

Report to	Calne Community Area Board
Date of Meeting	29th June 2010
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 1 application seeking 2010/11 Community Area Grant Funding

1. **Calne Community Table Tennis Club**, requesting £1,425 to provide equipment and training to pump prime a new table tennis club aimed at young people on low income.

Officers recommend that a grant of £1,425 is awarded.

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. In addition to the application being considered in this report two other applications did not meet the funding criteria and had not secured match funding, applicants were advised 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. Following awards made and councillor led initiatives implemented so far in the current year the Calne Area Board has a budget of £30,153 for the remainder of the 2010/2011 financial year for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. (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)• Technical Officer Assessment
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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. The funding contained within this report forms the 2nd of 6 rounds of funding during 20010/11. The remaining funding rounds will take place on;
 - 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 £28,728.

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
8.1 026	Calne Table Tennis Club	Providing equipment and training opportunities to pump prime a new table tennis club aimed at young people on low income.	£1,425

- 8.1.1. It is recommended that Calne Table Tennis Club is awarded a grant of £1,425 to provide equipment and training opportunities to pump prime a new table tennis club aimed at young people on low income, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.**
- 8.1.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets grant criteria for 2010/11
- 8.1.3. Issues around varied activities for young people in the community are highlighted in the existing Community Area Plan and emerging issues in Calne Community Area Partnership's current review of the Plan.
- 8.1.4. The project has arisen as a result of work undertaken by the Calne Sports Forum, which is a local partnership of groups and organisations dedicated to offering a wider range of sporting activities to the community.
- 8.1.5. An assessment of this application has been undertaken by the Wiltshire Council Sports Development Manager in which he identifies the project as being of high priority with links to Wiltshire Council's health and sports plan. This aims to get more people more active through the provision of a variety of sports and activities.
- 8.1.6. The group has already undertaken a pilot study through a number of successful taster sessions.
- 8.1.7. The project will be open to all people from across the Community Area over the age of 11 and the group also aims to develop opportunities for people with disabilities to engage in the sport.
- 8.1.8. 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 receive training and development to become trained coaches that will, in turn, be able to further develop and advance the project.
- 8.1.9. Wiltshire Council Sports development team and officers from the Beversbrook Sports facility will liaise and support the group during its initial development in order to help to insure that the group becomes self sustaining.
- 8.1.10. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund this project it will not take place until alternative sources of funding are identified and the benefit to local people from the

community area will be delayed.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Calne Community Area Grants Summary 27/06/10 Appendix 2 Grant application – Calne Table Tennis Club Appendix 3 Technical Officer Assessment
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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