

Report to	Calne Community Area Board
Date of Meeting	28th June 2011
Title of Report	Community Area Grants
Purpose of Report	
<p>To ask Councillors to consider 2 applications seeking 2011/12 Community Area Grant Funding</p>	
<p>1. Summer Fun in Calne Playscheme - requesting £1354 providing a 4 week programme of inclusive activities for young people and children during the summer holidays.</p> <p>Officers recommend that a grant of £1354 is awarded, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.</p>	
<p>2. Calne Food and Drink Festival – requesting £733 towards the promotion of a new community festival celebrating local produce and producers.</p> <p>Officers recommend that a grant of £733 is awarded, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.</p>	
<p>To report that, at its meeting of the 24th May 2011, the Area Board Co-ordinating group used its delegated authority to allocate the sum of £417.80 to the Safer Cycling Working Group/Calne Community Area Partnership in order to help facilitate the organisation and implementation of the Calne Community Cycle Ride event held on June 18th 2011.</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. 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.

<p>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</p>	<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 second round of funding during 2011/12.
- 2.3. Future rounds will be considered as follows:
 - 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 meeting on the 19th April 2011 the balance of funding remaining was £39,581.63.
- 4.3. The Calne Area Transport group reported to the Area Board (19th April 2011) an under spend of £417.80 on the award that was made to them on 26th October 2010, this amount was returned to the Board.
- 4.4. In accordance with decision making authority delegated to the Area Board, at the ABC meeting on 24th May 2011 it was proposed and agreed that the sum of £417.80, representing the under spend of the Calne Area Transport Project grant (26th Oct 2010) should be allocated to the Community Area Partnership in order to help facilitate the work of the Area Boards Safer cycling working group through the Calne Community Cycle Ride event that was to take place on Saturday 18th June.

- 4.5. The total budget available to the Area Board for this round of community area grants is therefore £39,163.83
- 4.6. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, the Calne Community Area Board will have a balance of £37,076.83.

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	Summer Fun in Calne Play scheme	4 week programme of inclusive activities for young people and children during the summer holidays.	£1354

- 8.1.1. **It is recommended that the Summer Fun in Calne Play scheme is awarded a grant of £1354 towards a 4 week programme of inclusive activities for young people and children during the summer holidays conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.**
- 8.1.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets grant criteria for 2011/12.
- 8.1.3. The project addresses issues in the Calne Community Area Plan, providing activities for young people and children and encouraging a sense of community cohesion, pride and well being.

- 8.1.4. This is widely recognised as a well organised and valuable project which has, for the last 14 years, served different groups of children and young people who live in the 2 most socially deprived areas of Calne and one of the 3 most deprived wards in Wiltshire (according to the indices of deprivation 2000)
- 8.1.5. Although the scheme has run previously, this can be viewed as a separate project as it delivers a different set of activities and opportunities to a different group of young people and children.
- 8.1.6. The group is a registered charity, which has a fundraising programme that enables free and half price places to be offered to families on low incomes.
- 8.1.7. Parents suffering the effects of deprivation often suffer low self esteem. This project encourages and supports parents to become involved as committee members and volunteers which may develop confidence and experience in engaging with their own children, other adults and authorities.
- 8.1.8. This project provides inclusive and equal opportunities. Many local families on low incomes can not afford a family holiday or to use expensive leisure provisions and many other schemes organised for young people in the area focus upon older children. The project aims to involve children in a wide range of activities everyday that they may not otherwise have an opportunity to experience, including art, craft, sports and games. Up to 80 places per day will be provided this also includes extra support for children with disabilities so that they are not excluded from the activities which their friends and siblings are involved in.
- 8.1.9. This application is not towards running costs as funds to cover this have already been sourced. An award of a Community Area Grant will enable the group to run a wide range of facilitated arts workshops and physical activities and to provide new materials and equipment for the scheme.
- 8.1.10. An award to this project will represent approximately 10% of the overall project costs and will help the community to draw down an additional £10,500 from external sources.
- 8.1.11. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project the scheme will still go ahead, but the quality/number of activities on offer will be affected, resulting in reduced value to the children, their families and the community.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2	Calne Food and Drink festival	Promotion of a new community festival celebrating local produce and producers.	£733

8.2.1 It is recommended that the Calne Food and Drink Festival is awarded a grant of £733 towards the production of leaflets to promote the first Calne Food & Drink festival, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

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

8.2.3 The project addresses issues in the Calne Community Area Plan encouraging a sense of community cohesion, pride and well being.

8.2.4 Successful food and drink festivals are held in other local market towns, but this is the first time that one has been planned for the Calne Community. It aims to involve all local people in organising and participating in the event and will focus upon local produce/cuisine and producers.

8.2.5 The overall project will involve significant sponsorship and organisational support. This is being offered by a wide range of local groups and organisations including the Town Council, the Community Area Partnership, the Hills group and John Bentley School.

8.2.6 This application represents a request to the Area Board to support the project through the provision of promotional leaflets, which are required to be produced ahead of the completion of all other arrangements in order to promote the event widely and in good time.

8.2.7 The Area Board should be aware that, while this activity could be perceived to constitute 'running costs' it is permitted to fund such activity where it represents pump priming a new project.

8.2.8 If a grant is awarded the applicant should be made aware that, as a pump priming award, this activity would not be eligible for community grant funding in the future.

8.1.12. If an award is made to this project it will represent 50% of the overall cost of the promotional literature and will allow the community to draw down an additional £733 from external funding sources.

8.1.13. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund this project the festival will go ahead with reduced promotional opportunities as the project group will either have to produce fewer leaflets/reduced quality leaflets or will have to delay distribution while alternative funding is sought.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Calne Community Area Grants Summary 2011/12 Appendix 2 Grant application – Summer Fun in Calne Appendix 3 Grant application – Calne Food and Drink Festival
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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