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Loton and Tern Local Joint  
Committee – Planning  
Meeting Funding report 4<sup>th</sup>  
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## LOTON AND TERN LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE - FUNDING REPORT

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### 1. Summary

In 2013/14 this Local Joint Committee has a total budget of **£18,389** available to spend. This is made up of £17,000 from the LJC budget, £1,120 from the arts funding and £269 carryover from 2012/13 budget.

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

### 2. Recommendations

- A. Members are asked to review the existing grant criteria and decide if they wish to adopt it for the 2013/14 financial year.
- B. Members are asked to support the applications LJC10.25 to LJC10.32 at the levels of funding recommended in 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.

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LJC10.25	Web@Westbury	<p>Our aims are:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To encourage Community engagement</li> <li>• To provide ICT Learning Opportunities</li> <li>• To offer employment support</li> </ul> <p>To promote social and digital inclusion we will facilitate day time and evening weekly sessions, where local residents can positively engage in their community in a friendly and relaxed environment. To further supplement our social aspect, we will encourage digital inclusion through the provision of free ICT (Information Communication Technology) and internet access with the additional benefit of ICT training for learners of all levels and abilities.</p> <p>Our weekly activities will include:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coffee and cake mornings / Networking</li> </ul>	£2,500	<p>£350</p> <p><b>Recommended Grant Award: £350</b></p>	<p>Matched funding of £350 has been applied to from the Grassroots grant, and the group is also considering an Awards for All application. The LJC grant would be a great “kick start” to the project</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free internet access</li> <li>• Absolute beginners courses</li> <li>• Social Networking</li> <li>• Media (e.g. photography, email, family tree, online shopping etc)</li> <li>• Job Club</li> <li>• Microsoft office courses</li> </ul> <p>Research in the village has shown that these activities are both needed and welcomed by residents and local organisations.</p> <p>Currently there are no projects that offer these activities and services in the Westbury area, and a local survey of the area revealed a high level of interest from a range of target groups.</p> <p>With a high level of unemployment in the area, a job club, ICT training and online learning centre will be well utilised. Additionally the village hall is central to the village and reduces the need for travelling long distances to external courses.</p> <p>Discussions with Local authority, Parish Council, and the Village Hall Committee have shown that the project is needed and</p>			

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		<p>welcomed. To further establish the need and demand within the community we engaged in the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General advertising (e.g. Local notice boards)</li> <li>• Sign up sheet at the Local Post Office</li> <li>• Household Leaflet drop</li> <li>• Door to door canvassing</li> <li>• Word of mouth</li> <li>• Consultation with Local Authority, Parish Council and Village Hall Committee</li> <li>• Liaison with previous club organiser</li> <li>• Telephone enquiries</li> </ul> <p>We anticipate a wide and diverse client group, therefore our scale of demand range is outlined below:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rudimentary skills (e.g. Switch on, keyboard &amp; mouse familiarisation)</li> <li>• Beginners (e.g. Internet Access, introduction to email etc)</li> <li>• Refresher Courses</li> <li>• Learn new skills</li> <li>• Intermediate ICT Training &amp;</li> <li>• Media, entertainment courses</li> </ul>			

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		<p>Consequently we feel we have enough evidence to support a new Community Group in Westbury.</p> <p>Currently there are no other known ICT facilities in the Westbury village. Our 'all inclusive' package ensures that residents can relax in a friendly and safe environment, with the additional option of free internet access, training and employment support.</p> <p>With a variety of activities available the centre will attract a diverse group of people. Individuals will be able to pursue their own area of interest, at their own pace and in their own time with access to one to one support.</p> <p>With this in mind, we anticipate the possibility of groups branching out into individual specific groups, such as local history, genealogy and photography groups etc.</p>			

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LJC10.26	Wattlesborough Village Show	<p>Wattlesborough Flower Show has been running for 11 years and takes place in September each year at Wattlesborough Village hall. The event aims to bring the community together and includes adult and children's classes. The event includes a dog show, 90 "classes" of exhibits judged by professional judges and a prize draw. The event generates its own income through entrance fees, a prize draw and the sale of refreshments but these are dependent on attendance at the event. This grant would help us meet the costs of the hire of the hall, insurance for the event and the printing of programmes and publicity for the event. Any profits from the event would then be reinvested in future events.</p>	£1,110	<p>£350  <b>Recommended Grant Award: £350</b></p>	<p>Matched funding would come from entrance fees, refreshment sales, and a prize draw event at the show.</p>
LJC10.27	Bomere Heath Pre School	<p>Bomere Heath Sunshine Pre-School operates from a small building within the grounds of Bomere Heath C of E Primary School. Currently 25 local families use the pre-school. We currently have a waiting list and so we are extending our opening hours in September to accommodate the additional children.</p> <p>We have access to the school's Key</p>	£12,865.53	<p>£2,000  <b>Recommended Grant Award: £2,000</b></p>	<p>Matched funding for the project is anticipated to come from Local Fundraising £2,500; £5,000 Awards for All;</p>

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		<p>Stage 1 garden area and in accordance with the welfare requirements set out in the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage, we are obliged to ensure that the children enjoy outdoor play daily.</p> <p>However, the building at present lacks any kind of covered outdoor area where the children can take shelter and continue their outdoor activities, eg, gardening projects, during rainy periods, or indeed, take shade in very sunny conditions(!). We also have a severe lack of indoor storage space and consequently wish to be able to provide an area where we can store waterproofs and wellies.</p> <p>The ultimate aim of our project is to pay for the construction of an all-weather canopy, to be erected over the rear of the building and over the access ramp, to provide a covered seating area and storage facilities. We also need to purchase the requisite equipment, eg, tables/chairs, storage units, waterproof clothing, outdoor notice board/whiteboard and seating mat. We are aiming to raise as much as possible ourselves, through</p>			<p>£500 Parish Council; £750 Shropshire Community Fund; £2,000 Co-operative Community Fund</p>

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		<p>fundraising activities, to pay for this equipment.</p> <p>We believe that this project will substantially enhance the children's enjoyment of their outdoor environment and similarly improve our facilities to the extent that we would gain much improved (and needed) outdoor access all year round. We also believe that the project will help us grow and become more sustainable as a group for the future benefit of all families with young children in the local area.</p> <p>As our numbers increase, there is a pressing need for more space both in terms of storage and play areas to enable us to continue to sustainably offer quality childcare to the families of the local community.</p> <p>Photographs are attached which show the rear of the building where we hope to construct the canopy, together with a photograph of our only cloakroom area, which is where we store coats and bags. The same space also serves as a nappy changing area. We simply have nowhere at present to store wet weather gear</p>			



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		<p>which is bulky and requires room to dry.</p> <p>Bomere Heath is a rural area which is poorly served by public transport links (we have referenced the Bomere Heath &amp; District Parish Plan here which highlights the problems with local public transport). This means that people are obliged to seek local childcare and we are the only setting in the area. Our facilities need to be improved so that we can properly serve the families of the community.</p> <p>By way of confirmation, we have made an application to the local Parish Council for financial support – this application is to be heard at a meeting on 12 June 2013.</p>			
LJC10.28	Alberbury and Cardeston Parish Council – Wattlesborough Village Green upgrade	The Old School Green in Wattlesborough Heath was formally adopted as a village green in February 2013. The land is situated off the A458 in Wattlesborough and forms a square piece of land surrounded by residential properties and Old School Lane, where a school bus drop off point is located. As many properties overlook the land it's seen as a safe place for children to play.	£1,000	£500  <b>Recommended Grant Award: £500</b>	Matched funding would come from local fundraising

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		<p>The land has been used a place of informal recreation for many years, and is surrounded by hedges and fences, and the grass is mown by the Parish Council. However the overall condition of the site needs improvement if it's to be used for more events and activities through its new designation as a village green.</p> <p>This project aims to address the access and drainage issues on the site. The key activities of the project will be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Alter the pedestrian access on the site from its existing location on the corner of Wigmore Lane and Old School Lane.</b> The current location is dangerous and it sends pedestrians straight out onto a road junction, which is particularly dangerous for children who may run out of the entrance unaware of oncoming traffic</li> <li><b>2. Create a new access point off Wigmore Lane and Old School Lane</b> – This new entrance will allow pedestrian access and also access for maintenance vehicles for mowing/upkeep of the site</li> </ol>			

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		<p><b>3. Filling in existing gaps in the hedge with new plants</b> – to create a new perimeter to the site.</p> <p><b>4. Undertake work on School House Lane to address drainage issues and make the site more appropriate for school bus drop off</b> – Currently children and parents wait for the bus on a narrow strip of land which becomes muddy and slippery in wet weather. By creating a new hard standing areas and addressing the drainage issues this area will become much easier to maintain whilst offering a safe standing area for boarding the school bus.</p> <p>The recent designation of the land at Wattlesborough as a village green has created a renewed sense of interest in the site amongst local residents, who attended a recent Parish Council meeting to request that more community use of the site is explored, and that the facilities on the site are improved.</p> <p>The issue of the pedestrian access on and off the site being next to a road junction was of particular concern to parents, and</p>			

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		<p>by addressing this issue the safety of the site for children will be greatly improved. Altering the vehicle entrance to the site will also improve the site and make it easier for vehicles to service the site, and address vehicle parking on Wigmore Lane which has also been addressed as an issue.</p> <p>Local residents feel that with small improvements to the site more use of the land will be made by children, and parents are exploring the costs of installing some new goalposts on the site.</p> <p>While the site is maintained by the Parish Council these alterations are more than routine maintenance and require some external funding to allow them to take place.</p>			
LJC10.29	<b>Art For Health</b>	<p>South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust covers a large geographical area, spread between Tamworth in the East and Shrewsbury in the West.</p> <p>Within Shropshire it has a base within Shrewsbury at the newly built Redwoods</p>	£1,296	<p>£750</p> <p><b>Recommended Grant Award £500</b></p>	<p>Matched funding will be South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare Trust £450;</p>

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		<p>Centre and serves smaller towns and rural areas across the County via our Community Mental Health Teams.</p> <p>The Trust provides mental health, learning disability and specialist children's services across South Staffordshire and mental health and learning disability services in Shropshire, Telford &amp; Wrekin and Powys.</p> <p>Arts for Health was set up in 2006 concentrating on the importance of the arts in healthcare and the difference it can make to the experiences of service users and staff. The Arts for Health team work with creative professionals and practitioners to deliver stimulating activities for service users.</p> <p>Arts for Health has built on local partnerships to support and deliver successful projects within the health authority and wider community. We work with our Clinical Teams to identify areas of need and aim to provide activities and events devised with best practice in mind and on the back of National initiatives and evidence-base</p>			<p>and a donation of £96 from Mid Counties Co-operative.</p>

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		<p>that is emerging continually through Arts in Health practice.</p> <p><b>The Redwoods Centre</b></p> <p>A new modern facility where mental health services are delivered by South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare. The centre is an attractive place to be and offers a light, airy and well-designed environment with modern and comfortable facilities.</p> <p>Although most people who experience mental health problems want to be treated at home, where admission is necessary, being able to receive treatment in the best possible environment is most conducive to recovery.</p> <p><b>Music Recitals</b></p> <p>As a way of contributing to recovery, Arts for Health (a department of the Trust) has been running a recital programme since autumn 2010 to which we invite inpatients, staff, visitors and community-based service users and their carers.</p>			

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		<p>Recitalists from the local area and from further afield offer an hour-long programme of music and in some instances are able to take music on to the wards.</p> <p>We select musicians who have the personal and professional credentials to work in a mental health setting, which requires patience and flexibility as well as a high standard of musicianship. It's a great opportunity for them to gain arts for health experience.</p> <p>For the audience, the sessions promote recovery and reintegration to society for service users, and general wellbeing for all. Music creates a relaxing, social environment and brings together people from all walks of life, living through a range of circumstances as service user and service deliverer. It brings down the barriers between people and directly counters the stigma that can attach to mental health issues and facilities.</p> <p>The recitals have been very popular with our audiences; we have attracted an average audience of 30 per session</p>			

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		<p>(benefiting approximately 2,000 since the programme's inception).</p> <p>WE are continuing with the recital programme at the Redwoods Centre on a monthly basis – on the first Tuesday of every month. The recitals start at 2.30pm and we provide simple refreshments during the event.</p> <p>We are lucky to attract musicians who are happy to deliver for a minimum fee of up to £50, but there are occasions when we have been approached by well-known, high profile musicians (if they are delivering a professional concert within Shrewsbury) and we have sought funding to support their performance – in order for our audience to benefit from a high quality cultural event. We also have special musicians that we have used in the past who cannot deliver for the minimum amount and we like to invite these people to take part in events at Christmas time and special occasions. Musicians include: Claire Jones (previously Harpist to HRH Prince Charles), Harriet Earis (Celtic Harpist with an international reputation), Richard</p>			



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		<p>Jenkinson (CBSO Principal Cellist – who played a duo with one of our service users on the day!) and Charles Matthews (Birmingham Conservatoire). These top musicians have been thrilled to play for our audiences as for them the experience is a very valuable one also.</p> <p>We feel the continuation of the recitals programme in the new Redwoods centre is an opportunity for us to maintain a valuable service for our Trust community and to engage with our local community in a meaningful way. By inviting local people to our musical events, we are supporting the Trust’s ambition to reduce stigma around mental health; creating a normalising experience for our inpatients and service users plus helping to develop The Redwoods Centre into much more of a community facility for local people.</p> <p><b>Budget</b></p> <p>We would be looking for support from the LJC for a 12 month period of recitals to include 12 local musicians @ £50 per session plus some contingency funds to attract well known and additional</p>			

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		musicians who can offer a more cultural experience for the Trust community and the wider local community. We are applying to the local Co-op to see if they would be able to provide the refreshments for our recitals to enable us to cover those costs separately.			
LJC10.30	<b>Montford Parish Hall</b>	<p><b>Kitchen upgrade</b> – The purpose and aim is to try and complete a refurbishment of the existing kitchen to bring it upto modern catering standards to enable the management committee to continue to promote the hall for more catered events. This year will be our Dimond Anniversary and will provide us with a lasting legacy to celebrate 60 years since the hall was erected. The new units will be a mixture of stainless steel catering standard as well as good quality commercial units and surfaces to provide more storage and preparation space.</p> <p>The existing kitchen is at least 40 years old and along with the surrounds and the general difficulty in keeping the room tidy and upto the standard to meet modern catering requirements. We have consulted with Eric Neville Catering</p>	£8,150	£2,000  <b>Recommended Grant Award: £2,000</b>	Matched funding of £4000 has been raised by village hall fundraising; the committee will also carry out some of the work themselves to save on costs.

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		<p>Supplies regarding units and equipment. The management committee have looked at booking trends and there is an increase in enquiries and bookings for our hall because it seats 120 people and has a stage and lends itself to events and receptions.</p> <p>The new kitchen will add a complete uplift to our possible bookings. The enquiries overall have increased and having decorated, both hall and committee rooms, we feel the final room which needs updating is the kitchen, which will allow us to cater for more private functions.</p>			
LJC10.31	<b>Alberbury Village Hall</b>	<p>Alberbury Village Hall was built by the residents of the village in 1980 and has been used extensively over the years for all local activities. It has a large fully equipped kitchen, toilets and committee room with ample parking.</p> <p>A committee of 20 residents of all ages manages the hall with differing skills resulting in a high standard of on-going maintenance and improvements to the building.</p>	£4,651.60	<p>£2,000</p> <p><b>Recommended Grant Award: £2,000</b></p>	<p>Matched funding for the project will be from the Village halls own funds.</p> <p>Detailed quotes for the works have been sourced by the</p>

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		<p>As our only community building the hall is used on a weekly basis for many different activities including, voluntary groups such as the Monday Club, the W.I. Quilters, Painting group, gardening club, annual parties at Christmas, Bonfire, parties, together with local Parish Council, PCC meetings and concerts. It is also used on a regular basis for Church activities with many funerals, weddings and family parties.</p> <p>As the hall is now over thirty years old modernisation and replacement of equipment is required and over the last few years we have replaced the lighting, new UPVC doors and windows have been installed, new curtains have been fitted and the committee is currently looking at major works to build an extension to increase capacity and to replace the toilets and cloakroom area.</p> <p>In the meantime we currently strive to maintain a high standard of facilities and have been asked by several groups and users of the hall if we can replace the old gas cooker, hob and ovens, which is old</p>			Committee

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		<p>and quite difficult to light, the hot cupboards which keep food warm, also need replacing.</p> <p>As there is no available gas supply to the village the existing cooker is powered by two LPG cylinders which are externally located on the kitchen wall. Regrettably, despite the cylinders being secured with chains to the wall they have been stolen on two separate occasions this year resulting in two Insurance claims and financial loss to the village hall fund for payment each time of the Insurance excess. Naturally it has also caused severe disruption to users of the hall and we have therefore decided in view of the age and condition of the existing cooker to replace the cooking facility with electrical powered equipment thus eliminating the threat of further theft and providing better equipment for our users.</p>			
LJC10.32	<b>Great Ness and Little Ness Parish Council</b>	The Parish Council has nine notice boards and they are used not only by the Parish Council but by the community and over the years the notice boards have become damaged and can no longer be used efficiently as some have no glass doors to	£1,157.30 for two wall mounted notice boards; £2,076.18 for three Post	£1,000  <b>Recommended Grant Award: £1,000 based on report back</b>	Matched funding will be from the parish councils own funds.

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		<p>protect them from the weather. These notice boards need to be replaced as soon as possible.</p> <p>The notice boards are used to display all Parish Council notices, meeting dates, agenda etc. The community also use these notice boards to display their events.</p> <p>As Great Ness and Little Ness Parish cover a wide rural area, these notice boards are used on a regular basis by the residents to keep them informed of future events, both from the council and the community. In some cases this is the only way residents get to know what is going on.</p> <p>The Parish Council does realise that they cannot replace all the notice boards at once, but would like to undertake the ones that are in great need of replacement starting with the two most in need of replacement.</p> <p>Some of the notice boards are not large enough to take all the notices that are displayed not only by the council but by</p>	Mounted notice boards	<p><b>on notice board costs and locations from David Nunn (Parish Council LJC rep)</b></p>	

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		<p>the community at large.</p> <p>The community and their groups have reported to the council members on several occasions that the notice boards need replacing and larger ones, if possible, being purchased as the community are using these notice boards to display their events and for some residents, this is the only way they find out what is going on and for future events.</p> <p>The notice boards have been damaged over the last few months by the weather and the Council has had to repair them, but this is only a temporary measure as new notice boards are needed. The Parish Council does understand that this project will have to be undertaken over two/three years and careful decisions on which ones are replaced first.</p> <p>Quotes have been received for two types of notice board – Medium wall mounted boards and Medium post mounted boards.</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 **£18,389** available to spend in 2013/14. There is sufficient funding in the budget to support the grants 10.25 to 10.32 to their full extent.

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**

<b>List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)</b>
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<b>Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)</b>
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<b>Appendices</b>
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