

Report to	Calne Area Board
Date of Meeting	10th February 2015
Title of Report	Area Board Funding

Purpose of Report

1. To ask councillors to consider the following applications seeking funding from the Calne Area Board:

Applications	Grant Amount
Applicant: Calne Culture and Tourism Steering Group Project Title: Our Place Heritage Quarter Delineation	£1155.00
Applicant: Castlefields canal and river park (CARP). Calne Project Title: Castlefields Park Tree Project	£925.00
Applicant: Tommy Croker Memorial Playing Field Project Title: Tommy Croker MPF new play unit 2-5 year olds	£4164.00
Applicant: Cherhill New Village Hall Steering Group Project Title: Cherhill New Village Hall	£5000.00
Applicant: Calne Woodlands Social Club Project Title: Woodlands disabled facilities project	£3875.00
Applicant: Goatacre Cricket Club Project Title: Goatacre CC Scoreboard & Shower Project	£4500.00
Total grant amount requested at this meeting	£19619.00

2. To ask councillors to consider 3 Councillor Initiatives requesting funding from the Calne Area Board:

Councillor Initiatives	Amount
Councillor: Glenis Ansell Initiative Title: Air Quality Management Group – Tree Planting Scheme	£2,000 capital
Councillor: Glenis Ansell Initiative Title: Air Quality Management Group – Bike Rack Scheme	£1,000 capital
Councillor: Christine Crisp Initiative Title: The Calne HACCA, Healthy eating workshop	£250 revenue

3. To ask councillors to note a revenue spend of £350 made under the Community Area Manager delegated decision arrangements in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the area board – With reference to booking the Blue Bus and other promotional and material costs associated with the Area Board Community Safety event to be held on 10th February 2015.

1. Background

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve funding under delegated powers. Under the Scheme of Delegation area boards must adhere to the [area board funding criteria and guidance 2014/15](#).
- 1.2. Key aspects of the 2014/15 criteria include:
 - The decision to support a funding application and to what level will be the decision of the area board, with no officer recommendation.
 - Applications of up to and including £1,000 can be made for a Community Area Grant, which will not require matched funding, however the area board will look more positively on applicants where they are able to contribute some funding towards their project.
 - Amounts of £1,001 - £5,000 will be required to find matched funding.
 - The area board will rarely award more than £5,000.
 - Calne Area Board's Community Area Grants scheme will be for capital projects only.
 - The area board will prioritise funding to projects which address the 3 priorities identified by local people under the JSA 2013 -2015 as top areas for the community and area board attention during the coming year.
 - 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.
- 1.3. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any decision of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria would need to demonstrate that the application in question has a wider community benefit, and give specific reasons why this should justify an exception to the criteria which must be minuted.
- 1.4. In addition to CAGs and digital literacy grants councillors can submit an Area Board/Councillor Led Initiative. This enables area boards to tackle sticky

community issues and/or community identified priorities. Cabinet has emphasised it does not wish these to be used to avoid complying with Community Area Grant criteria or for filling gaps where there are council service shortfalls.

- 1.5. There will only be a single on-line application process for Community Area Grants (CAG) and Digital Literacy grants, introduced to provide an easy step by step application process. [The application process and funding criteria can be found here.](#)
- 1.6. Funding will be considered at every area board and these dates including the [deadline for receipt of applications can be found on the Calne area board webpage.](#)
- 1.7. This is the final funding round of 2014/15. There is currently no information available about a community grant scheme in 2015/16.
- 1.8. Within the capital budget, £1,500 capital is ring-fenced for digital literacy grants of up to £500 each.
- 1.9. Calne Area Board was allocated a budget of £38,536.98 capital funding and £6800.64 revenue in 2014/2015.
- 1.10. Following decisions made in this financial year, the area board current balance is £27,058.98 capital and £250.64 revenue.
- 1.11. If Members approve all applications laid out in this report the remaining balance will be £4,439.98 capital and £0.64 revenue

Background documents used this report	<p>Area Board Community Area Grant Scheme and Digital Literacy Grants – information and funding criteria 2014/15</p> <p>'Impact of Roadside Tree Lines on Indoor Concentrations of Traffic Derived Particulate Matter' - (Lancaster University Nov 2013).</p>
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded by the area board satisfy [2014/15 area board funding criteria](#) and financial regulations of the council and can proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. On 3 June, Calne area board agreed to prioritise three themes from the 2013-15 Joint Strategic Assessment, which had been highlighted at the 'What Matters to You', event held in March. 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

- 3.1. Area Board Grants contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1. Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Calne Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants and initiatives are awarded as outlined in this report, Calne area board will have a capital balance of **£4,439.98** and a revenue balance of **£0.64**.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

6. HR Implications

- 6.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

- 7.1. Community Area Grants and Small 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.
- 7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications will be outlined in section 8, of the funding report.

8. Applications for Consideration

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1.	Our Place Project, Calne Town Council	Our Place Heritage Quarter Delineation (appendix 1)	£1155 capital

- 8.1.1. This application meets the grant criteria 2014/15.
- 8.1.2. The project also addresses one of the 3 main community identified JSA priorities that the area board has resolved to target: To build a positive reputation for Calne Community Area to attract more visitors to venues and events.
- 8.1.3. This project represents an element of the Our Place Project being run by the Calne Culture and Tourism Steering Group. This group is made up of local people with an interest in the economic and social health of the Calne Community Area and is supported mainly by the Town Council and Community Area Partnership. Its main objective is to stimulate economic growth in the community area through a range of tourism-related activities. The group has identified four initial task groups to progress an action plan delivered through a consultation exercise that took place in November 2014. Those groups are 1) Heritage Quarter 2) A4 tourist route 3) The Wiltshire Cure 4) Process Management. It is the activities of Task Group 1 for which this application is being made - to delineate Calne's Heritage Quarter.
- 8.1.4. Delineation and development of the Heritage Quarter is one element of the larger project, it will enable a focus within the town and stronger links with the community area (given historic transit routes etc). It will provide opportunities for some traditional 'tourism' activities such as walking routes and will serve the Heritage Centre well, encouraging increased visitor numbers and potential for inward investment. It will also allow the hosting of an annual Heritage Week.
- 8.1.5. Members will recall that a presentation about the Our Place project was given at the December 2014 area board meeting, which provided an interesting and detailed overview of the wider project.
- 8.1.6. If members are minded to support this application it will provide street signage to denote a unique Calne Heritage Quarter.
- 8.1.7. The application is seeking just under 50% of the total project costs.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2.	Castlefields canal and river park (CARP)	Tree Planting Project	£925.00 capital

- 8.2.1. This application meets the community area grant criteria 2014/15.

- 8.2.2. CARP is a well established charitable association that was formed in 2001 to promote and implement a vision that had evolved through local community consultation about the development of the Castlefields Park.
- 8.2.3. 44 original trees are being removed from the park due to the damage they are causing to the foundations of a wall and in order to repair and renovate the wall.
- 8.2.4. An area board grant will enable CARP to replace 40 of these trees as part of that renovation project.
- 8.2.5. This project helps to address the tree planting theme, which is one of the 5 points that provide a framework to the action plan developed by the Air Quality working group and approved by the Area Board in August 2014.
- 8.2.6. The project also links to a community priority arising from the JSA to address/promote green spaces/trees/wildlife corridors & drainage management issues.
- 8.2.7. If Members decide to make an award to this project, it would represent 50% of the total project costs.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3.	Tommy Croker Memorial Playing Field Committee	New play unit for 2-5 year olds	£4164.00 capital

- 8.3.1. This application meets the community area grant criteria 2014/15
- 8.3.2. The project also links to the JSA community priorities to address childhood obesity and to support accessible healthy lifestyles and social leisure activities across the community area.
- 8.3.3. The Tommy Croker Memorial Playing Field is located on land gifted to Cherhill village in 1953 by the Croker family in memory of their 21-year-old son, Tommy, who died in a motor cycle accident.
- 8.3.4. The Committee aims to provide opportunities for local children to have fun, safe, healthy outdoor play experiences and to value the local environment.
- 8.3.5. In 2011 funding was found to provide equipment designed to provide challenges for older children to test their limits and deal with challenging situations.
- 8.3.6. This project will provide more challenging play equipment designed for younger children (2-5 year olds) Consultations have taken place with the children and parents in the community, including the village school, 30 children in the reception class, pre-school 54 children and the toddler group, 25 children.
- 8.3.7. In addition to the physical benefits expected in helping to develop fit, healthy children, it is hoped that the identified equipment will also enhance development

of decision making skills, teach children to overcome difficulties and create trust, friendship and social skills.

8.3.8. This application represents less than 50% of the total project cost.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4.	Cherhill New Village Hall Steering Group	New Village Hall project	£5000.000 capital

8.4.1. This application meets the community area grant criteria 2014/15

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

8.4.3. The Village Hall Committee has assessed the current village hall as no longer meeting the needs of modern day village life and has formed a steering group to drive forward plans for a new facility.

8.4.4. A local landowner has donated land on the edge of the village to develop a more appropriate and accessible village hall.

8.4.5. The current hall is in poor repair and its layout prevents multiple uses. Frequently local community groups are being turned away or are put off using the hall as a result of the particular problems associated with insufficient parking and no disabled spaces.

8.4.6. Current users include local community groups focussing on older people's issues, youth groups, the WI, exercise groups, community theatre, promoting digital literacy, social events, and local interest groups and community group meetings.

8.4.7. The Committee hopes that, when successfully developed, the new village hall will build on an already thriving community facility, making a wider range of activities available to a greater number of local people.

8.4.8. Members may wish to note that this application forms the first phase of the project which will provide an extensive consultation process with local people, the development of plans and achievement of relevant permissions, surveys etc.

8.4.9. On completion of this phase of the project the Committee will embark upon an even more ambitious phase to identify and draw down funding to build the facility.

8.4.10. This application represents approximately 30% of the cost for phase 1 of the project.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5.	Woodlands Social Club	Provision of disabled facilities	£3875.00 capital

- 8.5.1. This application meets the community area grant criteria 2014/15
- 8.5.2. The project also links to the JSA community priority to support accessible healthy lifestyle and social leisure activities across the community area.
- 8.5.3. Woodlands social club is a community business in Calne, They support a variety of groups in the community, such as the Calne physically handicapped group, Calne veterans group and the Mill Race Activity Club for people with learning difficulties. They currently don't have any disabled toilets and want to address this situation through this project so they can continue and extend their work within the community.
- 8.5.4. With the addition of accessible toilet facilities at the club, the space available would be very useable for a wide range of regular and one off community events and activities.
- 8.5.5. The club has recently decided to host a youth drop in after school and a youth group for young people with special educational needs and disabilities and are liaising with the Local Youth Network to advance these ideas.
- 8.5.6. This application represents approximately 50% of the cost of the project.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.6.	Goatacre Cricket Club	Scoreboard and Shower	£4500.00 capital

- 8.6.1. This application meets the community area grant criteria 2014/15
- 8.6.2. The project also links to the JSA community priority to support accessible healthy lifestyle and social leisure activities across the community area.
- 8.6.3. 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.
- 8.6.4. The main scoreboard is 30 years old, is rotting and in danger of collapse.
- 8.6.5. In addition the junior players showers are in poor condition and insufficient for demand.

- 8.6.6. The club plans to erect a brick score box with electronic data and install new showers that are better enclosed.
- 8.6.7. The club attracts increasing numbers of players from all over the area. The largest recent increase in players has been on the girls/female side with 2 girl's sides and a ladies team from 2015. The new ladies team is especially important as it allows girls to have an aim and focus after junior cricket. The club wants to ensure playing opportunities to the girls once they reach 15. Current membership of the club is now over 140 playing and 150 non playing members and it runs 12 teams for all age groups and genders.
- 8.6.8. This application represents approximately 30% of the cost of the project.

9. Councillor Initiatives for consideration

Ref	Councillor	Proposal	Funding requested
9.1.	Glenis Ansell	Tree Planting Scheme	£2,000 capital

- 9.1.1. This initiative has arisen from the Calne Area Board Air Quality Working Group.
- 9.1.2. The working group was formed in response to the declaration of an Air Quality Management Area in Calne in 2013.
- 9.1.3. The working group has developed an ongoing action plan to engage the local community in becoming involved in addressing air quality issues. The actions are based around a framework of 5 themes that have been approved by the Calne Area Board.
- 9.1.4. Wiltshire Council had been looking at the academic work of Professor Barbara Maher, from Lancaster University, on tree planting and its effects on reducing airborne particulates. The Working group and Area Board felt that tree planting should form one of its 5 themes.
- 9.1.5. This project addresses the 'Tree Planting' theme and will provide at least 20 silver birch trees that will be planted in and around the Air Quality Management Area in Calne.
- 9.1.6. The working group has liaised with the Town Council, representatives of the Community Area Partnership Environment theme group and the Calne in Bloom working group to develop this action and hopes to team up with local people to form planting parties.
- 9.1.7. Prof. Barbara Maher reports the effectiveness of birch tree leaves trapping small particulates in her report: 'Impact of Roadside Tree Lines on Indoor Concentrations of Traffic Derived Particulate Matter' (Lancaster University Nov 2013).

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9.2.	Glenis Ansell	Bike Racks at GP Surgeries	£1,000
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- 9.2.1. This initiative has arisen from the Calne Area Board Air Quality Working Group.
- 9.2.2. The working group was formed in response to the declaration of an Air Quality Management Area in Calne in 2013.
- 9.2.3. The working group has developed an ongoing action plan to engage the local community in becoming involved in addressing air quality issues. The actions are based around a framework of 5 themes that have been approved by the Calne Area Board.
- 9.2.4. This project addresses the 'Encouraging Cycling' theme and will provide 3 new cycle racks that it is hoped will be sited at 3 GP surgeries in Calne.
- 9.2.5. The project links to JSA priorities and to the Air Quality Action Plan.
- 9.2.6. The working group has liaised with GP Practice Managers, the Community Area Partnership Transport theme group and Wiltshire Council Highways Department to develop this action.
- 9.2.7. Calne Area Transport, Highways officers and reps from GP surgeries have suggested that this project is a positive response to both air quality issues and the promotion of healthier lifestyles.
- 9.2.8. The project will promote the reduction of car use across the town and encourage opportunities for local people to lead healthier more active lifestyles and reduce the number of vehicles adding to the local air quality issue.

Ref	Councillor	Proposal	Funding requested
9.3.	Christine Crisp	Calne HACCA cookery workshop	£250 revenue

- 9.3.1. This initiative links to the Area Board priority to recognise and address child poverty and childhood obesity.
- 9.3.2. The Calne HACCA (Healthy Active Children in the Community Area) group is a newly formed community group that aims to carry out projects and actions that will promote and encourage local people to pursue more healthy and active lifestyles for the sake of local children.
- 9.3.3. This group is being led by the Community Partnership Health and Social Care Group as a direct result of the Calne JSA and the Area Board Health Fair in October 2014.
- 9.3.4. The Healthy Eating workshop will be the group's first activity and will bring a chef specialising in healthy eating and education to the town to run free/fun cookery sessions during the Easter holidays.

- 9.3.5. The aim of the workshop is to cultivate ideas of healthy eating as enjoyable, rewarding and accessible to everyone.
- 9.3.6. The workshop will also serve as a launch event for the HACCA group which aims to develop a whole range of ongoing dietary and physical activities that will engage local families in leading more healthy active lifestyles that will inspire future generations.
- 9.3.7. This initiative does not meet criteria for grant applications in 2014/15 scheme as it is a revenue project and so the Board is being asked to provide support from its revenue budget.

10. Funding decision delegated to the Community Area Manager.

- 10.1. Members are asked to note that, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Area Board, £350 has been allocated by the Community Area Manager in order to make arrangements for the Blue Bus to attend the Area Board Community Safety event on 10th February 2015 (£300) and other promotional and material costs (£50) associated with that event.
- 10.2. A decision to delegate funding decisions under £500 to the Community Area Manager, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair was made by the Area Board in 2011. This was made in order to respond quickly to work that the Area Board might wish to progress between scheduled Area Board meetings.

Appendices	<p>Appendix 1 – Grant applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calne Culture and Tourism Steering Group • Castlefields Canal and River Park (CARP) • Tommy Croker Memorial Playing Field • Cherhill New Village Hall Steering Group • Calne Woodlands Social Club • Goatacre Cricket Club <p>Appendix 2 – Councillor Ansell Initiative, Tree Planting Scheme Appendix 3 – Councillor Ansell Initiative, Bike Racks at Surgeries Appendix 4 – Councillor Crisp Initiative, The Calne HACCA group</p>
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report other than those requested in the funding criteria.

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