

Report to	Calne Community Area Board
Date of Meeting	26th October 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. The Mill Race Activity Club** - requesting £806 towards the provision of a creative music project for people with learning/physical/mental health difficulties and the wider community.

Officers recommend that a grant of £806 is awarded to this project.

- 2. Cherhill Parish Council** – requesting £5,000 towards new equipment for the Tommy Croker Memorial Playing Field.

Officers recommend a grant of £5,000 is awarded conditional upon confirmation that an award linked to the central government play builder scheme has been withdrawn and upon all other funding being in place.

- 3. Calne Community Area Partnership** – requesting £298 towards an Energy Efficiency event to be held in Calne on October 30th.

Officers recommend that a grant of £298 is awarded to this project.

- 4. Calne Area Transport** – requesting £2,100 towards a community led study and production of a Safer Cycling routes plan/map for Calne, conditional upon all other funding being in place.

Officers recommend that a grant of £2,100 is awarded to this project, 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. In addition to the applications being considered in this report one other application has been received. This did not meet the deadline for applications for this round of funding and will be considered at the next Area Board meeting on 7th December. Other groups that have approached the Community Area Manager with a view to putting in applications which do not meet funding criteria have been referred to 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 £14,490 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)• http://www.bbc.co.uk/music/parents/why_musicmatters.shtml
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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 4th of 6 rounds of funding during 2010/11. The remaining funding rounds will take place on;
 - 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 £6,286.

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
8.1 078	The Mill Race Activity Club	The provision of a creative music project for people with learning/physical/mental health difficulties and the wider community.	£806

8.1.1. It is recommended that the Mill Race Activity Club is awarded a grant of £806 towards providing a creative music project for people with learning / physical / mental health difficulties and other people from the local area.

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

8.1.3. Family Action Wiltshire supports the Mill Race Activity Club. Family Action has previously received funding from Wiltshire Council. However, officers are of the opinion that, this application represents a separate, specific project and does not contravene 'double dipping' criteria.

8.1.4. The club aims to provide a wide range of activities for vulnerable adults that encourage independence, provide opportunities to develop social and practical skills. It also provides support for carers and a break from caring responsibilities.

8.1.5. The club now wishes to run a creative music project which will involve members in developing new skills and will aim to involve the wider community to encourage opportunities for broader participation and interaction.

8.1.6. Recent research emphasises the benefits of music in 'developing higher levels of social cohesion and understanding ... and for developing social skills like empathy'.
(Dr. Alexandra Lamont, Lecturer in the Psychology of Music at the University of Keele).

8.1.7. An award to this group will provide 26 professionally facilitated sessions for approximately 20 individuals over the course of a year.

8.1.8. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund this project it will be delayed while alternative funding is sought and may then run less frequently. This would have a detrimental effect upon the value of the project to the Activity Club members.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2 079	Cherhill Parish Council.	Regeneration of the Tommy Croker Memorial Playing Field.	£5,000

- 8.2.1 **It is recommended that Cherhill Parish Council is awarded a grant of £5,000 towards the regeneration of the Tommy Croker Memorial Playing Field (TCMPF), conditional upon confirmation that the previous award from the Wiltshire Playbuilder scheme has been withdrawn and upon all other funding being in place.**
- 8.2.2 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets funding criteria.
- 8.2.3 The TCMPF is a charity that was started in 1964 when the Croker family donated the field to the village in memory of their son Tommy. It has been managed by a management group for many years but last year was brought under the wing of the Parish Council to try to ensure and secure its' future as an amenity for local people.
- 8.2.4 Maintenance and enhancement of the play area represents a direct link to the Cherhill and Yatesbury Parish Plan while 'activities and facilities for young people' and 'facilities in the villages' is an issue in the Calne Community Area Plan.
- 8.2.5 The project will provide a range of equipment suitable for a wide range of young people and children in the village.
- 8.2.6 Cherhill Parish Council has been successful in drawing down significant external funding and had hoped not to approach the Area Board for support in implementing this scheme.
- 8.2.7 Anticipated cuts linked to the comprehensive spending review due to be announced on 20th October 2010 may result in the withdrawal of an existing 'Wiltshire Playbuilders' award to this project. This would result in a shortfall in identified income for this project.
- 8.2.8 In order to accommodate the withdrawal of Playbuilder funding and in order to be able to use moneys awarded from other sources (in the region of £36,000) within the current financial year, the Parish Council has revised and slightly reduced its proposed scheme and is asking the Area Board to match fund its own contributions.
- 8.2.9 Failure to receive an award from the Area Board will result in it being further revised and implemented at a reduced level.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3 080	Calne Community Area Partnership	Energy efficiency awareness event.	£298.40

8.3.1 It is recommended that the Calne Community Area Partnership is awarded a grant of £299 towards an energy efficiency awareness event.

8.3.2 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets Community Area Grant funding criteria.

8.3.3 The project links directly to the Community Area Plan (2006 update) by attempting to increase the number of homes which reach energy efficiency standards and encourage more environmentally sustainable practices.

8.3.4 The event is being designed to ensure that the local community has free access to advice, funding information and support to save energy and money.

8.3.5 The Community Area Partnership is working closely with Wiltshire Council Climate Change Officers to deliver this event.

8.3.6 Older people and families of young children are at greater risk of fuel poverty as they often struggle with fuel bills in the colder weather. The Partnership has gained the support of Age UK and Sure Start among the partner agencies that will support the event.

8.3.7 It is hoped that the event might also help to identify more local people who would be interested in joining CCAP's Environmental Theme Group.

8.3.8 This event is not covered by the Community Area Partnership Agreement funding having arisen since the business plan for the current period was agreed and signed off.

8.3.9 Failure to fund this project will result in alternative funding being sought and may result in the event being postponed or cancelled.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4 082	Calne Area Transport	Safer Cycling Routes Community Survey and production of a comprehensive plan and map.	£2,100

8.4.1 It is recommended that Calne Area Transport is awarded a grant of £2,100 towards a Community Survey and the production of a plan and map of \Safer Cycle Routes in Calne, conditional upon all other funding being in place.

8.4.2 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets Community Area Grant funding criteria.

8.4.3 The project links directly to issues and aspirations identified by the Calne Area Board working group looking at Safer Cycling Routes in the Calne Area and to issues raised by the Community through the Area Board issues process, the Calne Community Area Plan and Parish Plans.

8.4.4 Calne Area Board gave formal support to this project following a presentation by the Chair of the group at the Area Board meeting held at Hilmarton Community Hall on 27th April 2010.

8.4.5 The project will be undertaken by a team of community volunteers and will provide valuable, accurate information that will inform the Community Area Partnership, Calne Area Transport and the Area Board working group in their attempts to move toward the implementation of a co-ordinated, meaningful safer cycle network.

8.4.6 Although this project is concerned primarily with Calne town in the short term, there is an aspiration that it will progress to include the whole Community Area in future phases.

8.4.7 This project is concerned with the development of a cycle network, however it should be noted that it will also take into account the requirements of pedestrians and users of pushchairs and mobility scooters.

8.4.8 An award made to this project will provide equipment and software that, following the completion of the work outlined in this application, will be used to capture data and information relating to future phases of the project in the wider Community Area.

8.4.9 It is hoped that, in order to gain greater community awareness and inclusion in the project it will be co-ordinated and run from the Community Hub.

8.4.10 Calne Area Transport has already secured a significant sum of external funding towards this project. These funds must be used by the end of the financial year.

8.4.11 Failure to fund this project would result in its delay while further alternative funding

streams are sought. This delay may present a risk to funds already secured.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Calne Community Area Grants Summary 26/10/10 Appendix 2 Grant application – Mill Race Activity Centre Appendix 3 Grant application – Cherhill Parish Council Appendix 4 Grant application – Calne Community Area Partnership. Appendix 5 Grant Application – Calne Area Transport.
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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