

Report to	Calne Community Area Board
Date of Meeting	27th April 2010
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 4 applications seeking 2010/11 Community Area Grant Funding

1. **Calne Community Day Centre**, requesting £685 to provide equipment that will stimulate physical activity and social interaction and sport for people aged over 60 through developing opportunities to play new age curling.

Officers recommend that a grant of £685 is awarded.

2. **Calne Community Church**, requesting £995 towards a 'Children's Village Project' as a part of the Calne Summer Festival.

Officers recommend that a grant of £995 is awarded

3. **Summer Fun in Calne Play scheme**, requesting £1070 towards providing a 4 week programme of inclusive activities for young people and children during the summer holidays

Officers recommend that a grant of £1070 is awarded, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

4. **Calne Partnership of Churches**, requesting £2,000 towards providing weekly drop in activity sessions for young people delivered through the 'Open Blue Bus' in the town centre.

Officers recommend that a grant of £2,000 is awarded, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

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 (27 February 2010). 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 recommendation of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria would need the approval of the Leader, the appropriate Cabinet Member or the Cabinet.
- 1.3. In accordance with the Area Board Grants Guidance officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, however, the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on this Area Board.
- 1.4. One applicant was not able to confirm permission to run their project and has withdrawn their application; this group hopes to reapply at a future date. Another application did not meet the funding criteria and had not secured match funding, this group was advised to consider reapplying to the Area Board with alternative schemes and to contact The Charities Information Bureau (CIB) for advice on other streams of funding that would enable match funding. CIB work 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.
- 1.5. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.6. The Calne Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £42,852 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget is £232 (accrued through recouped VAT payments). This leaves a total budget of £43,084 for the 2010/2011 budget. (see appendix 1 for further details)
- 1.7. A decision has been made in 2010/2011 that 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.
- 1.8. The 2010/2011 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.

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 20010/11• Calne Community Area Plan – 2004-14 (and 2006 update)• Kent Sports Development Unit – www.kentsport.org/pdfs/new_age_kurling_factsheet.pdf• Indices of Deprivation 2000 – Child Poverty
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2010/11 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. There will be 6 rounds of funding during 2010/11. The first is contained in this report the remaining will take place on;
 - 29th June 2010 – (deadline for applications: 25th May 2010)
 - 24th August 2010 – (deadline for applications: 19th July 2010)
 - 26th October 2010 – (deadline for applications: 20th September 2010)
 - 7th December 2010 – (deadline for applications: 1st November 2010)
 - 8th February 2011 – (deadline for applications: 3rd January 2011)

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. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, the Calne Community Area Board will have a balance of £38,334.

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
8.1 006	Calne Community Day Centre	Providing equipment that will stimulate social interaction and physical activity through developing opportunities for people over 60 to play new age curling.	£685

- 8.1.1. It is recommended that Calne Community Day Centre is awarded a grant of £685 to provide equipment that will encourage social interaction and physical activity amongst people aged over 60.**
- 8.1.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets grant criteria for 2010/11
- 8.1.3. Significant issues around the lives and opportunities of older people in the community are emerging as issues in the review of the Community Area Plan. The Community Area Partnership has recently appointed an 'older people's champion' in response to these issues.
- 8.1.4. Calne Community Day Centre aims to provide/assist in providing facilities for people aged 60 or over from the Calne Community Area who have specific needs as a result of age or infirmity.
- 8.1.5. The applicant aims to provide opportunities for members of the day centre to become more socially interactive and active within the centre and with members of other day centres through engaging in New Age Curling, an indoor form of the original curling game, which is gaining in popularity internationally. It is now played in 47 countries and could potentially become a Paralympic sport in 2012.
- 8.1.6. An award to this group will enable it to acquire all of the specific equipment that is necessary to play this sport and will also enable volunteers to facilitate and develop sessions.
- 8.1.7. New Age Curling can be played by both able bodied and disabled people of all ages at an equal level. It was developed with help from Disability Sport England, is used as part of rehabilitation programs in hospitals, falls into national government guidelines for exercise and is recognised by most UK disabled unions.
- 8.1.8. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund this project it will be delayed whilst alternative sources of funding are identified and the benefit to older people from the community area will be delayed.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2. 07	Calne Community Church	Children's Village as part of the Calne Summer Festival	£995

- 8.2.1. It is recommended that Calne Community Church is awarded a grant of £995 in order to enable a 'Children's village' to be run as a part of the Calne Summer Festival.**
- 8.2.2. Officers are of the opinion that this applications meet grant criteria for 2010/11
- 8.2.3. In addition the application makes direct links to the Calne Community Area Plan through activities and events that encourage children and young people to take a constructive role in the community, and creating opportunities to build community cohesion and a sense of pride and wellbeing.
- 8.2.4. The Calne Community Church is leading on the organisation of this project but is working alongside other groups and agencies to develop and deliver the event. (Including Calne Community Area Partnership, the Calne Community Group, and local schools in the Community Area).
- 8.2.5. This project will provide professionally facilitated workshops to teach and help children and young people to learn skills linked to carnival such as face painting, mask and costume making. The workshops will focus upon producing beautiful creations from waste/scrap materials. These skills, and the creations that have been produced, will then be utilised as the children and young people take part in the Summer Festival Carnival parade later in the day.
- 8.2.6. Activities will be free of charge and so open to children and young people of all social backgrounds. Although the project is being led by Calne Community Church, it will not have any specifically religious aspect to it and is open to people of all faiths.
- 8.2.7. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund this project it will need to identify other sources of funding or will not be able to take place. This could have a detrimental effect upon ambitions to promote a sense of community pride and well being.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3. 008	Summer Fun in Calne	4 week summer holiday play scheme for 5 – 13 year olds	£1,070

8.3.1. It is recommended that Summer Fun in Calne is awarded a grant of £1,070, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

8.3.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets grant criteria for 2010/11

8.3.3. The project addresses issues in the Calne Community Area Plan, providing activities for young people and children and encouraging a sense of community cohesion, pride and well being.

8.3.4. This is widely recognised as a well organised and valuable project which has, for the last 13 years, served different groups of children and young people who live in the 2 most socially deprived areas of Calne and one of the 3 most deprived wards in Wiltshire (according to the indices of deprivation 2000)

8.3.5. This group is a registered charity, which has a fundraising programme that enables free and half price places to be offered to families on low incomes.

8.3.6. Parents suffering the effects of deprivation often suffer low self esteem. This project encourages and supports parents to become involved as committee members and volunteers which may develop confidence and experience in engaging with their own children, other adults and authorities.

8.3.7. This project provides inclusive and equal opportunities. Many local families on low incomes can not afford a family holiday or to use expensive leisure provisions and many other schemes organised for young people in the area focus upon older children. The project aims to involve children in a wide range of activities everyday that they may not otherwise have an opportunity to experience, including art, craft, sports and games. Up to 80 places per day will be provided this also includes extra support for children with disabilities so that they are not excluded from the activities which their friends and siblings are involved in.

8.3.8. This application is not towards running costs as funds to cover this have already been sourced. An award of a Community Area Grant will enable the group to run a wide range of facilitated arts workshops and physical activities and to provide new materials and equipment for the scheme.

8.3.9. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project the scheme will still go ahead, but the quality/number of activities on offer to the children will be affected, resulting in reduced value to the children, their families and the community.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4. 010	Calne Partnership of Churches	Mobile drop in for young people in Calne town centre	£2,000

8.4.1. It is recommended that the Calne Partnership of Churches is awarded a grant of £2,000 conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

8.4.2. Officers are of the opinion that the application meets grants criteria for 2010/11

8.4.3. The project addresses issues laid out in the Calne Community Area Plan through providing activities for young people.

8.4.4. The Calne Partnership of Churches is leading in the organisation of this project, but officers have received assurance that the focus of the activities and support offered to young people will not have a religious basis and will be open to all young people from the Community Area regardless of faith.

8.4.5. The project will bring the 'Open Blue Bus' to Calne town centre for 2 hours every Friday night during school term time. It will provide opportunities to play traditional board games, play stations and the Wii. More importantly it will provide young people with a safe place to meet have a hot chocolate and 'hang out' with friends. Through the CAYPIG (Community Area Young Peoples Issues Group), young people have told the Area Board that the lack of this kind of facility is an issue for them.

8.4.6. In addition the project engages volunteers and provides space for groups such as 'Reach Out' to offer support and advice to young people (in the case of Reach Out this relates to preventative work around substance misuse).

8.4.7. This will be a free facility for all young people from the Community Area and, therefore can be considered to provide equal and inclusive access.

8.4.8. The project has already secured some funding towards this project and has provisionally found other funders who, together will provide match funding for this scheme.

8.4.9. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund this project it will have to be delayed while alternative sources of funding are sought.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 2009/10 Calne Community Area Grants Summary Appendix 2 Grant application – Calne Community Day Centre Appendix 3 Grant application – Calne Community Church Appendix 4 Grant application – Summer Fun in Calne Appendix 5 Grant application - Calne Partnership of Churches
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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