



Committee and date
Brown Cleve and Highley Local
Joint Committee.

Brown Cleve Zone.

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Responsible Officer

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1. Summary

This report considers the devolved funding allocated to the Brown Cleve Zone of the Brown Cleve and Highley Local Joint Committee (LJC) for the period 1st April 2013 up until 31st March 2014.

1.1 A total of **£7,500** has been devolved to the Committee, plus **£530.00** arts funding, to fund projects in the local community served by the LJC for the 2013/14 year and with **£622.00** under spend from last year the total available is **£8,652** .

1.2 Prior to each LJC, a planning meeting takes place to discuss applications and to agree recommendations.

The closing date for applications was 16th December 2013. Three applications have been received.

1.3 The committee awarded the following projects under the urgent and time sensitive delegated powers from the 2013/14 budget.

Group	Project	Amount requested	Amount Awarded
Brown Community Choir	Hire a music teacher	£1,000	£1,000
Friends of Eardington Nature Reserve	Gateway project	£1,494.21	£1,494.21

1.4 £600.00 was returned from Eardington Parish Council. This amount was not needed on the Eardington Quarry project as Shropshire Council covered the feasibility fees.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. That the applications from those organisations and their projects as detailed in this report be considered for funding.
- 2.2 The Local Joint Committee Guidelines are taken into consideration when assessing applications.
- 2.2 That the following guidelines be taken into account when assessing applications:
 - To normally only accept one application per project per year.
 - All grants must be claimed within 3 months
 - All projects must complete a monitoring form and where possible provide photographs to illustrate how the money has been spent
 - Community projects must supply a set of recent accounts or recent bank statement at the same time as the LJC grant application.
 - All projects with items up to £1000.00 must supply two quotes per item, and all projects with items over £1000.00 must supply 3 quotes per item.

The recommendations from the planning meeting feature in this report.

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3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

- 3.1 All of the funding applications have been assessed against agreed criteria which will minimise any risks associated with these projects
- 3.2 The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998.
- 3.3 The proposals under consideration will improve the levels of community based and community driven activity in the LJC area

4. Financial Implications

The funding devolved to the LJC can be used for a number of different purposes over the year. The Committee will continue to receive applications from local organisations for eligible purposes. Funding by the LJC must comply with the general Financial Rules for LJCs.

5. Applications, Summaries and Officer Recommendations

5.1 Chelmarsh Village Hall re-roofing project -

The village hall roof at 75 years old is at the end of its life. The sheeting is leaking around the bolt holes and corroding along the edges. Water is coming in a wetting the structural timbers and leaving water on the hall floor.

The group already have secured funding from Awards for All, £6,000 and have £11,000 in their roof fund. They have an application in with Screw fit for £7,000.

Total project cost – £25,000

Amount requested -£1,000

Amount recommended - £1,000

5.2 – Chelmarsh Bowling Club

The project is to construct, using the labour force available within the club membership, a twin viewing gallery - one for the home team and one for the away team - with a bowling control room in the middle.

A design has been prepared by an architect who is a club member, for a single storey building 21.0m long and 2.50m wide. This will be timber construction on a concrete base with a two tier internal seating system which will conceal diagonal wind bracing. The side facing the green will be mostly glazed.

The total cost of the materials for this project is £11,000 and this application is to request some financial support from the LJC towards this.

The bowling club currently offers an attractive venue for crown green bowls and is becoming more recognised as a venue in the midlands for championship matches due to the size and difficulty of the green, the expansive clubhouse, and the parking facilities.

It does, however, lack any form of substantial shelter for both players and spectators and in inclement weather players are often left wet and cold.

This project will meet this demand and elevate the green and clubhouse to a more important and popular level to the benefit of the club, the local community and visiting players.

The club are in the process of applying to Awards for All for funding and Labour and plant hire is secured. The club is fundraising to raise a further £2,000

Total project cost - £15,000

Amount requested -£2,000

Amount recommended £1,057.00

5.3 - Monkhopton Notice Board renewal

The Parish notice board at Monkhopton has collapsed. The parish council wishes to replace it with one identical to the boards in adjacent parishes. The existing notice board at Monkhopton has been in place for many years and has collapsed. As there was no front cover, notices deteriorated very quickly and were sometimes ripped off in the wind – thus contributing to a litter problem. The Parish Council would like to obtain a replacement oak board with a glazed door. The existing board was very well used by the Parish Council and other local organisations and was a useful aid in communicating news in a rural area.

They wish to obtain a board similar to the ones at Ditton Priors and Burwarton, which have proved to be well made and look attractive in a rural setting.

Total Project Cost £500

Amount requested - £500

Amount recommended - £500

6.0 Additional Information - Future applications

For applications forms and guidance, projects and groups wishing to apply to the Brown Clee and Highley Local Joint Committee (Brown Clee Zone) should contact:

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List of Background Papers
(This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)
Draft Medium Term Financial Plan 2011/12 - 2013/14, Appendix 5.
Report to Cabinet 13th January 2011. Locality Working Local Joint Committees.
Report to Cabinet 9th December 2010.LJC application forms for the projects listed
Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)
Councillor Gwilym Butler - Portfolio Holder for Community Working and Customer Services
Local Member Shropshire Councillor Robert Tindall, Shropshire Councillor David Tremellen
Appendices