

ALBRIGHTON AREA LJC – 2010/11 - SUMMARY OF GRANT APPLICATIONS

Applications for consideration at 25 th January 2011 from the Large Grant budget of £21,779					
No.	Project Title / Organisation	Summary	Amount Requested	Recommendation	Committee Decision
12 10/11	Abney Avenue Park Improvement	<p><i>A project to improve the Play Area at Abney Avenue</i></p> <p>The purpose of the project is to improve the park to create a safe and clean environment for the children to use.</p> <p>Some of the equipment is past its best and recent anti social behaviour issues have resulted in adjoining property boundary fences being damaged.</p> <p>The residents group has formed and is working with Shropshire Council on a Community Spaces bid. The total project costs are £54,299 and the bid for the community spaces fund will total £49,999. The Park Committee have so far raised £300 towards the project, they have been pledged £1000 from the Parish Council towards the project, Shropshire Council's Countryside and Open Spaces department has identified £2000 and they are requesting £1000 from the LJC.</p> <p>It is also important to note that the overall costs have been reduced by almost £10,000 following the commitment of the local volunteers, who have pledged their time for removing the old play equipment (including the use of a JCB), removal of the existing fence and then help with the reinstatement of the new fencing and necessary replanting,</p>	£1000		
13 10/11	Tong Parish Hall Ramp	<p><i>A project from the Parish Council to replace the existing chairlift with a disabled ramp access.</i></p> <p>The existing chairlift to the Parish Hall is not fit for purpose and requires replacement. The most cost effective means of providing disabled access to the</p>	£4000		

		<p>required standard is to install a ramp.</p> <p>The Hall is used for a wide range of community events and the broken chairlift means that the Hall is currently inaccessible to members of the community who cannot use the steep flight of steps.</p> <p>The total cost of the project is £10,120, the Parish Council have allocated £4000, they are applying for disabled access grants in the sum of £2120 and therefore wish to request a grant of £4000 from the LJC.</p>			
14 10/11	Albrighton & District Civic Society – Entrance Scheme	<p><i>This project is to continue the improvements currently underway to improve the appearance of the entrance routes to the village.</i></p> <p>The applicants wish to continue work already started by continuing to clear weeds, and scrub from verges and removal of dead and dying trees.</p> <p>They also plan to plant bulbs, shrubs and other more suitable trees. They do plan to choose low maintenance plants making the sites more sustainable and easier for monitoring and maintaining the sites for the future.</p> <p>The project is expected to be carried out over 3 years and this application is for Phase 2.</p> <p>A key element of this project is that private enterprise funding at least matches public grant funding. Therefore local businesses have donated plants free of charge and at lower cost and volunteers will be undertaking much of the work to clear and plant.</p> <p>The Civic Society are working together with other groups from the village such as the Albrighton Footpath Group and Albrighton Traders Association to ensure that there is a joined up approach to their work.</p> <p>The local schools (St Mary's Primary, Birchfield</p>	£2500		

		<p>Preparatory and Idsall Comprehensive) are taking part in the planting scheme and are involved in the Civic Society's Schools Award Scheme.</p> <p>The entrance scheme benefits the whole community by improving the environment and appearance of the area for residents, business and visitors.</p> <p>The total cost of the scheme is £8325 and they are requesting funding of £2500. The balance is being met by donations of plants, volunteer labour and £200 from the Civic Society's own funds.</p>			
15 10/11	Albrighton Village Halls Trust – Red House Improvements	<p><i>This project is towards the cost of improvements to window frames and stairway as well as replacement kitchen equipment.</i></p> <p>The kitchen is a well used facility and unfortunately the cooker now needs replacing – this is obviously an integral part of the equipment for the kitchen and is used on a regular basis by many of the community groups who use the facility themselves. They also hold regular functions where meals are prepared and served as part of the service on offer which helps towards making the facility more viable and appealing to the users.</p> <p>The refurbishment works to the windows of these small meeting rooms, not only improves the life of the window frames but also contributes to the overall security of the building.</p> <p>By increasing the community use of the facility this will help it to be more sustainable for future years and the dishwasher would be a new piece of equipment to complement the kitchen but one which is very necessary. The Red House have functions catering for over 100 diners and this would greatly improve the kitchen efficiency at these times as well as addressing hygiene standards where cutlery and plates are washed at a higher temperature.</p>	£3750		

		<p>The ability to offer improved catering facilities which can be hired out to locals for functions, weddings, parties etc would give the Red House a wider appeal to external catering companies to use the facility and also enhance the facility for the use of the Red House to enable us to offer the ability to provide catering to those hirers of the Hall who prefer to pay for the whole service rather than to cater themselves. This will help us to be more flexible in our approach to hiring out the facility in the future.</p> <p>The total projects costs are £13,750 and they are applying to Awards for All for £9000, they are able to fund £1000 from their improvement fund and they are applying to the LJC for £3,750.</p>			
16 10/11	Albrighton Traders Association – Membership Directory Pamphlet	<p><i>The project is produce a directory for businesses in the village.</i></p> <p>The leaflet would be distributed to every household in Albrighton and surrounding areas and they estimate around 7000 leaflets would be required.</p> <p>During Albrighton’s 2010 Fayre Day the Traders Ass circulated a questionnaire. One of the question asked “what the public thought was lacking from the village retail shops”. From the responses it became clear that that the local community were unaware of some of Albrighton’s business and what they were providing locally.</p> <p>This project is designed to not only benefit the businesses in a difficult economic climate but also to improve information for the community as not all residents have access to the internet. Many of Albrighton’s residents are elderly and if they were able to phone any of the businesses for assistance with their purchases or deliveries then then could do so with the information being easily accessible to them. The project would also enable the businesses to try to attract visitors from further afield to the village.</p>	£585		

		The total project costs are £660.00 and they are requesting £585.00 .			
17 10/11	The Albrighton Trust Site – Improvement to Horticultural Training/Therapy	<p><i>The project is to replace existing raised garden beds with ones suitable for wheelchair access.</i></p> <p>Currently the raised beds are approx 12” high and they would like to increase the height and pave the area around the beds to create an area that is fully accessible to wheelchair users.</p> <p>They are also intended to incorporate water tanks into the project which would be situated at one end of each bed in order to collect rain water to water the beds.</p> <p>These beds are used to train clients dealing with, or recovering from illness, helping them during difficult periods of their life and to focus on something positive. The improvements to the beds are required to ensure all areas are fully accessible to wheelchair and physically impaired individuals. The programme provides structured and achievement based activities for individuals and groups. Plants are propagated in the greenhouse and planted out in the nursery or raised gardens.</p> <p>They have a group of enthusiastic volunteers who have offered to carry out the work to upgrade the beds. The compost will be a combination of their own and some donated from a local garden centre.</p> <p>The total project costs are £2,391.86 and they are requesting a grant of £1,141.86. The remaining shortfall is being funded by the Baily Thomas Charitable Trust - £750 and The Wilmcot Chariturst - £500.</p>	£1,141.86		
		<p>TOTAL BUDGET IN THIS POT AS AT MAY 2010 (including c/f £2779)</p> <p>Total Awarded to date</p>	<p>£21779.00</p> <p>£8298.00</p>	Total Awarded at this meeting	

		BALANCE REMAINING as at Sep 10	£13481.00		
Applications for consideration at 25th January 2011 from Community Chest of £2000 (up to £250)					
		None received			
		TOTAL BUDGET AS AT MAY 2010	£2000.00	Total Awarded at this meeting	
		Total Awarded	500.00		
		BALANCE REMAINING as at Sep 10	£1500.00		

£13481 + £1500 = 14981 remaining in total

Summary of all applications in 2010/11

				Recommendation	Committee decision
21 09/10	Albrighton Fayre - Resubmitted with additional information	To help towards the costs of the event. Further information on the need for the gazebos and provision of accounts, as requested by LJC (£250 awarded 24 March)	724.95	£400 The additional funding is made on the understanding that other community groups in the area can benefit by being able to "hire" the gazebos for a small fee. The Committee also recommend that the Fayre Committee retain any profits made to enable the Fayre to become more self sustainable for the future.	£400
01 10/11	Legion Youth Fishing	To create a Fishing Club for the young people of Albrighton for Sunday afternoons between 2-4pm.	822.00	£822	£822
02 10/11	Jazz Specials	To run 4 jazz evenings with nationally known jazz bands at The Harp PH, Albrighton with an approx audience of 75	2150.00	£500 The Committee also recommended that the organisation looks at a way of making a small charge to attendees to enable them to become more self sustainable for the future.	£500
03 10/11	Say Yes Shifnal & Albrighton Youth	Towards the cost of continuing provision of the Youth Worker for the Churches Together project	3000.00	Withdrawn Advise to come back at a later stage once current funding is coming to an end.	Withdrawn
04 10/11	Albrighton Football Club Pitch Drainage	Improvements to the drainage for the football pitch	3000.00	£3000	£3000
05 10/11	Replacement of Outdoor Furniture Albrighton Trust	Replacement of outdoor furniture	257.00	£250	£250
06 10/11	Albrighton Civic Society	Administration costs The application relates to the administration costs of the society – printing, stationery, room hire costs,	250.00	Deferred at July meeting Monitoring form now received detailing spend of 09/10 grant	Application refused

		<p>advertising, website set up. Expenditure in 09/10 was approx £350 and is expected to be £550 in 10/11. Regular attendance of 80+ residents at the meetings including 30 signed up volunteers.</p> <p>The intention of the current projects are to enhance work already being done by Shropshire Council and the local Parish Councils.</p>		Members are asked to consider the application.	
07 10/11	Albrighton Civic Society	Phase II of the plans to improve access roads to Albrighton	7500.00	Withdrawn Application being resubmitted at a later date	Withdrawn
08 10/11	"SPLASH" Albrighton & District Swimming Club	<p><i>A project to enhance facilities at Albrighton & District Swimming Club</i></p> <p>The purpose of this project is to enhance the activities on offer at the facility and provide equipment to support those activities.</p> <p>Current membership numbers are now 289 which brings in some funds along with grants received from other various organisations and authorities. However, the costs of running the facility has increased with additional health and safety requirements, increasing costs of public liability insurance and responsibility for CRB checks for staff. The Club does have ongoing funding raising activities but this equipment and additional costs is far in excess of what the Club can afford.</p> <p>The Committee have identified a number of new activities and equipment which are intended to increase usage to a wider audience ie toddler sessions, after school swims and swimming lessons to all age groups. They also have some additional equipment needs such as the poolside shelter, lifeguard uniforms and a replacement pool anti-wave boom. The club also have plans to develop the scope of what's on offer even further and are considering aqua fitness classes and lifeguard courses.</p> <p>The total cost of the project is £1876.08 and the</p>	£1576.00	That a grant in the sum of £1576 be awarded. The committee also suggested that the club review the charging policy with a view to increasing the charges for next year.	£1576

		applicants are requesting £1576 from the LJC.			
09 10/11	Shifnal & Albrighton Youth for Christ	<p><i>Provision of Panna Football Cage</i></p> <p>The purpose of the project is purchase a Panna Football cage. Panna is a form of football which is played in a two on two format within a 10 x 10ft cage. The name of the game is to use your close ball control skills to outwit your opponents. Panna has been used by Premier Football League Clubs as a fun and effective way of developing their players ball control and awareness skills.</p> <p>Youth for Christ have been using and promoting Panna Football and last year hired one of the cages and took it to Idsall school. It was a huge success and in high demand. Since taking it to the school young people have regularly asked to have it back. It is intended that a programme of activity will be organised for this equipment to cover the Shifnal and Albrighton areas and that it also be available for ad hoc events/use.</p> <p>The total cost of the project is £9100 and the applicant is requesting £1000 from the LJC. The applicant is also requesting the same level of funding from Shifnal & Sheriffhales LJC.</p>	£1000.00	That a grant in the sum of £1000 be awarded subject to the remaining sum being successfully awarded from the other grant bodies.	£1000
10 10/11	Donington Pool Management Committee	<p><i>Repairs to fencing</i></p> <p>This project is to replace fencing in and around the reserve. The grant is for materials only as all labour will be provided by members of the Committee.</p> <p>The reason for this work is due to vandalism to the existing fencing around the Nature Reserve and would enhance the safety of the area. These repairs have been endorsed the Shropshire Council's Senior Ranger who will be helping to source the appropriate materials as the job is undertaken.</p> <p>The applicant estimates the work at costing in the region of £250 but until work starts it is unknown</p>	250.00	That a grant in the sum of £250 be awarded.	£250

		exactly how much and what sizes of wood would be required. The Committee have undertaken to keep a record of expenditure as each section of the fencing is completed and will happily complete a monitoring form later in the year.			
11 10/11	Tong Parish Hall	<p>Parish Hall Kitchen Re-fit</p> <p>The purpose of the project is to bring the kitchen of the Parish Hall up to current food health & hygiene standards, by replacing the rotting MDF cupboards & shelves and redesigning the layout to a more efficient workspace.</p> <p>Committee volunteers have pledged to remove the old kitchen and clear the area before the refit. The Parish Hall is the only facility available in the area and is used regularly by the local community groups and local residents. The Parish Hall is relied on to underpin Church and Council events and to provide a social hub for Tong. The findings in the recent Parish Plan established the Hall as an important facility with the parish.</p> <p>A large one off cost such as this is over and above the everyday income of the hall, however, having the work done will help the hall to continue to be viable and sustainable in this small community.</p> <p>Total costs for the refurbishment is £4400 and the applicants are requesting £4000 from the LJC.</p>	£4000.00	That a grant in the sum of £1000 be awarded. The Committee suggested that the applicant should approach the Parish Council for V-Festival funding for this project.	£1000
				Total awarded to Sep 10	£8798