

Report to	Calne Community Area Board
Date of Meeting	8th February 2011
Title of Report	Community Area Grants
Purpose of Report	
<p>To ask Councillors to consider 2 applications seeking 2010/11 Community Area Grant Funding</p>	
<p>1. Calne Twinning Association - requesting £918 towards the production of a promotional leaflet to extend the reach of the twinning association out to a wider range of people in the Calne Community Area.</p> <p>Officers recommend a grant of £918 is awarded.</p>	
<p>2. Wilts and Berks Canal Trust – requesting £1,783 towards the repair and refurbishment of Chaveywell Wharf.</p> <p>Officers recommend a grant of £1,783 is awarded, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.</p>	
<p>To ask the Area Board to ring fence £5,344 and make a request to Cabinet that it can be used by the Area Board Highways working group to supplement the implementation of locally prioritised highways schemes in 2011/12.</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. In addition to the applications contained in this report, one other was received which did not meet funding criteria. The applicant subsequently withdrew the application with a view to returning at a future date.
- 1.5. 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..
- 1.6. Following awards made and councillor led initiatives implemented so far in the current year the Calne Area Board has a budget of £8,045 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 2010/11• Calne Community Area Plan – 2004-14 (incl. 2006/2010 update)
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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 final round of funding during 2010/11.
- 2.3. Information about future Area Board funding is not yet available, but will be posted on the Area Boards website as soon as possible.

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 £5,344.
- 4.3. If the Area Board seeks and obtains permission to ring fence £5,344 to supplement locally prioritised highways schemes, the Calne Community Area Board will have a balance of £0.

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
8.1 131	Calne Twinning Association	The production of a promotional leaflet to extend the reach of the twinning association out to a wider range of people in the Calne Community Area.	£918

- 8.1.1. It is recommended that the Calne Twinning Association is awarded a grant of £918 towards the production of a promotional leaflet to extend the reach of the project to a wider range of people in the Community Area.**
- 8.1.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets grant criteria for 2010/11.
- 8.1.3. It can be seen to link with aspirations laid out in the Calne Community Area Plan by promoting a sense of community identity, pride and cohesion.
- 8.1.4. The association is keen to develop the links that are held between towns and alongside the chamber of commerce, schools and the Silver Band has recently grown to include a link between local police teams and this year hopes to involve fire and rescue teams and local first aid organisations.
- 8.1.5. The group's aims include developing friendships and knowledge/experience sharing between people from different countries and also within the local community.
- 8.1.6. The group is open to everyone and this application represents an attempt to reach out to more community groups and organisations from across the Community Area, to promote the opportunities that the association presents and to get more local people involved.
- 8.1.7. 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
8.2 130	Wilts & Berks Canal Trust	The repair and refurbishment of Chaveywell Wharf.	£1,783

- 8.2.1 **It is recommended that the Wilts & Berks Canal Trust is awarded £1,783 towards the repair and refurbishment of Chaveywell Wharf, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.**
- 8.2.2 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets funding criteria.
- 8.2.3 It also addresses ambitions in the Calne Community Area Plan to increase recreation land and facilities in the area, develop cultural, recreation and sporting activities that capture imagination, use leisure facilities to encourage children and young people to participate, encourage involvement and create greater community cohesion.
- 8.2.4 The project also addresses a Wiltshire Council ambition to ‘increase opportunities to help young people achieve their potential’ through its links with Canoe England which is actively encouraging young people to take up canoeing on restored sections of the canal.
- 8.2.5 The project may also increase local volunteering as the Trust actively encourages volunteers from the local community and provides development opportunities for those volunteers to extend their skills through involvement in training programmes that include activities such as bricklaying, chain saw use, and the operation of excavators.
- 8.2.6 The Wharf is located within Castlefields Park and the project links to the work being done by CARP (Castlefields Canal and River Park Association). CARP has expressed its whole hearted support for this project and acknowledges that the Wilts & Berks Canal Trust is the best placed group to run the project.
- 8.2.7 Wiltshire Council’s Canal Officer has provided a technical assessment (appendix 4) which confirms that the project will allow easier and safer use of the canal and should encourage the use of the water as a recreational resource and that it is his opinion that the Trust will be able to complete the project on the basis of the project costs.
- 8.2.8 Failure to receive an award from the Area Board is likely to mean that the project would be delayed while alternative funding is sought.

8.3 Highways Working Group Scheme Funding

- 8.3.1 The Highways Working Group has been set up by the Area Board to look at Community Area Highways issues from a local perspective.
- 8.3.2 The group met for the first time in October 2010 and recognised that resource allocated to it would have a limited impact upon the schemes arising from the list of local priorities.
- 8.3.3 The group will meet again before the Area Board on 8th February and will provide an update of that meeting on the night.
- 8.3.4 At Calne Area Board meetings held in August and December 2010 members of the public suggested that some of the Area Board budget might be used towards funding local priority schemes.
- 8.3.5 At the Calne ABC (Area Board Coordinating group) meeting held on 11th January 2011 these suggestions were discussed further and it was decided that the Area Board should consider a proposal to:

Submit a request to Cabinet that £5,344 is ring-fenced and carried over to 2011/12 to be used by the Area Board Highways working group to supplement the implementation of locally prioritised highways schemes in 2011/12.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Calne Community Area Grants Summary 07/12/10 Appendix 2 Grant application – Calne and District Twinning Association Appendix 3 Grant application – Wilts & Berks Canal Trust Appendix 4 Wiltshire Council Canal Officer – technical assessment
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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