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Loton and Tern Local Joint
Committee – Funding report
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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 had 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.

So far in this financial year the £8,700 of grants have been awarded, leaving **£9,689 remaining in the 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 approve the grant offers recommended in this report for applications LJC10.33 to LJC10.38

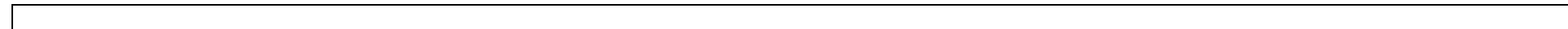
3. REPORT

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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LJC10.33	Upton Magna Memorial Hall	<p>The project will allow the hall to buy four new 9 x 3 metre gazebos to replace the existing ones which are worn and unsafe.</p> <p>We have one newish gazebo which is far superior to the old ones which we have used for the last few years and repaired where possible, however they are now unstable and unsafe and we have scrapped them.</p> <p>The gazebos are used for the annual fete (our main fundraiser for the village hall) and also the school use them for events, and can be hired by people in the parish for a small donation.</p> <p>The gazebos will be used each year at the fete and are essential to the event for covering stalls and exhibits from the sun and rain. We now only have one gazebo and without them the fete would be difficult to run.</p>	£1196	<p>£598</p> <p>Recommended grant award £598</p>	Matched funding will come from the memorial halls own funds

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		<p>We have looked at a number of different suppliers for the gazebos and intend to buy ones which provide the size of gazebo we need, together with a good quality of gazebo for an extended lifespan.</p> <p>The gazebos will be used by the community, primarily at the fete which attracts 600-1000 people, as well as school events which involve over 100 pupils</p>			
LJC10.34	Fitz Village Hall – New Foyer area	<p>To provide an internal glazed screen inside the external door to the meeting room. This will reduce heat loss by creating an “air lock” and will provide a cloakroom area which is currently lacking at the hall.</p> <p>The construction will consist of laminated glass upper sections with solid panels in the lower section with a timber frame.</p> <p>The current external door opens straight into the meeting room on the most exposed, south west aspect of the hall. As mentioned earlier, heat losses will be considerably reduced. Currently there is</p>	£500	£350 Recommended grant award £350	The LJC grant would be used to buy the materials for the works with the village hall providing matched funding and in kind support in the form of installing the foyer structure

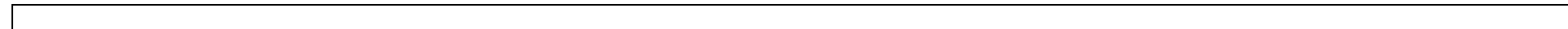


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LJC10.35	Astley Parochial Church Council – Repairs to stained glass window	<p>no defined area to hang outdoor coats.</p> <p>The 5 yearly report on our Grade 2* listed church by an architect in 2010 the need for renovation to the east windows stained glass, stabilisation and repointing of surrounding stonework. The stained glass dates from 1849.</p> <p>The glass is a fine example of Victorian glass executed in the medieval style, but, until we received the expert report, we had not realised how poor the condition was and the great danger of further deterioration. Therefore we must do essential restoration work to prevent irreparable damage in the future.</p> <p>The aims of this project are to ensure that the important stained glass of the east window is fully repaired and restored, the exterior stonework repaired and stabilised and crack monitoring procedures put in place.</p> <p>We are in discussion with the Heritage Lottery about a grant towards the project. We submitted an outline application and we have been invited to submit a full application under the “Grants for Places of</p>	£17,540	£2,000 Recommended grant award £1,000 on condition of the grant being spent by 1st April 2014.	Matched funding for the project would come from: The Glazier’s Trust £4,000 (applied for); £11,000 Heritage Lottery Fund (applied for) and local donations of £540 (secured)

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		<p>Worship” programme. If the HLF application is to be successful we have to provide a full heritage interpretation of the window and church so that residents and visitors can properly appreciate the importance of the site.</p> <p>Matched funding is required to support the works the majority of which we hope will be funded by the HLF</p>			
LJC10.36	Westbury Parish Council	<p>In July 2013 the Parish Council had a safety inspection carried out on the playground in Westbury. The inspection was carried out by a qualified representative of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents – RoSPA.</p> <p>The Report from RoSPA stated the following:</p> <p>“The present overall risk rating for the play space is High”</p> <p>The purpose of this project is to make safe the play area and ensure that as far as possible the children of Westbury have a safe play area to exercise and socialise in.</p>	£1,150	<p>£550</p> <p>Recommended grant award £550</p>	<p>Matched funding of £600 will be provided from Westbury Parish Council from their own funds.</p>

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		<p>The project will address issues in the report an carry out repairs or alterations to the following equipment</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fencing 2. Gate 3. General surface 4. BMX Track 5. Multi Play area (slide and climbing frame) 6. Nijha Rocker bike 7. Rocker squirrel 8. Seesaw 9. Toddler swing 			
LJC10.37	Bicton Village Hall – Village Hall Lighting	<p>Bicton Village hall was built in the 1960s and has served the parish and outer lying areas well. The village hall is used by many local community groups including Hardy’s Plants, Keep Fit, Shropshire Woodturners, WI, Parish Council, Indoor Bowls, Classic Car Club, harvest suppers etc. Over the last 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</p>	£2,2269.92	<p>£1,1134.96</p> <p>Recommended grant award £1,1134.96</p>	<p>Matched funding for the project will be provided from the halls own funds, and has been secured.</p>



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		<p>village hall.</p> <p>The next stage of refurbishment is to upgrade the existing lighting to a more modern lighting system which is low energy – to improve the overall appearance of the village hall and to help save costs on electricity bills.</p> <p>The village hall plays a vital role in the village of Bicton, bringing local people together. The hall is situated in its own grounds with large car parking and is an excellent venue for businesses to hold meetings, private parties, clubs and other activities.</p> <p>Surveys sent out to local villagers showed that maintaining and improving the village hall was a high priority. The new lighting will create a better lighting environment in the hall and also reduce our overall energy costs which are one of the main areas of expenditure for the hall.</p>			
LJC10.38	Nesscliffe Youth Club – Support for trips and events.	Nesscliffe Youth Club runs in term time and is supported by the Parish Council and Shropshire Youth Service and local volunteers, through which two youth workers are employed to run sessions for	£350	£350 Recommended grant award £350	

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		<p>up to 30 children aged 10-16. Grants from the parish council; a tuck shop and fees paid by children at the club help meet the day to day running costs of the club, however this does not generate a surplus.</p> <p>This grant application is for £350 to help meet the costs of providing external trips to attractions and events outside of Nesscliffe which will help the children experience new places and experiences. In the summer we ran a trip to the West Midlands Safari Park which was very successful.</p> <p>The grant will be used to help meet the travel costs of such a trip, and the children's families will meet the costs of entrance fees. We will work with young people to help plan where the visit will be and what activities will take place there.</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 **£9,689** available to spend in 2013/14. There is sufficient funding in the budget to support the grants 10.33 to 10.38 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

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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Appendices

None
