

Report to	Calne Community Area Board
Date of Meeting	19th April 2011
Title of Report	Community Area Grants
Purpose of Report	
To ask Councillors to consider 1 application seeking 2011/12 Community Area Grant Funding	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Calne Archers - requesting £461.24 towards setting up an archery club. Officers recommend a grant of £462 is awarded.	

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. 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 decision of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria and/or the officer's recommendation would need to demonstrate that the application in question has a wider community benefit, and give specific reasons for why this should justify an exception to the criteria.
- 1.3. The emphasis in the Coalition Government's Localism agenda supports the ethos of volunteering and community involvement. With this in mind Community Area Grants should be encouraged from and awarded to community and voluntary groups.
- 1.4. Area boards will not consider applications from town and parish councils for purposes that relate to their statutory duties or powers that should be funded from the local town/parish precept. However this does not preclude bids from town/parish councils, encouraging community projects that provide new opportunities for local people or those functions that are not the sole responsibility of the town/parish council.
- 1.5. Officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, although the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on the Area Board.
- 1.6. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.7. All applicants are encouraged to contact Charities Information Bureau who is working 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.
- 1.8. 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 2011/2012 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 2011/12 • 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 2011/12 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 first round of funding during 2011/12.
- 2.3. Future rounds will be considered as follows:
 - 28th June 2011 (deadline for applications – 20th May)
 - 23rd August 2011 (deadline for applications – 15th July)
 - 18th October 2011 (deadline for applications – 9th September)
 - 6th December 2011 (deadline for applications – 4th November)
 - 14th February 2012 (deadline for applications – 3rd January 2012)

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. Following awards made to Community projects at the last Calne Area Board of the 2010/11 financial year a balance of £5,344 remained. (appendix 1)
- 4.3. At the meeting of 8th February 2011 the Calne Area Board decided that the remaining sum should be rolled forward to fund projects and initiatives emerging in the 2011/12 financial year.
- 4.4. The total budget for 2011/12 is therefore £48,196
- 4.5. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, the Calne Community Area Board will have a balance of £47,734.

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	Calne Archers	The creation of an archery club for all ages and abilities from the Calne Community Area.	£461.24

8.1.1. It is recommended that the Calne Twinning Association is awarded a grant of £462 towards the creation of an archery club for all ages and abilities from the Community Area.

8.1.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets grant criteria for 2011/12.

8.1.3. It can be seen to link with aspirations laid out in the Calne Community Area Plan by providing activities and opportunities for young people.

8.1.4. Volunteers have held taster sessions to identify local interest in the sport within the community using old and borrowed equipment. This resulted in the volunteers being asked to form a formal group.

8.1.5. The club is being supported by Calne Town Council through advice and support of staff at Beversbrook Sports facility.

8.1.6. Local volunteers have already committed to help to run the club and have made voluntary contributions towards attending training courses that will focus upon child protection issues.

- 8.1.7. The group hopes to develop and train volunteers further in order to deliver sessions to other community / youth groups in the community area.
- 8.1.8. This application will enable the group to provide new equipment and will include equipment specifically suitable for people with disabilities.
- 8.1.9. The group is open to everyone and this application also expresses an aspiration to reach out to those people who may be excluded from other sporting activities as a result of physical disabilities.
- 8.1.10. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund this project it will be delayed while alternative funding is sought.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Calne Community Area Grants Summary 2010/11 Appendix 2 Grant application – Calne Archers
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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