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Committee

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FUNDING PROPOSALS

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Summary

To report to members on certain funding proposals made in accordance with the updated Parish Plan.

Recommendations

The Local Joint Committee (LJC) is asked to agree the following spending:

- (1) £12,500.00 in respect of a new BMX track. It is proposed that this sum should be made payable to Bayston Hill Parish Council, the owners of the site and present BMX track.
- (2) In principle, £4,000 to Bayston Hill Memorial Hall Committee. The final decision to make the payment to be delegated to the Lead Officer in consultation with the Chair of the LJC once they are satisfied as to the terms on which the payment is to be made.
- (3) £700 towards the printing of the Parish Plan.

REPORT

Background

1. The updated Parish Plan has now been completed and published. Copies will be available at the LJC meeting.
2. In July funding was agreed for a range of projects including an anti-dog fouling campaign and the introduction of three new sites for a vehicle activated speeding sign.

3. In addition, the LJC received presentations on the needs of young people within the Village and it was agreed that at the next meeting a proposal should be made as to how a further sum of money from the LJC's budget should be allocated so as to address those needs

BMX Track

4. At informal planning meetings involving the Committee members, it has been agreed in principle to progress the idea of a new BMX track on the site of the present one. Though the sum required amounts to a significant proportion of the LJC's budget it is considered to meet a number of the key aspects of the Parish Plan. In particular it meets the requirements of:

- Priority Issue No 1. Young People "Hanging around" the Parade.
- Priority Issue No 8. Community Safety.

These Priorities recognise the need for constructive diversionary activities and approved recreational space for young people. Additionally the consultation undertaken with young people as part of the revision of the Parish Plan positively reinforced the need for adventurous and exciting play opportunities. It is also recognised that the proposal represents very good value for money when compared with other similar schemes carried out in the area. Furthermore, the redevelopment of the BMX track at Upton lane, Monkmoor resulted in a statistically recognizable reduction in anti-social behaviour in the area.

5. The actual work on the track has largely been completed as will be explained at the meeting and this has been done on behalf of the Parish Council albeit with the support, in principle of the LJC. At the Amenities Sub-committee of Bayston Hill Parish Council on 18th October it was agreed to formally approach the LJC for support in funding the project.
6. The sum of £12,500.00 is made up of:
 - £10,500.00 for the contractor
 - £1500.00 for tarmac to finish the track
 - £500 – this is an additional sum which would be used towards providing training at the track. The redevelopment of the BMX track provides an opportunity to implement a programme of activity based on the formation of a BMX club and to provide "Train the Trainer" sessions for young riders so that they can act as BMX instructors and mentors to other young people. There are a number of BMX tracks in the central area and BMX riders use these tracks depending upon their skill level.
7. It is understood that the contractor used by the Parish Council has previously constructed 3 other BMX tracks in the Shrewsbury area and worked very closely with young people in Bayston Hill in the design of the track here. The work generated a lot of interest and enthusiasm. It should also be noted that

approximately 200 tonnes of stone was donated by the local quarry to act as a “base” for the track.

8. It is strongly recommended that the approach of the Parish Council should be welcomed by the LJC and that the sum sought be agreed on the condition that it be used solely for the purposes of the BMX track and the training identified.

Memorial Hall

9. The Chair of the LJC received a letter from the Bayston Hill Memorial Hall Committee following the last meeting. It is attached as Appendix 1. It seeks funding for a new Sound System, Hearing Loop and Projection Screen.
10. It is recommended that this proposal is considered favourably as it will support the implementation of the Parish Plan Action Plan in terms of facilitating a venue for “Flix in the Sticks”. It is important, however, for the LJC to make any funding conditional upon there being a guaranteed number of films and consultation over what films are shown. Unfortunately it has not proved possible to finalise appropriate arrangements at this time and so it is recommended that a sum of £4000 is set aside in principle to fund the Memorial Hall’s request. It is further recommended that responsibility for making any final payments up to the total of £4000 be delegated to the Lead Officer in consultation with the Chair of the LJC. The Lead Officer and Chair would need to be satisfied that any payment actually made should meet the aims set out in the Action Plan.

Parish Plan

11. At the previous LJC it was agreed to spend £1000 on the printing of the Parish Plan Review. When all of the costs were finally added up the total came to £1070 and so an additional sum of £70 is sought from the LJC.

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

Human Rights Act Appraisal

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

Environmental Appraisal

If approved the recommendations should enhance the local environment.

Risk Management Appraisal

It is necessary to progress the aims of the Action Plan to maintain the perception of effectiveness of the LJC.

Community / Consultations Appraisal

Extensive consultation with households took place over the Action Plan.

Member Champion

Cllr Gwilym Butler

Local Member

Cllr Ted Clarke, Liz Parsons, Jon Tandy

Appendices

Letter from Bayston Hill Memorial Hall Committee.