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LONGDEN, FORD AND REA VALLEY LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE – APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

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1. Summary

In 2013/14 this Local Joint Committee has a total budget of £14,660. This is made up of £13,000 from the LJC budget and £1,080 from the arts funding, together with £580 carried over from the 2012/13 budget. At present this LJC has £5,830 left in its budget.

Since the last LJC meeting in October a decision was taken by the Chair to return un-used Travel Tokens from a previous project. This resulted in £1,020 being returned to the LJC budget which is included in the overall £5,830 left in the budget.

2. Recommendations

A. Members are asked to review projects listed below and agree a level of grant award to each project

3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

Risk Management Appraisal

In determining these recommendations, Shropshire Council has considered reputational risk and the course of action minimises this risk.

The LJC has received 2 applications for funding and the full project details are outlined below. Additional paperwork i.e. quotes; constitutions and accounts will be available at the meeting, on request.

4. Grant Applications

A. Pontesbury Bowling Club

Project Description:

The Pontesbury Bowling Club have requested further financial support, on top of the £4,000 that was given to them at the last LJC. The money is for the proposed extension to the existing clubhouse and to also provide separate disabled, ladies and gents toilets. The project would also incorporate a new kitchen. The Bowling Club are aware that this is unlikely, however, the costs of the project have increased since the last LJC meeting, meaning there is a shortfall required to complete their project.

Need & Demand:

At present the temporary toilets and kitchen are unhygienic and many visiting and club member ladies have complained at the state of the toilets (smell). At present we have no disabled toilets which are simply unacceptable. We also train 30-40 children and the current facilities are inadequate for a group of this size.

Added Value:

The improved facilities would improve club prestige, thus making club membership more desirable, which in turn will help gain more members and help the club become more sustainable. Should the improvements take place the Bowling League and County League may also wish to use the bowling green as a neutral venue which would bring in many spectators enabling the club to raise more funds through fundraising ideas.

Total Project Cost £16,500

Total amount requested from LJC £4,000

Grant Proposed £0

B. Minsterley Village Hall

Project Description

The project is to install a fire alarm system in order to continue holding large functions for example the Rea Valley market, and Minsterley Eisteddfod.

Need and Demand

At a recent inspection by the Shropshire Fire & rescue Service the Chairman was informed it was now necessary to install a fire alarm system.

Added Value:

To ensure everyone at the premises can be alerted if a fire should break out in any of the Parish hall rooms.

Total Project cost £5,234 Amount requesting from LJC £2,600

Grant Proposed £2,000

C. Hanwood Village Hall

Project Description

The current goalposts have been in use for many years. They are made of steel. They are now very rusted very heavy that is now very rusted and there is an increasing danger that if anyone misued them ie by hanging onto the crossbar they could collapse.

A recent court case still proceeding has highlighted the chance of this happening when a young boy was killed when the crossbar collapsed onto him.

The application is for collapsible goalposts that will allow the posts to be taken down after each match. There has always been a problem with the existing goals that have generally been left up after each match. This encouraged the use of the goal mouth seven days a week by people using the grounds. As a result of this heavy wear a large area in front of the goal posts have been quickly worn out and this area has become a mud bath.

At considerable cost the pitch was regenerated in 2013. In order to preserve the goal area worst affected of the goal post has been taken down after each match. Due to its heavy weight this is a very strenuous undertaking. Continually moving the rusting posts is leading to rapid deterioration and reducing its strength.

Need & Demand

Hanwood have two football teams. The pitch is also used for Cup Matches for teams in the area. The Village Hall are looking to expand the use of the Village hall grounds to encourage more sport with the slogan 'Sport on your doorstep'

This will include Rounders and Volley ball. It is important that we keep the whole of the football pitch in good condition

We will be installing new dressing rooms in February and will be looking to increase the use of the area.

Added Value:

Hanwood Football Club has been in existence for many years. The Club have built up a very good reputation. They now have the football pitch in excellent condition but with the present condition of the goal posts there will always be a risk of potential problems.

Total Project Cost £1,200

Amount requested from LJC £600

Grant Proposed : £600

D. Longden Seniors Club

Project Description

The Over 60's Club (which is affiliated to the Royal Voluntary Service) has been running for over 40 years. Meetings are held every 3rd Wednesday in the month at Pulverbatch Village Hall and attracts members from Hook – a – Gate to Church Pulverbatch with a member coming from Condoover. We provide transport for people who are unable to travel independently to our meetings. The older people in our community enjoy socialising, playing bingo, enter little competitions and we have occasional speakers ending the afternoon with sandwiches, cakes and teas.

As rural dwellers it is important that the Over 60's Club continues to keep the members occupied and the helpers ensure we all know what is going on locally and have something to look forward to. If a member does not turn up to Club for any reason a member of the committee contacts them to check all is well.

This year the Longden Over 60's Club would like to take members on a commemorative visit to The National Memorial Arboretum, Alrewas, Staffordshire. This is particularly significant this year with it being the WW1 centennial Anniversary year. Hence, this trip will be extra poignant for many of the members and visiting this wonderful Memorial will serve as a great memory.

We would like to plan for this visit to take place in June 2014. We would like to ask the Local Joint Committee to consider funding the coach transportation and perhaps mobility hire in order for this trip to take place.

For the trip we use a 53 seater coach and we currently have approximately 25 regular members. However, we intend to backfill the spaces by inviting senior citizens from the wider community to join us.

Regarding the mobility hire this takes the form of a land train around the Arboretum grounds along with audio commentary.

Need & Demand

Many of the Over 60's club have a connection to the Armed Forces (whether this be WW1, WW2 or more recent conflicts). In fact many of the members of the group are over 90 years of age and have had family members who served and lost their lives in either WW1 or WW2. Hence, having the opportunity to visit the memorial, pay their respects and have quiet reflection would enable members to really draw on the experience of the day.

Currently, none of the members have been to the National Memorial Arboretum and it is somewhere that many have said they would like to visit.

Added Value:

The trip helps us show the wider community what we do and encourages new members to join the group. It is good for the Over 60's to have a day of socialising, health, activity and fresh air.

Project cost up to £412.50

Amount requested from LJC £412.50

Grant Proposed £200

E. Mary Webb School Community Archive Project

Project Description

The LRFVCA project aims to create an archive collection of First World War memorabilia and artefacts using still photography, interviews and video. It will be the process of making the archive as much as the collection itself that will have an impact. The working title is the Longden, Ford & Rea Valley Community Archive (LRFVCA). The project will create a personalized collection of archive material related to WW1 from community contributions sourced locally. These will be shared with residents in the LJC area and beyond through a travelling display, DVD, and Website. Memorabilia, letters, artefacts, newspaper cuttings, photographs etc will all be welcomes for the Archive.

The project is set to begin in June/July 2014 with recruitment of young people in conjunction with Mary Webb School. The project has a plan taking it through until June 2015 where everything will be completed and media will be ramped up to highlight the collection and how it will be shared with the public.

Need & Demand

WW1 is no longer within living memory; the last veterans have passed on. It is therefore important to take this opportunity to research and preserve that history through family and community connections.

The Head of History at Mary Webb School has already received interest from twenty students about this project. A general call for memorabilia has already been placed in the Pontesbury Newsletter and initial meetings have been positive.

The aim to to reach half of the 7,862 population initially with publicity for the project and visits to groups and organisations by students and key personnel. The twenty young people involved will feedback to their peers through lessons, assemblies etc.

Added Value:

Whilst History teaching and learning about WW1 will continue within the school, this project is very much an extra-curricular activity driven by students and community participants who will take ownership of this project. We hope that by involving the community and local young people it will bring WW1 to life. The aim is for the finished archive to be widely available for the community as possible. There will be a launch event in 2015 with an exhibition display, DVD and online material. There are also plans afoot to approach larger venues where the DVD could be shown highlighting the Mary Webb and Rea Valley's role within WW1

Total Project cost £16,866.20

Amount requested from LJC £5,586.20

Grant Proposed £2,000

F. Pontesbury Public Hall

Project Description

To update the toilet facilities in the gents and ladies toilets to meet current plumbing & safety regulations

Need & Demand

The work would help us prevent sludge forming within the washbasins. We also need to provide hot water system improvements and hand dryers which would enable us to save energy too.

Added Value:

The extra value will come in the form of savings from the handryers and making the hot water system more efficient.

Project cost up to £4,472 Amount requested from LJC £1,500

Grant Proposed £1,030

Human Rights

The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the Human Rights Act 1998

Community and other Consultation

Consideration has been given to the public opinion expressed at the previous Local meetings

5. Financial Implications

At present the LJC has £5,830 left in its budget. If all applications within this funding report are approved, the LJC will have a remaining budget of £0 available to spend for the remainder of 2013/14.

All applications in this report have been subject to an initial officer appraisal to check they meet the basic LJC funding criteria and that suitable quotes and bank details have been submitted with the applications.

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)
Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder) Gwilym Butler
Local Members Roger Evans, Tudor Bebb
Appendices A – Funding Criteria paper