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Loton and Tern Local Joint
Committee

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LOTON AND TERN LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE - FUNDING REPORT

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1. Summary

In 2012/13 this Local Joint Committee has a total budget of £18,979 available to spend. This is made up of £17,000 from the LJC budget, £1,118 from the arts funding and £859 carryover from 2011/12.

So far in 2012/13 the Committee have committed £14,173.34 from the budget, leaving **£4,805.66** remaining to be committed.

The basic grant criteria of the LJC is that projects can apply for grants of up to £350 without needing matched funding; or grants of between £351 and £2,000 provided a minimum of 50% matched funding is secured. The maximum grant available from the LJC is normally restricted to £2,000.

Where matched funding is required for a project this must be in the form of cash, as in kind support is not accepted as matched funding

The Committee can decide to carry forward any remaining budget into the 2013/14 financial year as long as it is ring-fenced to a specific piece of work or project. It is anticipated that the LJC will have a budget of £17,000 again in 2013/14

2. Recommendations

A. Members are asked to support the applications LJC10.19 to LJC10.23 at the recommended funding levels listed in section 3 of the report.

3. REPORT

All the applications listed below have undergone a basic appraisal and meet the LJC requirements regarding having their own bank account, constitution and have submitted sufficient quotes with their applications.

Ref	Organisation and contact	Summary and potential outcomes	Total cost	Requested	Match funding confirmed
LJC10.19	Bicton Village Hall	<p>Flooring repairs to the village hall. Bicton Village Hall was built in the 1960's and has served the parish and outer lying areas well. The Village Hall and club are used by many local community groups including Hardy's Plants, Keep Fit, Shropshire Woodturners, Women's Institute, Parish Council, Indoor Bowls, Classic Car Club, Harvest Suppers, Church Meetings and lots more. Membership of the club is currently around 800+ with people paying a nominal sum which covers the running costs of the hall day to day. Over the past few years, the committee have undertaken an upgrade of some of the facilities including new ladies and gents toilets, refurbishment of the entrance hallway and installation of a new kitchen. All of these improvements have increased the number of groups using the village hall and club. The majority of the village hall flooring is a wood block floor which is extremely hard</p>	£2,612.06	£1,300 Recommended grant award £1080.66	£1,312.06 will be matched from the Village Halls own funds

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		<p>wearing and considering the amount of use over the years, has worn very well. A central area within the floor is constructed out of floor tiles, which look tired and worn in comparison. The aim is to remove this tiled area, level and lay wood block flooring to match the existing floor area. This will provide a safer, level area for those using the village hall along with improving the overall look of the village hall room. This will be the first stage in the refurbishment of the village hall which will bring the facilities of the village hall itself up to the standards of all of the other refurbishments we have completed in the rest of the building.</p>			
LJC10.20	Bicton Village Hall	<p>Car Park upgrade – The car park at the hall has a drainage issue which has been going on for a number of years. When there is heavy rain parts of the car park flood and we are unable to use them. Once the water recedes the surface of the car park becomes muddy and the surface breaks up. Remedial repairs have been undertaken but this has left the car park surface uneven. This application is to install new drainage for the car park and then look to resurface the car park when additional funding is secure. The work will</p>	£2,050	<p>£1,025</p> <p>Recommended grant award</p> <p>£1,025</p>	<p>The village hall committee have applied for funding of £1,500 to Bicton Parish Council which will be used as matched funding for the project.</p>

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		alleviate the flooding issue and also give us additional parking spaces.			
LJC10.21	Shrawardine B3 Group	<p>Village enhancement project – The projects purpose is to transform the bare and neglected corner at the entrance to the village into a visually attractive asset which will welcome people to the village. Villagers will work together to provide a rich habitat for birds, bees and butterflies which are in decline in the countryside. The land on which the project will take place is of poor clay soil so we'll purchase an old pot boiler which will be filled with soil suitable for growing nectar rich plants. The new plants will provide a rich environment for bees and butterflies and will also act as an attractive focal point at the entrance to the village near our "Best Kept Village sign"</p> <p>There is strong support for the project from within the village with many people volunteering to help plant and maintain the beds. We hope in time that the scheme will inspire villages to plant more wildlife friendly plants in their own gardens and other spaces in the village.</p>	£445	<p>£350</p> <p>Recommended grant award £350</p>	£95 of top soil has been donated to the project by Shropshire Turf and Soil

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LJC10.22	Yockleton Victory Hall	<p>Kitchen upgrade - The village hall at Yockleton is a popular venue within the village, but in need of modernisation to allow it to compete for bookings with neighbouring halls and to cater for the needs of private bookings. The Local Joint Committee has kindly supported us previously with the grant of £2,000 to help carryout emergency repairs to the roof of the building, which were essential to keeping the building water tight. Our next project is to upgrade the kitchen at the hall. The current kitchen if over 20 years old and showing signs of wear, the surrounding walls and electrics also require upgrading to meet H&S standards and provide an environment where hot and cold food can be easily prepared by community groups and private functions using the hall. Quotes for the work are being obtained from B&Q; Wickes and other local suppliers and we are comparing the cost of the contractor also fitting the units or the work being undertaken by members of the hall committee.</p>	£3,500	<p>£2,000</p> <p>Recommended grant award £2,000</p>	<p>Matched funding is being raised by the Committee and a local donation of £500 has been promised to the project if the additional funding can be raised.</p>

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LJC10.23	Withington Parish Room	<p>Replacement safety rail at Parish Room</p> <p>- The Railings on the ramp leading to the Parish Room, Withington, have broken, and urgently need repair. The Parish Room is used extensively by organisations in the village, including the W I, Yoga classes, Parish Council meetings, Film shows and other social functions. Many elderly people use the ramp up to the entrance, and the existing railings have become useless and dangerous</p> <p>The Parish Room is one of the centres of Community activity in the Village, and is used several times each week for meetings and other events.</p> <p>Discussions with parishioners at the Withington parish council Meeting on 9th January 2013 identified the replacement of the safety railing as a top priority for the village.</p> <p>There has been regular work done over the last few years on upgrading the Parish Room, including work on the kitchen and new toilets, including a disabled toilet.</p> <p>An effective safety rail will enable safer access to the parish room and give more confident use of the facilities by our less able residents.</p>	£700	<p>£350</p> <p>Recommended grant award £350</p>	<p>Withington Parish Council has funds from the Jubilee celebration, and Pride of Shropshire award which will be used as matched funding for this project.</p>

4. 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.

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

The LJC has a remaining budget of **£4,805.66** available to spend in 2012/13. The grants 10.19 to 10.23 in this report, if funded to their recommended levels would allocate all of this funding.

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.

6. Background

NA

7. Additional Information

NA

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)
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Local Members

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Appendices

None
