

COMMUNITY AREA GRANTS SCHEME ASSESSMENT FORM

Ref No: Application no. 026 - CALNE - Community Area Grant: Calne Table Tennis Club

Technical Officer: Alex Muse

Name of organisation: Wiltshire Council

Information from technical officer – : How well will the grant help meet the needs of the community?

Calne Table Tennis Club is a new initiative being led by Calne Town Council. We have developed an 8 week taster project which attracted 19 young people in its first session which was held on Tuesday 18th May. The group has also held steering group meetings to direct the project and this includes 4 local adults who are keen to volunteer with the club and potentially gain coaching qualifications to be able to support the club with coaching and officiating. The steering group aim is to identify volunteers to form the club committee to enable this to be set up as an independent club in its own right with input from myself and Calne Town Council. This grant will enable the club to purchase additional equipment and train those volunteers up to enable them to take the club themselves.

Are the costs appropriate and realistic? Yes, completely – the grant will enable the club to absorb set up costs. Costs to sustain club activity will be minimal once equipment and training is provided and any costs incurred will be covered by participant membership fees.

Does the applicant help to deliver any of the Councils policies/strategies? Please state which one(s) and which aims/objectives: Yes, sports and health plan is get more people, more active, more often through the provision of a variety of sports and activities. A particular aim within that strategy is working with young people aged 5 – 19 years to support the 5 hour offer which aims to enable every young person the opportunity to access 5 hours of high quality sports and physical activity every week. This project contributes to that outcome, particularly as this is a relatively uncommon sport with few access points in the town and other local towns.

Would you rate the application as high priority, medium priority or low priority within your service area: High priority

How long have you known the group and in what capacity? I have known of the intention to develop the group from the outset and have been involved in the development of the project since the point as well.

Please comment on the group's ability to deliver the project: The group has already demonstrated impact by attracting 19 young people and 4 adult volunteers to the group and with the support of the Town Council and myself to further develop the project I believe that this group will in time become a self sustaining, viable club

Any other comments: Kevin Whitehorn at Beaversbrook has an excellent track record of starting and developing sports projects on the site since coming into post and I would fully expect this project to receive the same level of commitment to succeed that he put into other projects such as the Boxing Club and the created of Calne FC.

Date and initials: 28.05.10, Alex Muse, Sports Development Manager