
Calne Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Calne Area Board. These could include:
 - community area grants
 - youth grants
 - older and vulnerable people grants
 - area board initiatives
2. To document any recommendations provided through sub-groups.

Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Youth Grants	Older and Vulnerable People Grants
Opening Balance For 2023-24	£ 20,871.00	£ 17,843.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 17,485.70	£ 15,180.00	£ 7,699.50
Current Balance	£ 3,385.30	£ 2,663.00	£ 0.50
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 0.30	£ - 2.00	£ 0.50

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1511	Community Area Grant	Calne Men's Shed	Purchase of Oscillating cutting tool and Drill and Impact Driver kit	£500.00	£500.00

Project Summary:

The equipment requested will allow the members of Calne Men's Shed to undertake various projects for the benefit of our members and the local community. Cost of items Oscillating cutting Tool £150 Drill and Impact Driver set £350.

ABG1529	Community Area Grant	Calne Tennis Club	Calne Tennis Club Refurbishment of Courts	£12696.00	£2885.00
<p>Project Summary: The tennis courts managed by Calne Tennis Club and located at Beversbrook Sports and Community Facility were built in 2014 and have been in continuous use, other than during COVID-19 restrictions, since that time. The tarmac playing area of all four courts is showing a great deal of wear and tear, principally from the English weather; the surface paintwork has substantively worn away and there are areas of pitting and cracking, particularly in the outer play areas. The aim of this project is to restore the non-slip playing surface to a safe state sufficient to provide at least another 5-7 years of use. The planned schedule of work includes a deep clean of all four courts, repair of the pits and cracks, application of a stabilising polymer, painting the courts with two coats of coloured, non-slip paint and renewing the playing area lines. This restoration of the court surface is essential to ensure the safety of club members and the public who use the courts all year round. We have several hundred users, many of whom are over 60 years of age (one a sprightly 84) and many juniors aged 6-17 years old and we must ensure that the courts are safe to use - whatever the weather.</p>					
ABG1537	Community Area Grant	Sustainable Calne	Stokes Croft Childrens Play area Tree Planting Project	£1078.75	£539.00
<p>Project Summary: Sustainable Calne, propose the planting of a small number of Standard sized trees in the children's play area of Stokes Croft. The primary purpose is to eventually provide some tree cover to the play area in summer, wildlife habitat, and generally enhance the look and feel of the area throughout the year for the benefit of the residents and children using the play area. The trees would be planted in some of the grassy locations within the play area and which have been researched as to suitability and optimum effect. The Town Council's Amenities, Conservation and Sustainability Manager (Rob Mercer) has been consulted on tree species and selection and has attended meetings to ensure that all aspects of the proposal (e.g. underground services location, planting techniques, Health and Safety, tree aftercare, and necessary permissions, etc.) have been discussed and tested for viability. N.B. This application has already been awarded via delegated authority.</p>					
ABG1532	Youth Grant	Calne Wordfest	Youth Tale Trail Storytelling	£1130.00	£565.00
<p>Project Summary: As part of our Tale Trails app we would like to run 4 sessions with a storyteller practitioner alongside current youth organisations in 4 different settings to produce new content for young people on our Tale Trails app. The current plan is to do some on the street alongside detached workers, during existing sessions with the Rise Trust, in Kingsbury Green Academy and to bring the Blue Bus to Calne for a session. Additional activities and ideas include being part of the Calne Pride event and other town events to hear stories from and be creative with young people. These stories will create a new trail for and by young people on our app.</p>					
ABG1568	Youth Grant	The Open Blue Trust	Open Blue Bus in Calne	£9200.00	£2100.00
<p>Project Summary: The Open Blue will visit Calne Town Centre weekly for at least one hour on a Friday evening providing a place for the young people of Calne to meet up, hang out and have fun. We will provide board games, electronic games and table football as well as toasties, hot chocolate, biscuits and squash. All activities will be free at the point of delivery.</p>					

Background

3. Area Boards have authority to approve funding under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria. This document is available on the council's website.
4. Three funding streams are available to the Area Board, each with an annually awarded amount. These funding streams are as follows:
 - Community Area Grants (capital)
 - Youth Grants (revenue)
 - Older and Vulnerable People Grants (revenue)
5. The Area Board will be advised of the funding available prior to their first meeting of each financial year.

Main Considerations

6. Councillors need to be satisfied that the applications meet the requirements as set out in the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria and that the health and wellbeing and young person's funding guidelines have been adhered to.
7. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.
8. Councillors need to consider any recommendations made by sub groups of the Area Boards.

Safeguarding Implications

9. The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Public Health Implications

10. The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Environmental & Climate Change Implications

11. 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.

Financial Implications

12. Councillors must ensure that the Area Board has sufficient funding available to cover the grants awarded.

Legal Implications

13. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

Workforce Implications

14. There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

Equalities Implications

15. Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.
16. Community Area Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils equal opportunity to receive funding towards community-based projects and schemes where they meet the funding criteria.

Proposals

17. To consider and determine the applications for grant funding.

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