

REPORT TO THE CALNE AREA (5) COMMITTEE				Report No. 8	
Date of Meeting		22 nd July 2008			
Title of Report		Area 5 Community Area Awards Funding Distribution 2008/2009			
Link to Corporate Priorities		Partnership Working			
Public Report		Yes			
Summary of Report					
To ask Members to consider 7 applications with recommendations for funding from the 2008/09 Community Area Award Scheme.					
Officer Recommendations					
Members agree funding distribution of the Area 5 Community Area Awards budget based on the agreed criteria for 2008/2009:					
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marden House Concerts – Award £2,500 from the revenue budget towards running a series of classical recitals, a master class and a service of the grand piano, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place and the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009. 2. Calne Cricket Club – Award £2,000 from the capital budget towards the provision of 2 sight screens, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place and the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009. 3. Calne Players – Award £1091 from the capital budget towards the purchase of exhibition and publicity equipment, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place and the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009. 4. Heddington Parish Council – Award £19,000 from the capital budget towards the development of amenity land, amenity building and recreational area, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place and the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009. 5. Bremhill Village Hall - Award £9,000 from the capital budget towards the renovation of toilets and provision of disabled access and baby facilities, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place and the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009. 6. Calne Leisure Centre - Award £9,000 from the capital budget towards the provision of a lift (disabled access), conditional upon the balance of funding being in place and the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009. 7. Calne Youth Drop In Centre - Award £1,895 from the capital budget towards the refurbishment of the Drop In Centre and the provision of equipment, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place and the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009. 					
Financial Implications		Legal Implications		Community & Environmental Implications	
YES		NONE		YES	
Human Resources Implications		Equality & Diversity Implications			
NONE		YES			
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report considers 7 applications for 2008/9 Community Area Award funding and, where appropriate, links them to issues and priorities in the Calne Community Area Plan.
- 1.2 Following the funding awards made at the Calne Area (5) Committee on 6th May 2008 and at the urgent matters meeting held on 20th May 2008, Calne Area (5) Committee has a **capital balance of £41,986** and a **revenue balance of £5,679** for distribution during the remainder of the 2008/09 financial year.
- 1.3 Members should be aware that requests for the funding of capital projects at this round of funding exceed the budget available and so a number of options will need to be considered:
- Priority to projects identified in the Calne Community Area Plan.
 - Priority to projects/applicants that have not previously been awarded funding from this Area Committee.
 - Award a proportion of the funding requested. This could result in the risk that, where projects fail to find additional funding from elsewhere, Area 5 funding may become tied up in projects which fail to progress and may subsequently be lost to the community.
- 1.4 Members should note that, where officers have made a recommendation to award funding below the sum requested, applicants have been consulted to ensure as far as possible that either alternative funding is being actively sought or the project may be scaled down. This will help to ensure that all projects are able to progress and draw down Area 5 funding before 31st March 2009.

2. Options and Options Appraisal

Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
Marden House Concerts Appendix 1	Classical recitals, a master class and a service of the grand piano	Revenue	£2,500

- 2.1 **Option 1: Marden House Concerts – Award 2,500 from the revenue budget towards running a series of classical recitals, a master class and a service of the grand piano, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place and the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009.**
- 2.1.1 This application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria and demonstrates direct links to the Calne Community Area Plan by providing support for a series of arts activities throughout the year in turn promoting community cohesion and well being.
- 2.1.2 During the winter months Marden House runs a series of classical music recitals performed by professional musicians many of international acclaim. It also brings master classes, workshops and student concerts to Calne.
- 2.1.3 Funding is sought for two of the planned six recitals, the Emerald Ensemble and Operatic Duos as well as a master class. In addition, the Steinway grand piano (purchased 11 years ago) is now in need of a service. This piano is used for recitals, master classes, student concerts, music exams and for the Calne Music and Arts Festival. Further details of this application are provided in the application at Appendix 1.

- 2.1.4 In the past and under a previous District Council grants scheme, the Area 5 Committee awarded small contributions to Marden House (most recently £150 in 2002 and £200 in 2004). A decision not to fund this project might reduce the number of recitals and other events to be held in 2008/9. It is generally recognised that classical music requires support from other sources in addition to box office receipts.
- 2.1.5 The total cost of this project is £2,516. If Members make an award in line with the Officer Recommendation this will represent a contribution of approximately 99% of the project.

Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
Calne Cricket Club Appendix 2	Provision of 2 sight screens.	Capital	£2,450

- 2.2 **Option 2: Calne Cricket Club – Award £2,000 from the capital budget towards the provision of 2 sight screens, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place and the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009.**
- 2.2.1 This application meets the 2008/2009 Community Area Award funding criteria and demonstrates specific links to the Calne Community Area Plan by providing activities for young people.
- 2.2.2 The group aims to attract young people from all social groupings. It aspires to promote physical, emotional, educational and social skills and build individual self-esteem, confidence in all participants, alongside an awareness of the opportunities of working together as a team. This project will provide the group with 2 sight screens, which will improve safety. Further details are provided in the application at Appendix 2.
- 2.2.3 The NWDC sports development officer is of the opinion that this Community group has a record of providing valuable opportunities for young people within the Calne Community Area.
- 2.2.4 A decision not to fund this project would result in the group being unable to acquire this equipment during the 2008/09 playing season.
- 2.2.5 Area 5 previously supported Calne Cricket Club in February 2007 with an award of £491 towards running a Winter Cricket Coaching Academy.
- 2.2.6 The total cost of this project is £2,450. If Members make an award in line with Officer recommendations this will represent approx. 81% of the total project costs and will leave a shortfall of £450.
- 2.2.7 Officers have held discussions with the applicant about the effects of a reduced award. The applicant has confirmed that a programme of fundraising is already in place to meet any shortfall and is confident that an award of £2000 would be drawn down well in advance of the March 2009 deadline.

Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
Calne Players Appendix 3	Purchase exhibition and publicity equipment.	Capital	£2,003.45

- 2.3 Option 3: Calne Players - Award £1091 from the capital budget towards the purchase of exhibition and publicity equipment, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place and the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009.**
- 2.3.1 This application meets the 2008/9 funding criteria and makes links to the Calne Community Area Plan through adopting a sustainable approach to promoting a sense of community cohesion, encouraging a 'vibrant community which involves all elements of the society' (CCAP update 2006 – culture section) and providing opportunities for people to 'explore new skills and interests to create an enthusiastic and diversely skilled population' (CCAP 2004 – lifelong learning section).
- 2.3.2 The group aims to promote friendship and creativity among the community and provide opportunities for young people of all backgrounds and abilities to become involved in the group's activities, through which they may gain life skills and self-confidence. This includes bringing theatre and pantomime to the community in its traditional form, supporting other community activities and performing street theatre.
- 2.3.3 The Calne Players is recognised as a valuable community group which has previously attracted funding from a variety of community focussed sources. These have included The GWR Xmas Appeal, The Gazette & Herald Community Grants, The Community Foundation for Wiltshire & Swindon as well as previous NWDC Area 5 Community Awards.
- 2.3.4 The applicant is seeking to acquire exhibition, printing and catering equipment that will reduce future outgoings and provide opportunities for the group to create a source of income which will enable it to become more self sustaining. Further details are provided in the application at Appendix 3.
- 2.3.5 A decision not to fund this project would result in it being delayed while alternative sources of funding and fundraising events are investigated.
- 2.3.6 Area 5 has previously supported The Calne Players in October 2007 with an award of £434 towards the cost of performing a community family pantomime and also in October 2004 with an award of £72 towards an extendable make up box.
- 2.3.7 The total cost of this project is £2,003.45. If Members make an award in line with Officer recommendations this will represent approx. 54% of the total project cost and will leave a shortfall of £912.45
- 2.3.8 The applicant has confirmed that the group is currently seeking alternative sources of funding and that if these endeavours are not successful, the project could be reduced in order to meet any shortfall. The applicant is confident that an award of £1091 would be drawn down in advance of the March 2009 deadline.

Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
Heddington Parish Council Appendix 4	Development of amenity land, amenity building, recreational area and cycle path	Capital	£25,000

- 2.4 **Heddington Parish Council – Award £19,000 from the capital budget towards the development of amenity land, amenity building and recreational area, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place and the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009.**
- 2.4.1 This application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria and demonstrates direct links to the Calne Community Area Plan providing Recreation land and facilities in the villages.
- 2.4.2 Members should note that Heddington Parish Council has spent considerable time and thought developing a well planned and sustainable project plan, Planning Permission has been granted and the Parish Council will precept to fund the future maintenance of this community facility.
- 2.4.3 This project will encourage the participation of all age groups through the achievement of a centre for leisure and sport in the village and a cycle path aimed at encouraging the development of cycling skills away from the hazards of road traffic. Further details of this project are provided in the application at Appendix 4.
- 2.4.4 Area 5 has previously supported Heddington Parish Council in October 2005 with an award of £7,500 towards the cost of carrying out refurbishments to the Village Hall to bring it into line with DDA (Disability Discrimination Act 1995) requirements.
- 2.4.5 A decision not to fund this project would result in it being delayed while alternative sources of funding are investigated.
- 2.4.6 The total cost of this project is £80,000. If Members make an award in line with Officer recommendations this will represent approx. 24% of the total project costs and will leave a shortfall of £6,000.
- 2.4.7 Officers have held discussions with the applicant about the effects of a reduced award. The applicant has confirmed that they are currently seeking alternative sources of funding in order to meet any shortfall and that if these endeavours are not successful, an element of the work could be removed and be completed at sometime in the future as another phase of the project. The applicant is confident that an award of £19,000 would be drawn down well in advance of the March 2009 deadline.

Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
Bremhill Village Hall Appendix 5	Renovation of toilets and provision of disabled access and baby facilities in line with DDA (1995) requirements	Capital	£10,949

2.5 Bremhill Village Hall – Award £9,000 from the capital budget towards the renovation of toilets and provision of disabled access and baby facilities in line with DDA requirements, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place and the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009.

2.5.1 This application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria and demonstrates direct links to the Calne Community Area Plan by providing accessible facilities in the villages.

2.5.2 This application represents a well planned project, which has already identified other sources of funding, has secured all relevant Planning and Listed Building consents and has undertaken a DDA Audit to assess the accessibility of this community facility. Further details of this application are provided in Appendix 5.

2.5.3 The Access Audit assessed the work contained within this proposal to be a major issue in terms of compliance with the Disability Discrimination Act (1995).

2.5.4 Bremhill Village Hall has not previously been awarded funding from Area 5.

2.5.5 Failure to fund this application will not prevent the project from proceeding although its start date will be delayed while alternative funding is identified.

2.5.6 The total cost of this project is £23,949. If Members make an award in line with Officer recommendations this will represent approx. 37% of the total project costs and will leave a shortfall of £1,949

2.5.7 The applicant has confirmed that alternative funding is being sought to meet a shortfall and is confident that an award of £9,000 would be drawn down in advance of the March 2009 deadline.

Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
Calne Leisure Centre Appendix 6	Provision of a lift (disabled access).	Capital	£11,700

2.6 Calne Leisure Centre – Award £9,000 from the capital budget towards the provision of a lift (disabled access), conditional upon the balance of funding being in place and the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009.

2.6.1 This application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria and demonstrates direct links to the Calne Community Area Plan by providing accessible facilities and

2.6.2 Calne Leisure Centre is run by an Industrial Provident Society group (Calne Leisure Action Group) as a 'not for profit' charity, which links to community priorities by promoting a sense of community cohesion, pride and well being.

- 2.6.3 The achievement of this project will make the upper areas of the Leisure Centre accessible to everyone. This is an issue that has been specifically raised through the Community Area Partnership by the Calne Access For All group. Further details of the project are available in the application at Appendix 6.
- 2.6.4 NWDC Planning Officers have confirmed that Planning Permission is not required for this work and the applicant is liaising with Building Control Officers to secure Building Regulations approval. Officers have advised that the Building regulations process will not delay the start of the project.
- 2.6.5 Failure to fund this project would not prevent this project from taking place but would delay its start while alternative funding is identified.
- 2.6.6 The total cost of this project is £19,500. If Members make an award in line with Officer recommendations this will represent approx. 46% of the total project costs and will leave a shortfall of £1,949.
- 2.6.7 The applicant has confirmed that alternative funding is being investigated to meet any shortfall and is confident that an award of £9,000 would be drawn down in advance of the March 2009 deadline.

Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
Calne Youth Drop in Centre Appendix 7	Provision of new equipment and refurbishment of the centre	Capital	£1,894.94

- 2.7 **Calne Youth Drop in Centre – Award £1,895 conditional upon the balance of funding being in place and the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009.**
- 2.7.1 This application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria and demonstrates direct links to the Calne Community Area Plan by providing facilities and activities for young people.
- 2.7.2 The Drop in Centre is a registered charity, run by volunteers, which is recognised as a valuable community organisation. It provides a free, safe and supervised environment in which young people from the Community can meet, relax and interact. The group meets the costs of running the centre by organising various fundraising activities throughout the year.
- 2.7.3 Having been in existence since 2001 the centre is currently trying to fund the provision of some new equipment and the refurbishment of the centre, which is showing signs of considerable wear as a result of being well used by young people. Further details of this project are provided in the application at Appendix 7.
- 2.7.4 A decision not to fund this project would result in the project being delayed considerably beyond the summer holiday period, a time when young people are especially likely to be looking for places to spend their time.
- 2.7.5 The Drop in Centre has not previously been awarded funding from Area 5.
- 2.7.6 The total cost of the project is £1,894.94. If Members make an award in line with the Officer recommendations this will represent approx. 100% of the total project costs.

2.7.7 The applicant has confirmed that an award of £1,895 would be drawn down in advance of the March 2009 deadline.

3. Additional Information

3.1 A further 2 applications were received before the deadline for applications to this round of funding.

3.1.1 Tommy Croker Memorial Playing Field – This is an ambitious project, which would represent a valuable asset for Cherhill and the surrounding area. However, it has not been brought before Members at this time because it does not yet meet with funding criteria. The applicant has not formed a business plan, undertaken community consultation, planned future maintenance arrangements or undertaken serious investigation into sourcing the outstanding 40% of the project costs.

3.1.2 Cherhill Action Group for Enhanced Child Safety – This project has not been brought before Members for consideration at this time because no other sources have been identified to meet the shortfall of £5,480. In addition the applicant has not yet submitted an application for Planning Consent.

3.1.3 Both of these projects have been advised to reapply to the September round of funding, provided that the above issues have been resolved and that the Area Committee has capital funding remaining.

3.2 Funding Criteria

3.2.1 Key elements and changes to the funding criteria are:

- The matched funding threshold has changed. During 2008/09 funding awards of up to £2,500 may not require match funding and may be made for the total project cost.
- For awards over £2,500, Area Committees will not normally award more than 60% of the total project cost.
- Applications received after **19th December 2008** will not be considered for funding as there will be insufficient time to process them before the final funding round at the January Area Committee Meetings.
- Members will need to be satisfied that awards granted in the 2008/09 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed before March 31 2009. All funding must be drawn down by **31st March 2009**.

3.3 Member's attention is drawn to the fact that funding applications will be submitted for consideration at each of the Area 5 Committee meetings up to and including **13th January 2009**. This report represents the second round of funding. Remaining meetings will take place as follows:

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16th September 2008 deadline for receipt of applications - 27th August 2008
25th November 2008 deadline for receipt of applications - 5th November '08
13th January 2009 deadline for receipt of applications - 19th December 2008

3.5 Budget

Appendix 8 provides details the 2008/09 distribution of awards across Area 5, in an attempt to assist Members when distributing funding across the whole of the Community Area.

4. Legal Implications

Members of the Area Committee will not be able to make an award to an applicant that exceeds the sum requested on the formal application form. Should Members wish to award a greater sum, the item would need to be deferred until the next funding round and the applicant requested to submit a revised application.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 Distribution of awards must fall within the Community Awards budget allocated to Area 5 Committee as set out in Section 2 of this report.
- 5.2 If Members make awards in line with officer recommendations, there will be a capital balance of **£0** and a revenue balance of **£3,179**.

6. Community and Environmental Implications

- 6.1 All of the awards can be directly linked to priorities identified in the Calne Community Area Plan.
- 6.2 Awards made by Area Committee to successful applicants will contribute to the continuance and/or the 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.

7. Equality & Diversity Implications

- 7.1 Community Area Awards give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.
- 7.2 An Equality Impact Assessment for the Community Area Awards has been undertaken and copies are available on the Council's website.

8. Risk Analysis

- 8.1 Failure to make awards would have a moderate impact on applicants and their associated community projects. Since this is considered to be unlikely, the overall risk is considered low.

Appendices:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appendix 1 Application - Marden House Concerts• Appendix 2 Application – Calne Cricket Club• Appendix 3 Application – Calne Players• Appendix 4 Application – Heddington Parish Council• Appendix 5 Application - Bremhill Village Hall• Appendix 6 Application – Calne Leisure Centre• Appendix 7 Application – Calne Youth Drop In Centre• Appendix 8 - 2007/8 Geographical Distribution of Community Area Awards.
Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report:	Community Area Award Funding Criteria 2008/9 Calne Community Area Plan 2004 – 2014 Calne Community Area Plan Update 2006

Previous Decisions Connected with this Report

Report	Committee & Date	Minute Reference
Community Area Awards Criteria 2008/9 Budgets	Executive 7 th February 2008 Council 26 th February 2008	E182 C83