

Report to	Calne Area Board
Date of Meeting	09/03/2021
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding

Purpose of the report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below.

Applicant	Amount requested
Applicant: Calne Town Council Project Title: Beversbrook Storage Shed Extension View full application	£4,218
Applicant: Wiltshire and Swindon Users Network Project Title: Calne Walking Buddy Scheme View full application	£1,000
Applicant: Goatacre Cricket Club Project Title: Goatacre CC Practice Net Facility View full application	£3,000
Applicant: Calne Town Council Project Title: Replacement benches - Newbury Avenue open space View full application	£195
Applicant: Calne Town Council Project Title: Calne Town Defibrillator Project View full application	£3,500
Applicant: Calne Older Person/Carers Champion, Calne Health and Wellbeing Project Title: Reconnecting Meetings for Older Vulnerable Calne Residents View full application	£2,000
Applicant: Calne Wordfest Project Title: Young Peoples Digital Creative Project View full application	£1,920

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 2020/2021 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:

The community grants capital budget currently has **£33,704** uncommitted in 2020/21 and a total of **£12,833** in requests for funding.

The health and wellbeing revenue budget currently has **£4,184** uncommitted in 2020/21 and a total of **£3,500** in requests for funding.

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

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
4148	Calne Town Council	Beverbrook Storage Shed Extension	£4,218
<p>Project Description: The existing storage shed was constructed in 2012 and primarily used for housing all the machinery and equipment for grass pitch maintenance at Beverbrook. The new extension will be added to the existing side of the shed. The current shed has reached full capacity with the expansion of pitch maintenance equipment over the past years. Some machinery is unable to fit in the existing shed and is left outside in the secured compound. This adds to wear and tear and will decrease the lifespan of the machinery that has been invested in. A full risk assessment has been completed within the shed and some hazards have been eliminated. There is a likelihood of an accident or incident due to the storage capacity of the shed.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: Match funding comes from Town Council reserves. Grants are also being sought from the Football Foundation and Hill Trust LTD to replace the maintenance tractor and the ride-on mower which are both used in the maintenance and upkeep for Beverbrook.</p>			
<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
4149	Wiltshire and Swindon Users Network	Calne Walking Buddy Scheme	£1,000
<p>Project Description: To provide a walking buddy companion for people with long term conditions mental health experiences and older people.</p> <p>The applicant will work on a 1 to 1 basis with people who have long term conditions, mental health experiences and or are older people. The buddies role is to provide reassurance and to encourage and accompany people on a local walk on a regular basis, increasing their physical activity and reducing isolation. This will lead to both increased physical and mental wellbeing. The user group may be understandably anxious about getting out and about due to the pandemic and often their physical and mental wellbeing has deteriorated during lockdown. The applicant will provide them with an opportunity to walk and talk, as this has proved to be a successful model in helping to decrease anxiety as well enabling us to chat about concerns or issues they may have. We can then either support them further or signpost to other services who can help.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: This is an application to the health and wellbeing budget. Match funding is not required.</p>			

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Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
4139	Goatacre Cricket Club	Goatacre CC Practice Net Facility	£3,000

Project Description:

Because of the small size of our original ground we have never been able to provide adequate practice facilities for our 4 adult and 4 junior teams. By this we mean a full size fully enclosed practice area 33m x 8m that enables players of all abilities to have the best possible practice area. Thanks to the generosity of the Iles family we have been offered an area on our second ground to site this facility. This will give all players the chance to improve and help us attract new members. We believe that although the last year has been so difficult there is an opportunity for sport to play a major role in bringing the country back to life.

This project will offer top class practice facilities in line with most other clubs of our size and standard. We wish this to benefit current members currently totalling 140 and aim to attract 20 more members over the next five years as we believe we have a unique opportunity provided by the situation over the past 12 months. The facility will be offered free of charge for use by local schools with the aim of encouraging as many youngsters as possible to take up the sport. We have players of all abilities from County players to social players all will certainly benefit from this. We attract members from many local villages and towns and do not have the benefit of a council run facility as those clubs in larger towns have hence the need for grant funding. One part of our club that is weak is the lack of lady members we have been trying to attract enough interest to form a ladies team. We have around 6 ladies so far hopefully this facility and the resulting publicity can help attract more.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

This £ 37,000 project has attracted over £25,000 from the Landfill Community Fund and the club itself is contributing £ 4,800 from reserves.

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Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
4130	Calne Town Council	Replacement benches - Newbury Avenue open space	£195

Project Description:

To replace two benches on Wiltshire Council owned and maintained public open space at Newbury Avenue.

During lockdown more people are walking around this area and often through Newbury Avenue to the park area behind the Beversbrook shopping and medical centre area. It is also a pleasant short cut-though for some shopping from the

Lansdowne area. As the population in this area is growing older an improvement in the seating in these areas would be greatly appreciated. Residents enjoy a walk but also love to stop for a breather and a chat. Social distancing prevents too much socialisation at present, but the provision of replacement benches will improve this area and make them more welcoming to residents and visitors when they go out for a daily walk. The land is in the ownership of Wiltshire Council. A licence has been approved.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

The Town Council is contributing £650 towards the costs.

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Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
4175	Calne Town Council	Calne Town Defibrillator Project	£3,500

Project Description:

To provide 5 defibrillators within the Calne Town boundary as Phase 1 of the wider project: 1 replacement unit and 4 new units. South West Ambulance Service Trust suggest the current deployment distance for a community defibrillator is 200 metres, so ideally there would be a defibrillator available every 400 metres in every direction. This project will aim provide one in each town ward.

A defibrillator is for anyone suffering from a cardiac arrest. Calne currently only has one that is accessible 24 hrs a day therefore to have more would be very beneficial to the community. There is a small community responder team in Calne, currently with six members although two are currently stood down due to the pandemic. However as this is a voluntary group, they cannot guarantee the cover they provide. Ideally there would be many accessible defibrillators in one community supported by a community first responder group. A cardiac arrest is clearly a time critical incident and the arrival of a community defibrillator or a community responder before the arrival of the ambulance service would give a patient the greatest chance of survival. An automated external defibrillator AED is designed to be used by someone with little or no training and therefore is suitable for use in the community setting. It gives clear instructions to the user and will not deliver a shock to a patient unless it is needed. You cannot make the defibrillator deliver a shock unless it is attached to someone who requires a shock, so they are very safe to use. Whilst no training is needed the biggest barrier is fear of using it so SWAST always encourage that training is offered to the community. As mentioned no formal training is required but when this is completed it gives the user confidence which may result in a quicker and therefore more effective response. A community briefing took place at the end of January 2021 and there was overwhelming support for provision of defib units to all areas of Calne.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

The project will be match funded by the Town Council.

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Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
4157	Calne Older Person/Carers Champion, Calne Health and Wellbeing	Reconnecting Meetings for Older Vulnerable Calne Residents	£2,000

Project Description:

For Calne residents to meet in a safe environment where they can socialise and be supported to help reduce their feelings of isolation and loneliness and improve their wellbeing, as many people feel anxious about venturing out after these long periods of lockdown.

This project is for the Older Vulnerable Residents of Calne to reduce their social isolation and loneliness, support their health and wellbeing and to offer companionship and a listening ear.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

Match funding has been provided by subsidised hall hire and volunteer in-kind contributions.

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Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
4173	Calne Wordfest	Young Peoples Digital Creative Project	£1,920

Project Description:

We are supporting a small group of young people which we wish to expand to create a digital community engagement project aimed at 16 – 25-year olds. They want to create an Alternative Reality Game (ARG) based podcast which allows for community interaction. We will increase the core groups skills, both digital and soft skills, giving them opportunities for leadership, creativity and growing technical expertise as well as creating a project aimed at the young people of Calne as an audience platforming the voices of local youth.

The core group of young people who create the project will benefit from extended skills in leadership, technological and digital knowledge, creative skills, reduced isolation due to Covid, improved health and well-being, confidence and work-related skills. The extended group audience for the podcast, which is young people aged 16 - 25 in the Calne and surrounding area, will also benefit from a space to interact, reducing their isolation, improving their mental health and giving them a sense of community and pride in Calne. The core group will have regular interaction and training from the Wordfest team and wider sourced experts. They will be mentored in project management inter-personal skills and community

engagement as well as benefitting from expert advice and training. This will be valuable to their personal development, giving them both job and life skills for their futures. We are working with Kingsbury Green Academy careers team to ensure that this project is of benefit to as many young people as possible across the community. The wider audience of young people will benefit from having a community focused podcast which will provide entertainment and a sense of community pride. Calne will benefit from having a young people's cultural project which is open to all and engage with a diverse cross section of the community. This project will use the virtual world to help with community recovery from the Covid 19 crisis by successfully engaging with young people who do not otherwise engage with traditional in-person clubs and sporting activities and or are unable to in the present situation. This project will work to appeal to a culturally diverse audience both when recruiting for the core group of young people and also in relation to the target audience of the podcast and ARG.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

This funding contribution is towards the capital costs of the project only. It is match funded by cash from the applicant's reserves as well as in-kind support.

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

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