

Report to	Calne Community Area Board
Date of Meeting	24th August 2010
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 3 applications seeking 2010/11 Community Area Grant Funding

1. **Calne Community Area Partnership**, requesting £2,328 towards the design, print and distribution of a community focussed publication of a revised community area plan for each household in the Community Area.

Officers recommend that a grant of £2,328 is awarded.

2. **Calne Tennis Club**, requesting £983 towards providing indoor mini tennis coaching for junior beginners and junior improvers.

Officers recommend that a grant of £983 is awarded, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

3. **Calne First Responders**, requesting £2,450 towards the provision of equipment for volunteers to extend the reach of the project to a wider part of the Calne Community Area.

Officers recommend that a grant of £2,450 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 (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. When applications do not meet the funding criteria or have not secured match funding, applicants are advised to contact The Charities Information Bureau (CIB) for advice on other streams of 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 had a budget of £28,716 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. Following community partnership core funding being agreed and set aside to be drawn down in tranches, the Calne Area Board has a budget of £20,251 for the remainder of the 2010/2011 financial year for community grants and councillor led initiatives. (see appendix 1 for details)
- 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.

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)• Technical Officer Assessment
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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 3rd of 6 rounds of funding during 2010/11. The remaining funding rounds will take place on;
 - 26th October 2010 – (deadline for applications: 20th September 2010)
 - 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 £14,490

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
8.1 053	Calne Community Area Partnership	The design, print and distribution of a community focussed publication of a revised community area plan for each household in the Community Area.	£2,328

- 8.1.1. It is recommended that Calne Community Area Partnership (CCAP) is awarded a grant of £2,328 in order to design, print and distribute a user friendly, revised community area plan to each household in the Calne Community Area.**
- 8.1.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets grant criteria for 2010/11
- 8.1.3. As a part of its commitment to the Wiltshire Council Community Area Partnership Agreement CCAP has undertaken to review and update the Community Area Plan annually.
- 8.1.4. CCAP receives core funding from the Calne Area Board to undertake a review of the plan, however the 2010/11 agreement and core funding bid does not include provision for the design/print and distribution of a document.
- 8.1.5. CCAP has been undertaking the collection and assessment of community views and issues over the past 18 months and is currently completing the compilation of its final draft version.
- 8.1.6. This update represents a first opportunity for CCAP to promote and demonstrate to the Calne Community the new way in which it is working with the Calne Area Board to promote, lobby for and address their priorities, needs and aspirations.
- 8.1.7. CCAP wishes to distribute a copy of the plan to every household in the Community Area. This will help to promote the work that has been done so far and encourage greater engagement in future reviews of the Plan.
- 8.1.8. An award made in line with officer recommendations will represent 50% of the total project costs. Remaining funding will come from CCAP's reserves which do not represent any previous funding from Wiltshire Council.
- 8.1.9. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund this project it will not take place on the scale that CCAP envisages and the opportunities of informing and engaging the wider community in this manner may be lost.

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8.2 066a	Calne Tennis Club	Provision of indoor mini tennis equipment and coaching for junior beginners and junior improvers.	£983

- 8.2.1 It is recommended that Calne Tennis Club is awarded a grant of £983 towards the provision of mini tennis equipment and coaching sessions for young people and children from the Calne Community Area, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.**
- 8.2.2 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets grant criteria for 2010/11
- 8.2.3 An assessment of this application has been undertaken by the Wiltshire Council Sports Development Manager in which he identifies the project as being of high priority with links to Wiltshire Council's health and sports plan. This aims to get more people more active through the provision of a variety of sports and activities. (see appendix 5 for further details)
- 8.2.4 In addition the technical officer assessment shows that tennis was voted by primary and secondary school pupils in 2009 as their second most desired sport to be delivered more often or more easily in the community of Calne.
- 8.2.5 The project will charge course fees, but these will be reduced or waived for those who would otherwise be excluded as a result of a requirement to pay or those with minor health issues.
- 8.2.6 This application also makes direct links to the 2004/2006 Calne Community Area Plan and to issues emerging in the Community Area Plan review through providing activities and events for children and young people.
- 8.2.7 In addition it directly relates to Wiltshire Council priorities by improving young people's participation in positive activities, engaging with local people to find their priorities and working with them to deliver solutions, it also encourages life style change, impacting positively upon the health of individuals and will work towards reducing actual and perceptions of anti social behaviour.
- 8.2.8 The grant requested from the Area Board represents about 20% of the overall project costs, however officers hold some concerns that the project income is projected and not confirmed.
- 8.2.9 A decision not to fund this project would result in the benefits to those young people suffering from poor health or from disadvantaged backgrounds being reduced.

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8.3 066b	Calne First Responders	The design, print and distribution of a community focussed publication of a revised community area plan for each household in the Community Area.	£2,328

8.3.1 It is recommended that Calne First Responders is awarded £2,450 towards providing equipment that will enable volunteers to extend the reach of the project to provide emergency medical assistance in the Calne Community Area, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

8.3.2 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets grant criteria for 2010/11 and demonstrates links to the Calne Community Area Plan relating to access to health facilities.

8.3.3 The Calne First Responders are trained by the ambulance service to respond to medical emergencies such as; heart attacks, breathing difficulties, asthma, chest pains, falls, panic attacks, angina and unconsciousness. This responds to indicators identified in the NHS/Wiltshire Council Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (2010), which showed that hospital admissions for chronic heart disease and chronic pulmonary disease in the Calne Community Area are higher than the Wiltshire average.

8.3.4 The scheme already provides a valuable first response to many medical emergencies in the area and the achievement of this project will provide greater coverage geographically and hour by hour through providing equipment for 3 volunteers.

8.3.5 If an award is made in line with officer recommendation this will represent just under 50% of the total project cost. The applicant has secured confirmed sponsorship from a local business and from another local community group.

8.3.6 A decision not to fund this project will result in the expansion of the scheme being delayed while alternative funding is sought.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Calne Community Area Grants Summary 27/06/10 Appendix 2 Grant application – Calne Community Area Partnership Appendix 3 Grant application – Calne Tennis Club Appendix 4 Grant application – Calne First Responders Appendix 5 Technical Officer Assessment (Sports Development Manager).
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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