

Report to	Calne Community Area Board
Date of Meeting	7th December 2010
Title of Report	Community Area Grants
Purpose of Report	
<p>To ask Councillors to consider 3 applications seeking 2010/11 Community Area Grant Funding</p>	
<p>1. North Wessex Youth Corps of Drums - requesting £950 towards the provision of uniforms for band members.</p>	
<p>Officers recommend that a grant of £950 is awarded to this project.</p>	
<p>2. Singchronize – requesting £1,000 towards equipment for a new contemporary community choir.</p>	
<p>Officers recommend a grant of £1,000 is awarded conditional upon all other funding being in place and upon the agreement that, if the project should cease, equipment provided would be redistributed to another community group within the area by the Community Area Partnership.</p>	
<p>3. Derry Hill United FC. – requesting £1,285 towards the provision of moveable goalposts.</p>	
<p>Officers recommend that a grant of £1,285 is awarded conditional upon all other funding being in place.</p>	

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. 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 £11,286 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 regarding an application of an award for £5,000 from Cherhill Parish Council for the regeneration of the Tommy Croker Memorial Playing Field was deferred at the meeting on 26th October. This application has subsequently been withdrawn as an award from the Wiltshire Council Playbuilders scheme, which had been in doubt, has subsequently been received and negates the requirement of a grant from the Area Board.
- 1.8. 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.
- 1.9. 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.

<p>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Area Grant Application Pack 2010/11 • Calne Community Area Plan – 2004-14 (incl. 2006/2010 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 5th of 6 rounds of funding during 2010/11. The remaining funding round will take place on;
 - 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 £8,051

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
8.1 081	North Wessex Youth Corps of Drums	The provision of uniforms for band members.	£950

8.1.1. It is recommended that the North Wessex Youth Corps of Drums is awarded a grant of £950 towards providing uniforms for band members.

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

8.1.3. In addition it addresses ambitions laid out in the Calne Community Area Plan to develop cultural, recreation and sporting activities that capture imagination and encourage involvement.

8.1.4. The North Wessex Youth Corps of Drums aims to encourage young people from the Calne Community Area to develop self awareness and confidence and ability to perform in front of an audience, it is believed that a band uniform will provide the group with an identity which will advance these aims.

8.1.5. The group is open to all and actively strives to include those on low income through the provision of free tuition and instruments.

8.1.6. An award to this group will provide uniforms for 21 members.

8.1.7. The group aims to use any income that is generated by the band to develop the project towards being self sustaining.

8.1.8. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund this project it will be delayed while alternative funding is sought.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2 079	Singchronize.	Provision of equipment for a new contemporary community choir.	£1,000

It is recommended that 'Singchronize' is awarded a grant of £1,000 towards the provision of equipment required to form a new contemporary community choir conditional upon all other funding being in place and upon the agreement that, if the project should cease, equipment provided would be redistributed to another community group within the Calne Community Area by the Calne Community Area Partnership.

- 8.2.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets funding criteria.
- 8.2.2 It also addresses ambitions in the Calne Community Area Plan to develop cultural, recreation and sporting activities that capture imagination, encourage involvement and create greater community cohesion.
- 8.2.3 The group has received great interest from a large number of local people since its initial launch.
- 8.2.4 This application is part of an attempt to turn the small local choir into a significant community based project and the equipment that an award would provide would enable more people to be involved.
- 8.2.5 The group is actively encouraging people from all backgrounds to get involved in the project and already involves members from the Alzheimer's Association's 'Singing for the Brain' group, membership costs are kept to the minimum and Westlea's Housing Association is involved in promoting the group amongst their residents.
- 8.2.6 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*).
- 8.2.7 Failure to receive an award from the Area Board is likely to mean that the group would continue to run as a small choir until such time as alternative funding streams are identified. This would result in a delay in it's positive contribution towards community cohesion and may result in waning of the initial enthusiasm displayed by local people.
- 8.2.8 The group has confirmed that, if, for any reason, the project should cease to run, equipment provided by the Area Board would be passed on to the Community Partnership to be re-distributed to an alternative community group

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3 080	Derry Hill United FC.	Towards the provision of moveable goals	£1,285

8.3.1 It is recommended that Derry Hill United Football Club is awarded a grant of £1,285 towards the provision of moveable goals.

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

8.3.3 It also links to the Calne Community Area Plan ambition to develop sporting activities that encourage involvement.

8.3.4 A technical assessment of this application has been provided by Wiltshire Council's Sports Development Manager (this is attached as appendix 5).

8.3.5 The technical assessment indicates that, although the project does not represent a priority project for Wiltshire Council, the provision of safe goal posts is a key objective of the Football Association and fewer goalposts will reduce the clubs ability to provide good, high quality training sessions for the maximum number of young people possible.

8.3.6 The Sports Development Manager also notes that the club is one of the best set up in the county, working to all required benchmarks in terms of safeguarding and protecting children and committed to an ethos encouraging involvement by a wide range of young people and focussed upon development of all rather than winning at all costs.

8.3.7 Failure to fund this project will result in alternative funding being sought and may result in a reduction of the existing, excellent opportunities currently provided.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Calne Community Area Grants Summary 07/12/10 Appendix 2 Grant application – North Wessex Youth Corps of Drums Appendix 3 Grant application – Singchronize Community Choir Appendix 4 Grant application – Derry Hill United F.C. Appendix 5 Sports Development Manager – technical assessment.
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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