

Report to	Calne Area Board
Date of Meeting	07/03/2017
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding

Purpose of the report

To ask the Area Board to:

1. Consider 2 applications for community area grant funding listed below

Applicant	Amount requested
Applicant: Calne Our Place Project Project Title: Signage scheme to promote the area as the centre of the A4 Tourist Route and Great West Way.	£5,000.00
Applicant: The Mill Race Project Title: Gardening Project – providing a shed and associated gardening equipment.	£1,000.00

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 2016/2017 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 applications meet the Community Area Board grants criteria.

2.4. Calne area board has agreed to prioritise three themes from the Joint Strategic Assessment 2014- 2016/17, which had been highlighted at the 'What Matters to You', event held in 2014. 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.

2.5. At the 'Our Community Matters' Event held in November 2016 new community priorities were identified. These were adopted at the Area Board held on December 6th 2016 and will be referred to below, at 9 - Applications for consideration, where relevant.

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

4.1 Applications have been considered at each area board meeting of the year. This extra meeting of the Calne Area Board has been arranged in order to allow consideration of grant applications that may otherwise experience a detrimental delay if they must wait until the next programmed meeting of the Calne Area Board, which will not take place until June 2017. This is as a result of the introduction of pre-election period arrangements prior to Local Government elections in May 2017.

4.2. In 2016/17 the Calne Area Board has been allocated a budget of **£40,661** capital funding. In addition the Area Board has rolled forward **£15,919** from the 2015/16 financial year. This gives a total capital budget of **£56,580**.

4.3. Following financial decisions made at the last area board meeting held on 7th February 2016 there was a capital balance of **£16,977.88**.

4.5. If all grant applications being considered under this report are approved by Members, the remaining capital balance will be **£10,977.88**.

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

9.1.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
	Calne Our Place Project	A4 Tourist Route and Great West Way signage scheme	£5,000
<p>Project Description: This project will provide 4 Boundary Signs for Calne with brighter illuminated more attractive informative signs with logos town crests two slip signs with posts which offer greater appeal to visitors tourists and residents. 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.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager:</p> <p>This application meets community area grant criteria for 2016/17.</p> <p>It contributes to the Council's business plan outcomes (2013-2017) to boost the local economy – creating and safeguarding jobs.</p> <p>The project also links strongly to the 2014 – 2016/17 Area Board priority 'to build a positive reputation for Calne Community Area, to attract more visitors to venues and events'.</p> <p>In addition it is linked to priorities identified at the Our Community Matters event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and Skills * • New business creation • Employment opportunities <p>* Community priorities specifically championed by the area board.</p> <p>Members will be familiar with the Calne Our Place Project and have supported their work in the past.</p> <p>Local volunteers are involved in several interrelated projects which they are undertaking through the improvement of the local economy, the street scene and built environment and the upskilling of local people in order to increase the positive image of the Community Area and to increase tourism in the area.</p>			

An idea to create a feature out of the A4 running through the community area originated from the Our Place Project and has since been taken up by Visit Wiltshire and interest has been shown by other towns straddling the route and Visit England.

Our Place volunteers have liaised with Wiltshire Council Highways and Planning Officers with regards to moving forward with this project as soon as possible.

This project forms part of a larger Calne Our Place business plan, which includes a number of projects A4 Tourism Heritage Quarter Retail Marketing Social Media Website Development Community Enterprise and Crowd Funding for the next two years. Precise plans and budgets will be put together in the coming months. The proposed budget is currently 50k.

The success of this application would also help the group to demonstrate local support of the larger business plan and will assist the group as it progresses with larger funding programme that includes LEADER Grant Funding, LEP Rural Tourism grants Community Enterprise and Crowd Funding programmes.

An award to this application will represent 50% of the total project cost.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

9.2.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
	The Mill Race	Mill Race Garden project	£1,000.00

Project Description:

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 the centre runs healthy eating cookery sessions, it is intended that produce grown during these sessions will be used by the members and perhaps involve them in trying food they have never tried before. They will also incorporate craft activities into the project by producing items such as mosaic pictures, bird baths or other items to encourage wild life. A shed will 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.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

This application meets community area grant criteria for 2016/17.

The Mill Race is run by Family Action and aims to help people who experience learning difficulties to live an independent life. The team of staff and volunteers get to know the members and the best ways to support them and to encourage their

involvement in the community through activities in and away from the Mill Race. Members have the opportunity of making new friends and trying new skills with support and encouragement from staff, volunteers and each other.

The Calne Area Board has worked in partnership with the Mill Race members in the past particularly on the Area Board project 'Calne Voices', which ran in partnership with Mill Race Members and produced a film and art project that provided an insight into the experience of people from Calne living with learning difficulties. (<http://truevisiontv.com/wiltshire-voices---calne-voices>)

This project meets Calne priorities identified at the Our Community Matters event in November 2016 and adopted by the Area Board:

- Diversity and Social Inclusion*
- Training and Skills*
- Mental health*
- Active and healthy lifestyles
- Participation in arts, crafts and culture

* Community priorities specifically championed by the area board.

It also contributes to the Council's business plan outcomes (2013-2017) to ensure that:

- People in Wiltshire have healthy, active, high quality lives (healthy choices, positive activities)
- Wiltshire has inclusive communities where everyone can achieve their potential (reducing disadvantage and poverty, health inequalities)

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

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