



Committee and date
Albrighton Area
Local Joint Committee

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2012/13 FINANCE REPORT, INCLUDING UPDATE ON FUNDING REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION

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1. Summary

This report considers the funding allocated to the Albrighton Area Local Joint Committee (LJC) for the period 1st April 2012 up until 31st March 2013.

A total of £11,370 was devolved to the Committee to fund projects in the local community served by this LJC for the 2012/13 year plus £1,627 carry forward from last year giving an overall total of £12,997.

The committee chose to allocate its funding into two pots:

- a pot of £2,000 to be used as a community chest for grant applications up to a value of £250.
- A larger pot with the remaining budget of £10,997 for other projects.

Prior to each LJC, a planning meeting takes place to discuss applications for funding and agree recommendations.

Seven valid applications have been received for this reporting period. These were considered at the planning meeting held on 5th November 2012 and the recommendations arising are included in this report for members to consider at this meeting.

A further project is currently being costed up for the installation of stage lighting to the Red House Community Centre, for which the remaining balance of £1035 has been ring-fenced to match fund. This item will be dealt with under delegated powers once full costings are available.

It should also be noted that out of the large pot a grant of £1,440 had been awarded to Albrighton Football Club under delegated powers. Albrighton Parish Council had pledged £2000 towards the project, members at the club had pledged £1000 and the LJC members awarded £1440 to enable the project to be undertaken in time for the new season. The project is detailed below:

The Clockmills site was originally intended as a football pitch but in recent years the surface became unsuitable for playing football on. The football club decided to renovate and redevelop the site for training and match day use, with general access for the public outside of these times.

To do this the site had to be cleared of weeds/stones and other material, levelled and reseeded urgently so that the surface would be playable by October 2012. The ongoing maintenance of the site will then fall to Albrighton FC which will represent a year on year saving of maintenance costs for Albrighton Parish Council.

A great deal of volunteer work is being carried out in Albrighton to expand the football club to facilitate as many of the areas children and adults to play football in 4 different Shropshire leagues. Currently the club has expanded to 10 teams of boys and girls of varying ages from 8 -17 and one adult male team culminating in excess of 170 players in the club from Albrighton and surrounding areas. Many of the teams and visiting teams will use the facility for training and competitive matches at weekends and additionally during lighter evenings teams will train throughout the week at the facility.

The committee are dedicated to raising funds throughout the season, all positions in the club are voluntary and unpaid and the expectancy is to continue to take the club forward with a positive attitude, drive and enthusiasm that will benefit the whole community.

The expected rise in usage of this facility brings together the community during and after matches together with social and fundraising events in the clubhouse, if this area is not redeveloped as it was originally intended it merely represents an ongoing maintenance burden for Albrighton PC without any gain for local communities.

2. Recommendations

- That the Committee notes the grant awarded to Albrighton Football Club under delegated powers as detailed in the report.
- That the LJC considers the applications received, and awards funding to those organisations and their projects as recommended in Appendix 1 to this report.
- That the Committee's intention to fund a project for the installation of stage lighting to the Red House Community Centre, for which the remaining budget of £1035 has been ring-fenced to match fund, be noted. This item will be dealt with under delegated powers once full costings are available.
- That the LJC notes that it has already set priorities for funding which will be directed at activities that help develop community-based and led projects in the area for the 2012/13 financial year.

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3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

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

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

The proposals under consideration will improve the levels of community based and community driven activity in the LJC area, and in particular in those communities identified by local Councillors as not benefiting previously from LJC support.

4. Financial Implications

The funding devolved to the LJC can be used for a number of different purposes over the year to address local priorities. Funding by the LJC must comply with the general Financial Rules for LJC's and additional criteria agreed by this committee.

5. Background

A total of seven applications have been received for consideration at this meeting. Four are for the larger grants scheme and three for the community chest.

Details of the individual applications are listed on the attached Appendix 1 to this report. Recommendations are now put forward to the Albrighton Area LJC and are summarised below as follows:

Grants	£
Albrighton Patients' Group	1000.00
Tong Parochial Church Council	1000.00
Donington & Albrighton Local Nature Reserve Man Cttee	698.00
Albrighton Short Mat Indoor Bowling Club	320.00
Albrighton Traders Association – 2012 Christmas Extravaganza	250.00
Albrighton Fayre	250.00
West Mercia Police – Tag Rugby	134.00
Total recommended at this meeting	3652.00
Total awarded at May 2012 meeting	6870.00
Total awarded under delegated powers August 2012	1440.00
Total spent	11962.00
Balance remaining £1035 to be ring fenced towards a project to provide spot lighting for shows such as the operatics shows at the Red House Community Centre	

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

Draft Medium Term Financial Plan 2011/12 – 2013/14, Appendix 5. Report to Cabinet 13th January 2011.

Locality Working Local Joint Committees. Report to Cabinet 9th December 2010.

LJC application form for the projects listed

Albrighton Area LJC funding guidelines

Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)

Cllr Gwilym Butler

Local Members

Councillors Malcolm Pate and Stuart West

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Summary of Applications