

Report to	Calne Community Area Board
Date of Meeting	6th December 2011
Title of Report	Community Area Grants
Purpose of Report	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">To ask Councillors to consider 1 application seeking 2011/12 Community Area Grant Funding and 1 Area Board Project/Councillor led initiative:<ol style="list-style-type: none">Goatacre Cricket Club - requesting £886 towards the extension of cricket net surfaces.<p>Officers recommend that a grant of £886 is awarded, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.</p>Area Board Project - Calne Voices – requesting £810 towards the provision of a facilitated arts project for people with learning difficulties and autism.<p>Officers recommend that a grant of £810 is awarded.</p>To report that, at its meeting of the 15th November 2011, the Area Board Co-ordinating group used its delegated authority to allocate the sum of £300.00 to the Calne Community Campus Working Group. This was to provide banners promoting the 2nd phase of Calne Campus consultation to the Calne Community Area Parishes.	

1. Background

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Community Services. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance for funding.
- 1.2. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any decision of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria and/or the officer's recommendation would need to demonstrate that the application in question has a wider community benefit, and give specific reasons for why this should justify an exception to the criteria.
- 1.3. The emphasis in the Coalition Government's Localism agenda supports the ethos of volunteering and community involvement. With this in mind Community Area Grants should be encouraged from and awarded to community and voluntary groups.
- 1.4. Area boards will not consider applications from town and parish councils for purposes that relate to their statutory duties or powers that should be funded from the local town/parish precept. However this does not preclude bids from town/parish councils, encouraging community projects that provide new opportunities for local people or those functions that are not the sole responsibility of the town/parish council.
- 1.5. In addition to Community Area Grants, Councillors can submit an Area Board Project which differs from Community Area Grants in that they do not require match funding. Area Board Projects should not be used to avoid complying with Community Area Grant criteria.
- 1.6. Area Board Projects are designed to enable the Area Board to address community issues or projects identified in the Community Plan/Local Agreement for Wiltshire. An application form is used and quotes for project work have to be provided in a similar manner to the Community Area Grant Scheme.
- 1.7. Officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, although the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on the Area Board.
- 1.8. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.9. All applicants are encouraged to contact Charities Information Bureau who is working on behalf of Wiltshire Council to support community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils to seek funding for community projects and schemes both from the Area Board and other local and national funding sources.
- 1.10. Paper copies of funding applications will no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce volume of paper used. However, the

application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council web site and hard copies available upon request.

- 1.11. The 2011/2012 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.
- 1.12. One application to this round has been withdrawn as it did not all of the relevant information was included and it could not be assessed against criteria.

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2011/12• Calne Community Area Plan – 2004-14 (incl. 2006/2010 update)• Local Agreement for Wiltshire• Area Board Grants Guidance 2011/12
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2011/12 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. The funding contained within this report forms the 5th round of funding during 2011/12.
- 2.3. The final round will be considered as follows:
 - 14th February 2012 (deadline for applications – 3rd January 2012)

3. Environmental & Community Implications

Community Area Grants will 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 Community Area Board.
- 4.2. Following the last grants awarded Calne Area Board meeting on the 18th October 2011 the balance of funding remaining was £28,907.83.

- 4.3. In accordance with decision making authority delegated to the Area Board, at the ABC meeting on 15th November 2011 Councillor Alan Hill proposed and it was agreed that the sum of £300.00, should be allocated to the Calne Community Area Campus working group in order to provide 6 banners promoting the 2nd round of community consultation concerning the proposed Campus, specifically in the Villages.
- 4.4. The total budget available to the Area Board for this round of community area grants is therefore £28,607.83
- 4.5. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, the Calne Community Area Board will have a balance of £26,911.83.

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 give all local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.
- 7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within section 8 – “Officer Recommendations”.

8. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	Goatacre Cricket Club	Net Extension	£886

- 8.1.1. **It is recommended that Goatacre Cricket Club is awarded a grant of £886 towards a project that will extend net surfaces to make them longer and safer.**
- 8.1.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2011/12 grants criteria.

- 8.1.3. There is a specific link with the Calne Community Area Plan through enabling leisure recreation in the villages and also activities for young people in villages.
- 8.1.4. A previous grant application from the cricket club was awarded in August 2009. This was for £855 and provided new and replacement tools and equipment for the club.
- 8.1.5. The Cricket Club has a long history and a record of serving people from a wide variety of social groupings (age/gender/ability/ethnicity).
- 8.1.6. The club is known to actively establish links with local schools and is attracts increasing numbers of boys and girls to the club and to the benefits of engaging in sporting activities.
- 8.1.7. The application also links to Local Agreement for Wiltshire priorities through encouraging lifestyle changes that will have a positive impact on the health of participants and their families, improving adult participation and young people's participation in positive activities.
- 8.1.8. A decision not to fund this application will result in a delay while the organisation seeks other funding sources.

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8.2	Area Board Project	A facilitated arts project for people with learning difficulties and autism.	£810

- 8.2.1 **It is recommended that £810 is allocated to the provision of a Calne Voices arts project for people with learning difficulties and autism.**
- 8.2.2 The project addresses issues in the Calne Community Area Plan encouraging a sense of community cohesion, pride and well being.
- 8.2.3 The project also addresses targets for the Local Agreement for Wiltshire through:
 - a) Helping local communities develop their own priorities and improvements.
 - b) Improving the way Wiltshire organisations work together to plan and deliver services in local communities.
 - c) Creating stronger, more inclusive communities.
 - d) Supporting people to have independent and fulfilling lives as part of their local community.
- 8.2.4 This project forms an output of the Calne Voices project which the area board has been involved in developing from its inception and has been designed in partnership with local people with learning difficulties and autism and with people who support them.

- 8.2.5 Wiltshire Councils Arts Development Officer has provided advice and support surrounding the design of the project and also in identifying suitable potential facilitators.
- 8.2.6 Calne Voices has been working with people with autism and learning difficulties and organisations and agencies who provide support to these people since July 2011. In October a major stakeholders event took place at Marden House, Calne bringing together many service providers and users to identify issues.
- 8.2.7 This area board project will help the group to draw out more detail by creating a focus for people with learning difficulties and autism that will be more appropriate for their needs. It will also produce a resource that will enable people with learning difficulties and autism to voice and promote their issues to the wider community through artworks that will be shared with schools, libraries and other local groups and venues.
- 8.2.8 If the area board chooses not to allocate funding, this project will not take place.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Grant application – Goatacre Cricket Club Appendix 2 Area Board Project – Calne Voices art project
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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