

## Area 5 Community Area Funding Distribution 2005/2006

### 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. To ask Members to consider 8 applications seeking 2005/2006 Community Area Award funding.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1. To agree funding distribution of the Area 5 Community Area Awards budget based on the agreed criteria for 2005/2006:

- 2.1.1. **Goatacre Cricket Club - Award £3,250 from the capital budget, towards providing new cricket facilities and improve ground safety standards, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.**
- 2.1.2. **Yatesbury Village Hall – Award £1,500 from the capital budget, towards the replacement of windows, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.**
- 2.1.3. **Calne Family Action Group – Award £500 from the revenue budget, towards providing arts and crafts workshops and a cinema trip for the children of families living in disadvantaged circumstances during the Easter holiday.**
- 2.1.4. **Calne Community Area Partnership – Award £1,500 from the revenue budget, towards the production of generic exhibition material to promote the Partnership and Community Planning.**
- 2.1.5. **Coleman’s Farm Learning & Community Centre Assoc. – Award £763 from the revenue budget, towards an ecological assessment and survey of the Abberd Brook and pond at Coleman’s Farm.**
- 2.1.6. **Castlefields Canal and River Park Association (CARP) – Award £2,400 from the capital budget, towards the installation of quality public seating and artwork designed and produced within the community, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.**
- 2.1.7. **Hilmarton First Responder Scheme – Award £1,785 from the capital budget, towards the provision of volunteer training and lifesaving equipment, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.**
- 2.1.8. **Calne Netball Club – Award £230 from the revenue budget, towards the provision of equipment and training/coaching aids**

### 3. Links to the Corporate Business Plan Priorities:

- 3.1. Community Area Awards can be linked to the Council’s priority of Partnerships, Community and Involvement and in practise through community based projects can support the delivery of Community Plans and other Council Priorities including those associated with Equalities and Diversity and Healthy Lifestyles.

### 4. Background

- 4.1. Following funding awards made on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2005, Area 5 Committee now has a capital budget of £41,924 and a revenue budget of £8,150 for distribution as Community Area Awards for the remainder of the year.
- 4.2. Members agreed at the 15 February 2005 meeting that at least 75% of the Community Area Award budget would be allocated to applications which demonstrated links to three priorities identified in the Calne Community Plan, namely:
- recreation land and facilities in towns and villages

- facilities and activities for young people
- schemes to reduce levels of crime, fear of crime and those that increase road safety.
- and that all applications should seek to ensure the sustainability of the project and promote a sense of community cohesion and well being.

The remaining 25% of the budget would be available for those schemes that fell outside the Community Planning priorities, but remained important for local people.

- 4.3. Funding criteria for 2005/06 were reviewed by a Working Party, which included representatives of all five Area Committees. The Executive Committee subsequently approved the revised policy and procedures on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2005. Should Members therefore wish to act in contravention of this policy, the matter will need to be referred to the Executive.
- 4.4. Appendix 1 provides details of the 2004/05 geographical distribution of awards across Area 5, in an attempt to assist Members when distributing funding across the whole of the community area in 2005/06.

## 5. Funding

- 5.1. Members are reminded that all applications in 2005/06 will be considered under the same Community Area Award criteria. Those schemes requesting £500 or less will not require any matched funding, while those requesting more than £500 will not be awarded more than 50% of the total cost of their project.
- 5.2. Member's attention is drawn to the fact that, the funding covered by this report, constitutes the final funding round for 2005/06. Currently there is no indication that remaining capital budget can be carried forward and remaining revenue budget will be lost.

## 6. Officer Observations & Recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
6.1.	<b>Goatacre Cricket Club</b> See Appendix 2	Provision of new cricket facilities and improve ground safety standards.	Capital	£3,250

- 6.1.1. This application meets the essential funding criteria and meets Area 5 funding priorities by providing facilities and activities for young people.
- 6.1.2. Goatacre Cricket Club has a long history in the village and with traditional village cricket, reaching the finals of the Cricketer National Village Knockout Championship at Lords cricket ground on two occasions. The club combines this tradition with a progressive approach to contemporary sports development.
- 6.1.3. Junior cricket is an important aspect of the clubs character and the club aspires to encourage the involvement of young people from across the Community Area.
- 6.1.4. The Sports Development Officer has advised that this project will help to further advance the development of young people in sport through increasing and improving facilities and opportunities for young people to become involved in cricket at under 11's and under 15's level.
- 6.1.5. In addition this application will enable the club to meet its obligation to install safety netting.
- 6.1.6. The applicant is looking for match funding that will provide an amenity, which will be sustainable and have potential for further growth.
- 6.1.7. **Officer Recommendation** – Award £3,250 from the capital budget, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

Ref	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
6.2.	<b>Yatesbury Village Hall Management Committee</b> See Appendix 3	Replacement of windows	Capital	£ 1,500

- 6.2.1. This application meets the essential funding criteria and meets the funding priorities of providing recreation land and facilities in towns and villages. It also addresses the aim of promoting a sense of community cohesion and well being.
- 6.2.2. Yatesbury Village Hall represents the only community facility for the village population (approx.150).
- 6.2.3. This organisation has received a previous grant award from Area 5 Committee, which helped to fund the provision of toilet facilities and meeting of DDA requirements (Disability Discrimination Act).
- 6.2.4. Local people and the Management Committee commit much time and effort, in fundraising activities and voluntary labour, towards improving the hall as a community facility. In this instance the community has found over £3,000 towards the cost of replacing defective windows and is working together to redecorate the building. (Because redecoration of the hall is being undertaken on a voluntary basis it does not feature in the project costs).
- 6.2.5. **Officer Recommendation** - Award £1,500 from the capital budget, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

Ref	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
6.3.	<b>Calne Family Action Group</b> See Appendix 4	Provision of Easter holiday activities for children living in disadvantaged circumstances	Revenue	£500.40

- 6.3.1. This application meets the essential funding criteria and also Area 5 funding priorities through the provision of facilities and activities for young people and also the promotion of community cohesion and wellbeing.
- 6.3.2. This organisation aims to provide opportunities for children and their families to participate in activities that they would otherwise be excluded from as a result of a lack of resources within their families.
- 6.3.3. Target families are those experiencing low income, the need for long term benefit support, relationship breakdowns, alcohol and drug abuse or long term illness.
- 6.3.4. School holidays this Easter fall during the first 2 weeks of April. The Calne Family Action Group has confirmed that any award granted by Area 5, will be committed and spent by the end of the 2005/2006 financial year.
- 6.3.5. **Officer Recommendation** – Award £500 from the revenue budget.

Ref	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
6.4.	<b>Calne Community Area Partnership</b> See Appendix 5	Design and production of exhibition material to promote and further community planning in Area 5.	Revenue	£1,500

- 6.4.1. This application meets the essential funding criteria and addresses Area 5 funding priorities through the promotion of the community planning process in Area 5 and, therefore, all of the issues and milestones set out in the Calne Community Area Plan including the 3 funding priorities and the promotion of a sense of community cohesion and well being.
- 6.4.2. The exhibition will be produced in time to be used at the North Wilts Festival, but it will be of a portable nature and have the capacity to be adapted for different venues. This will enable its use at a variety of events and locations in an attempt to engage more fully with the whole community and especially the villages of the Calne Community Area.
- 6.4.3. The applicant is looking for match funding to produce a generic exhibition that will project the aims and objectives of the partnership, and the community planning process more widely into the community area.
- 6.4.4. **Officer Recommendation** – Award £1,500 from the revenue budget.

Ref	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
6.5.	<b>Coleman's Farm Learning &amp; Community Centre Assoc.</b> See Appendix 6	An environmental search and assessment of the Abberd Brook and Pond at Coleman's Farm.	Revenue	£763.50

- 6.5.1. This application meets the essential funding criteria and also addresses environmental issues set out in the Calne Community Area Plan; *'to identify, protect and actively conserve the landscape, natural features, species and habitat'* (Calne Community Area Plan).
- 6.5.2. This project has arisen as a result of a public meeting held at the Coleman's Farm Learning and Community Centre in October 2005, which was well attended and highlighted a community desire to clean up the brook.
- 6.5.3. The undertaking of an environmental evaluation of the area is the first step towards other potential projects linked to the environmental enhancement of the area.
- 6.5.4. The Community Association will receive support from Westlea Housing Association in organising and running this survey and assessment and also in carrying the results of the survey forward into community led projects.
- 6.5.5. The applicant has already secured funding from Westlea Housing Association and is now looking for match funding from Area 5.
- 6.5.6. **Officer Recommendation** – Award £763 from the revenue budget.

Ref	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
6.6.	<b>Castlefields Canal and River Park Assoc. (CARP)</b> See Appendix 7	Installation of quality public seating and artwork designed and produced within the community	Capital	£2,400

- 6.6.1. This application meets the essential funding criteria and meets the funding priorities of providing recreation land and facilities in towns and villages. It also addresses the aim of promoting a sense of community cohesion and well being.
- 6.6.2. The applicant is a thriving community group that aims to *'preserve, protect, develop and improve the environment of the River Marden Valley and surrounding area and to provide amenities and facilities for recreation and leisure activities for the benefit of the public'* (CARP website).
- 6.6.3. Castlefields Canal and River Park is a valuable amenity that is listed in the North Wiltshire District Council Local Cultural Strategy Action Plan (2003) as a priority project for implementation.
- 6.6.4. The work covered by this application will be designed in consultation with local community groups to include the provision of seating and artwork designed within the local community.
- 6.6.5. The applicant has secured an Awards For All grant and is now looking to Area 5 for match funding.
- 6.6.6. **Officer Recommendation** – Award £2,400 from the capital budget, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

Ref	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
6.7.	<b>Hilmarton First Responder Scheme</b> See Appendix 8	Purchase training and lifesaving equipment	Capital	£1,785

- 6.7.1. This application meets the essential funding criteria and meets the funding priorities of providing facilities in towns/villages. It also addresses the aim of promoting a sense of community cohesion and well being.
- 6.7.2. The application also addresses Social care/Health issues set out in the Calne Community Area Plan. By working towards the creation of an environment where people can get timely access to health care when they need it.
- 6.7.3. The Hilmarton First Responder Scheme is supported by the Wiltshire Ambulance Service and St John Ambulance. It provides groups of trained volunteers from the local community, who can attend certain 999 emergency ambulance calls. This is of particular relevance in the Calne Community Area, given the fact that NHS ambulances may have to travel from as far a field as Chippenham, Devizes or Swindon to deal with any incident.

- 6.7.4. The scheme currently includes 11 trained volunteers and provides 70-75% coverage to Beversbrook, Catcombe, Clevancy, Goatacre, Hilmarton, Highway and New Zealand with some coverage extending to Compton Bassett and Calne.
- 6.7.5. More volunteers need to be trained and more life saving equipment is required in order to extend coverage to the existing area and also to extend the scheme into the wider community area.
- 6.7.6. The organisation has an active fundraising programme in place and have already fundraised a substantial proportion of the money required for this project.
- 6.7.7. **Officer Recommendation** – Award £1,785 from the capital budget, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

Ref	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
6.8.	<b>Calne Netball Club</b> See Appendix 9	Purchase training and coaching equipment.	Revenue	£230

- 6.8.1. This application meets the essential funding criteria and meets the funding priorities through the provision of facilities and activities for young people.
- 6.8.2. The Sports Development Officer has advised that netball has been identified as an area in need of development in the Community Area and in the District generally, especially at Youth level.
- 6.8.3. The applicant aspires to develop its own coaches and umpires for all levels and also to encourage younger players to become involved at a junior level and to train and develop within the club.
- 6.8.4. **Officer Recommendation** – Award £230 from the revenue budget.

## 7. Other Applications Received

- 7.1. In addition to the above a further 2 applications were received:
- 7.2. The Calne Development Project Trust submitted an application for the creation of a mural with a group of young people. Through a process of discussions between the applicant, their partners and officers, it was agreed that this application should be deferred until the next financial year. This will enable arrangements for the project to be confirmed and will ensure that revenue funding will be committed within the financial year.
- 7.3. Calne Town Council submitted an application for funding towards the creation of a recreation area at Northend, Calne. Through discussions with officers, Calne Town Council officers and Westlea Housing Association officers, it was decided that further investigation and consultation needs to be undertaken in order to ensure that this project meets the requirements of the community. It is hoped that this project will be resubmitted to Area 5 for consideration for a Community Area Award in the next financial year.

## 8. Financial Implications

- 8.1. Distribution of awards must fall within the Community Awards budget allocated to Area 5 Committee as outlined in section 4.1 of this report.

- 8.2. If Members make awards in line with officer recommendations, Members will have a capital balance of £ 32,989 and a revenue balance of £ 5,157.
- 8.3. Consideration needs to be made to ensure a balance of funding across towns, villages and hamlets within the Community Area.

**9. Community and Environmental Implications**

- 9.1. Awards made by Area Committee to successful applicants will contribute to the continuance and /or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and well being in the Community Area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent on the individual project.

**10. Human Resources Implications**

- 10.1. There are no Human Resources implications directly relating to this report.

**Documents used in the preparation of Report**

Community Area Grant Proposal Forms, North Wiltshire District Council Local Cultural Strategy Action Plan (2003), CARP website, Calne Community Area Plan.

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