspects:

New changing room roof
New fence
Removal of Asbestos
Reinstate rear of the stand
New changing room flooring
New floodlights including columns

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

Unfortunately this project experienced a shortfall in additional funding and the total amount raised was £47,800 (as outlined below). At that time the club decided to amend its project plan to a phased approach, with phase 1 focussing solely upon the installation of floodlights which was urgently needed in order to meet league requirements.

INFORMATION RELATING TO FUNDS RECEIVED FOR THE 2016/17 FLOODLIGHTING PROJECT ONLY		
Funding achieved to cover the costs of the Floodlighting Project only.	Calne Area Board	£5,000
	National Football Centre	£10,00.00
	The Football Foundation	£32,100.00
	Calne Town FC	£700.00
TOTAL INCOME FOR FLOODLIGHT PROJECT >>>>		£47,800.00

The other works, which were still urgently needed would form part of a 2nd project, which would involve additional fundraising.

Unfortunately, at that time, the Football Club did not understand the need to inform the Area Board of this change to the plan, which has only recently come to light as the Club completed the installation of floodlights, completed its evaluation of the area board grant and began its fundraising campaign for the 2nd project.

As the amended project continues to meet Community Area Grant Criteria and has still managed to draw down £42,800 of external funding, Members are asked to support in retrospect the amendments to this project and to approve the use of the original Community Area Grant.

Proposal

That the Area Board notes the revision of this application to include the provision of floodlighting only.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Awarded
2261	Calne Community Day Centre	Dishwasher	£1,295.00

Proposal

That the Area Board notes the revision of this application to include the provision of additional equipment.

Project Description:

Provision of a new dishwasher for the Calne Community Day Centre – this project was originally awarded a community grant of £1,295 on 7th Feb 2017.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

The applicant has provided information that final costings involved in this project were slightly different from the original plan as a result of a reduction in the cost of the dishwasher and that they wish to add the provision of additional kitchen equipment to the project.

This project still meets Community Area Grant Criteria and still achieves 50% match funding.

Suggested Change to plan			
Expenditure		Income	
Purchase of dishwasher	2113.66	Calne Area Board	1295.00
Installation	255.00	Calne Charities Trust	997.00
Additional equipment	298.00	Calne Lions	300.00
		Voluntary labour (in kind contribution aligned to Heritage Lottery Fund guidance)	75.00
TOTAL:	2666.66		2667.00

Proposal

That the Area Board notes the revision of this project plan to include the provision of additional equipment.

10. Applications for consideration

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2492	1st Calne Guides	Calne Guides Camping Equipment	£2009.98
<p>Project Description: This project will provide 4x hard wearing 10man tents and one kitchen tent for the Calne 1st and 3rd Guide units and will enable them to provide residential guide camps.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager:</p> <p>1st and 3rd Calne Guides run weekly sessions for girls aged 10-14 doing a variety of activities to challenge them and to help them grow as individuals.</p> <p>Members of 1st and 3rd Calne Guides will be able to use these tents every year to go away and take part in Guide camps that will provide them with unique opportunities and experiences to help them develop independence and relevant life skills, empowering them to become confident young women.</p> <p>The tents will also be used in unit meetings as part of camp skills and training.</p> <p>The Girlguiding association has a suite of policies, procedures and codes of conduct in place to ensure that their activities and interactions are conducted in a safe and inclusive environment.</p> <p>While boys are not involved in Girlguiding, it is understood that this would not be seen as discrimination, because providing a girl-only space is an important way in which the organisation operates to achieve its aims of enabling girls and young women to develop their potential.</p> <p>While this is not an application to the Local Youth Network, the Community Engagement Manager has liaised with the Chair and Vice Chairs of the group who have no comments to add for consideration.</p> <p>This application can be seen to address the JSA and Community priorities to develop training and skills and to encourage active, healthy lifestyles.</p> <p>The amount requested represents 50% of the total project cost.</p>			
<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2493	Wiltshire Citizens Advice	Laptops dedicated for Calne Citizens Advice Service	£978.00
<p>Project Description: To provide 3x lightweight easily portable laptops to enable Citizens Advice volunteers to provide more flexible dedicated support to the Calne Community at the Community Hub and Library.</p>			

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

Citizens Advice is an organisation that works to support local people in resolving issues that they are unable to resolve on their own.

Issues cover a wide range of matters from debt, benefits and housing advice to consumer, discrimination and relationship issues.

Residents of Calne can drop in to the Community Hub for advice and speak with an adviser face-to-face every Monday, they will receive the time necessary to resolve the issue either immediately or over a series of appointments for more complex issues.

The organisation suggests that research shows their help assists people to feel better off, less stressed, healthier and more able to manage difficult situations and that people who make use of the service are often the most disadvantaged in the community.

Calne's Citizens Advice service moved into the Community Hub and Library earlier this year to make its services more accessible to the community. The move required Advisers to operate without dedicated office space and to deliver advice wherever space is available. They need laptops rather than fixed base computers to provide this flexibility. Existing laptops have passed their asset value life and are no longer fit for purpose.

Volunteers from Citizens Advice estimate that they will provide an effective service for up to 650 people in Calne this year and believe that the new laptops will enhance this offer.

This application can be seen to link to JSA and Community priorities to support mental and emotional health.

The amount requested represents 100% of the total project cost.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2495	Calne Community Area Fairtrade Group	Project supporting Calne Campaign to become Fairtrade Community	£880.69

Project Description:

Display equipment including A frames, screens and banners for use in the revived campaign to achieve Fairtrade Foundation Community status for the Calne Community Area.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

This project will assist the Calne Fairtrade group to launch a new promotion and development campaign in the Community Area as part of their drive towards achieving Fairtrade Community status.

The group suggests that this will benefit the community in the following ways:

1. Calne Town – The group is working with Our Place to optimise the synergy between the two activities trying to raise the status and profile of the town with the aim of increasing footfall of the community and tourists.

2. Calne Parishes - similar aims as for the town although smaller in scale and eventually with Fairtrade Community signage seen at town and Parish levels.

3. An increase of the community's awareness of Fairtrade and of the lives, cultures and experiences of people from beyond their own familiar boundaries promoting notions of social cohesion and inclusion globally and locally.

The group has received formal support from the Town Council and Calne Area Board.

The applicant attended an Area Board meeting in June 2017 to provide an over view of the revival of this project and group it was noted that 'Members of the Area Board gave their support to the project and Cllr Tom Rounds, in particular gave his approval, stating that in addition to the economic and tourist benefits, there was a moral incentive to become a Fairtrade town'.

This application can be seen to link to JSA and Community priorities to create business opportunities and to promote diversity and inclusion.

The amount requested represents 100% of the total project cost.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2503	Calne Town FC	Calne Town FC ground improvements	£5000.00

Project Description:

Following the successful completion of Phase 1 of its ground improvements with the installation of floodlighting last year Calne Town Football Club is now raising funds for a 2nd project.

This will provide physical improvements to facilities in the following ways:

1. Providing a new roof to its clubhouse along with new guttering and fascia.
2. The removal of asbestos from the rear of the stadium.
3. The erection of a new wooden fence.
4. Signage will be renewed.
5. Improvements to the perimeter pathway in line with the Step 6 review inspection report.
6. Replacement of flooring in the away changing rooms in line with league requirements.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

Calne Area Board supported the Football Club to achieve its first phase of ground improvements with a grant for £5,000. Further information about that project is detailed in section 9 of this report.

This application will bring the ground up to an acceptable standard for the league that the club is currently playing in:

The existing roof leaks into the club house utility room over the electrical distribution cabinet and in recent years during and following significant rain storms games have had to be called off for safety reasons. The roof has been regularly maintained but has passed its asset life and in spite having been patched several times in the past, now requires a full replacement.

The location of asbestos within the ground is of particular concern as its location is adjacent to a public children's play area

The replacement of the old wire fencing will not only improve the appearance of the ground but will also help to improve security, which has been a problem in recent years.

Club members and volunteers have stated their intention to supply their labour to implement some of this work.

The club was asked to provide information about how it encourages players to maintain good standards of behaviour and fair play in its role as an example to young aspiring players and as ambassadors of the Calne Community Area visiting and being visited by other clubs from across the West of England. The management has provided assurance that it wants to encourage a family atmosphere at home matches, for the ground to be a welcoming place where families come to enjoy football together, they want to encourage more young people to get involved in the sport for their health and wellbeing and also to support their local club and feel proud of the place they live. The club would like to be a good ambassador for the town and the community as the team tours the West of England playing against other clubs and meeting their players and supporters, but also when other clubs and their supporters visit Calne.

They recognise there are sometimes challenges in how players set an example to the community when playing football and the committee has an action plan in place;

1. They intend to roll out the FA Respect campaign, which has previously taken place with the management team, but is about to be rolled out across the team, emphasising that;
 - a. It is not acceptable to offer dissent to referees
 - b. Bad and Foul Language to the opposition or to your own players is also unacceptable
 - c. The captain should take ownership of the teams behaviour
2. The Club is focusing on regular offenders and working with them to acknowledge their behaviour and their environment
3. A Respect poster campaign is underway in and around the club house as a visual reminder of the expectation that is associated with representing Calne Town FC
4. All players (Adults and U18s) are expected to sign up to the Respect Code of Conduct guidance from the FA.

They believe that having a well maintained, safe and secure ground will help to promote a more welcoming, nurturing and professional approach to playing and watching football in Calne.

Sports Development officers have commented upon the positive approach with which Calne Town FC views potential issues and are particularly pleased to note the incorporation of a player's code of conduct and the roll out of the Respect campaign as suitable tools and a proactive approach to ensuring issues do not arise.

This application can be seen to link to JSA and Community priorities to encourage active and healthy lifestyles and to promote diversity and inclusion.

The amount requested represents 17% of the total project cost.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

11. Application awarded under delegated authority.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2470	Calne Men's Shed	Connection of electricity	£655.00
<p>Project Description: The Calne Men's Shed is a new community group in Calne providing older men (but not exclusively older men) from across the Community Area a place to go and opportunities to make new friendships over a workbench and a cup of tea. The group has been lucky to identify premises in Calne and this application was made to connect an electricity supply to the building.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: The Calne Men's shed is an enthusiastic and dynamic group, which has grown from 10 members to almost 30 in under 6 months.</p> <p>The Shed is also linking with the repair academy to provide opportunities for joined up work/mentoring of young people who are engaging in that project.</p> <p>This project has been recognised as an important activity and social opportunity for the Community of Calne and it can be seen to address all 5 of the major JSA and Community priorities to some degree.</p> <p>The application represented 100% of the total amount requested.</p> <p>The Community Engagement Manager consulted with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Area Board; the Older People's/Carers Champion and with Cllr John Thomson (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Communities, Campuses, Area Boards and Broadband) who were all in support of the application.</p> <p>The application was awarded under delegated authority by the Community Engagement Manager on 19th July 2017.</p> <p>The reason for delegation was that, having narrowly missed the previous area board, which was held on the 6th June and due to the August break in Area Board meetings, the applicant would have had to wait until mid-September to be heard by the Area Board.</p> <p>A delay in installing an electricity supply would prevent the group from starting any of the work projects they were already planning and may have resulted in them losing some of their dynamism.</p>			
<p>Proposal That the Area Board notes this award under delegated authority.</p>			

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

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