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Bishop's Castle, Chirbury & Worthen and Clun Local Joint Committee	4
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BUDGET 2009/10 DECISION REPORT

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Summary

An annual budget of £49,000 has been allocated to this Local Joint Committee, £20,000 of which is for a Community Chest scheme (applications for £500 or less, no match funding required) and £29,000 for projects of more than £500 which require match funding. This report details the 14 applications which have been received in the 1st round which closed on 31 August 2009. It is requested that Committee consider the budget applications and recommendations in this report.

Recommendations:

- A. Members are asked to confirm the budget allocations as set out in this report.
- B. Members are asked to agree that all project applicants should be asked to provide a copy of their organisation's annual accounts when submitting a grant application. This will enable the Committee to fully understand the need for which a grant is being requested.

REPORT

1. 14 organisations have submitted grant applications for the first round of the 2009/10 allocation. 7 applications are for the Community Chest (6 of which applied for £500 or less, and 1 for £689.50 which was also appraised as a Community Chest project); 7 applications are for the remaining funds.
2. An assessment of their applications is set out below.

Assessment of Community Chest Applications

Free Badminton Coaching (CC#1)

3. Applicant – Clun & District Badminton and Sports Club
4. Project – free badminton coaching sessions for all age groups in order to increase membership.
5. Amount of grant requested - £477.25 to pay for a coach and administration costs.
6. **The Committee is Recommended to Approve Partial Funding of £250 with the proviso that the applicant organisation raises subscription fees for the club in order to pay for coaching in the future.**

Road Safety Awareness (CC#2)

7. Applicant – Clun Parent and Toddler Group
8. Project – Purchase of equipment to be used to teach road safety awareness to pre-school children.
9. Amount of grant requested - £427.59 to pay for the equipment.
10. **The Committee is Recommended to Approve Partial Funding of £250 with the proviso that the equipment purchased be made available to the whole community to use.**

Clun Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch (CC#3)

11. Applicant – Clun Senior Citizens Group
12. Project – Christmas lunch 2009 at the Longmynd Hotel for 37 senior citizens and 4 volunteers
13. Amount of grant requested - £689.50 towards costs of £1,012.84 (including volunteer time).
14. **The Committee is Recommended to Approve Partial Funding of £100 with the suggestion that the applicant do fundraising in order to pay for this lunch, or ask participants to pay towards the costs, and also to consider holding it locally.**

Lydbury North Community Newsletter (CC#4)

15. Applicant – Lydbury North Community Newsletter Association
16. Project – to produce a local monthly Community Newsletter.
17. Amount of grant requested - £330 towards costs of £480 (including volunteer time) for the production of the publication for one year.
- 18. The Committee is Recommended to Approve Funding of £330.**

Discovering Archaeology (CC#5)

19. Applicant – Lydbury North Young Archaeologists
20. Project – purchase of a dedicated laptop for school age amateur archaeologists to record finds and process data.
21. Amount of grant requested - £500 to pay for a laptop, bag and archaeological field equipment.
- 22. The Committee is Recommended to Approve Partial Funding of £300 with the proviso that the applicant does fundraising to cover the remaining costs and uses £71.58 of this grant specifically to purchase the archaeological field equipment noted in the application.**

Mainstone Village Hall replacement tables (CC#6)

23. Applicant – Mainstone Village Hall Committee
24. Project – to replace old and unsafe tables
25. Amount of grant requested - £500 towards costs of £745.20.
- 26. The Committee is Recommended to Approve Funding of £500.**

Bowling Green Improvements (CC#7)

27. Applicant – Worthen and Brockton Bowling Club
28. Project – creation of a 'Crown' green.
29. Amount of grant requested - £500 towards project costs of £6,425.
- 30. The Committee is Recommended to Approve Funding of £500.**

Young Engineer Clubs in Primary Schools (CC#8)

31. Applicant – South Shropshire Engineering Ambassadors
32. Project – after-school clubs under the auspices of STEMNET to stimulate the interest of children in engineering and related science and technology based subjects.
33. Amount of grant requested - £500 towards project costs of £1,000 (including volunteer time).
- 34. The Committee is Recommended to Approve Funding of £500.**

Assessment of Match Funded Applications over £500

Friendly Tennis Tournaments (MF#1)

35. Applicant – Bishop's Castle Tennis Club.
36. Project – to organise a series of tennis tournaments in spring/summer 2010 for youngsters (age 7-9, 10-11, 12-14) from the local area and Montgomeryshire.
37. Amount of grant requested - £2,610 to pay towards costs of £3,249 for coaching, organisation and grounds maintenance (including volunteer time).
- 38. The Committee is Recommended to Defer the Decision on funding this project until the next round, and in the meantime to refer the project applicant to the South Shropshire Sports and Leisure Advisory Group Fund (contact Dave Hinves, Leisure Area Manager South) which offers grants specifically for sporting activities.**

Bishop's Castle and Clun Area Festival Officer (MF#2)

39. Applicant – Bishop's Castle Tourism Community Interest Company (CIC).
40. Project – to pay for one year's services of a Festival Officer to support and enhance local festivals and events.
41. Amount of grant requested - £4,600 towards costs of £17,950 pa.
- 42. The Committee is Recommended to Approve Partial Funding of £3,000 conditional on the project securing the LEADER match funding and on the Festival Officer pro-actively advertising the service in the area.**

Bucknell Allotments and Community Composting (MF#3)

43. Applicant – Bucknell Allotments Association
44. Project – purchase of land and associated works in order to establish allotments in Bucknell.
45. Amount of grant requested - £4,630 towards costs of £15,230
46. **The Committee is Recommended to Approve Funding of £4,630 conditional on confirmation being received from the applicant that the land purchased is protected for future use as allotments and will be kept in trust for the community, for example the land might be kept in trust by the local parish council.**

Land, Life and Livelihoods Event and Farmers' Dens 2009/10 (MF#4)

47. Applicant – Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG)
48. Project – an event for farmers in the Clun Forest area to provide them with advice, support and access to grant aid, plus 4 Farmers' Dens.
49. Amount of grant requested - £2,000 towards costs of £3,016.
50. **The Committee is Recommended Not to Approve Funding of £2,000 as in the Committee's opinion there is already a wealth of information and substantial support (through DEFRA, NFU) for local farmers and this project will be duplicating what is already on offer. The project also will not bring match funding into the area.**

Energy Efficiency Office Improvements (MF#5)

51. Applicant – Light Foot Enterprises Community Interest Company (CIC).
52. Project – refurbished of newly acquired office space to make energy efficient.
53. Amount of grant requested - £2,600 towards costs of £3,465 (including volunteer time).
54. **The Committee is Recommended Not to Approve Funding of £2,600 as the project will benefit the applicant and the owners of the building only and not the wider community. The project also will not bring match funding into the area.**

Low Level Staging for Performances

55. Applicant – Marches Community Choir
56. Project – purchase of additional, low level, demountable staging, to be available to rent to other organisations via Village Outreach.
57. Amount of grant requested - £2,960 towards costs of £3,460.35.
- 58. The Committee is Recommended to Approve funding of £2,960.**

Current Budget Position

59. These recommendations will commit a total of £13,320 leaving £35,680 remaining in the committee's budget for 2009/10. The amount remaining in the Community Chest is £17,270. The amount remaining in the Match Funded Projects fund is £18,410.

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 contained in this report are compatible with the Human Rights Act 1998
Environmental Appraisal
Risk Management Appraisal In determining these recommendations, Shropshire Council has considered reputational risk and the course of action minimises this risk.
Community / Consultations Appraisal Consideration has been given to the public opinion expressed at the previous Local Meeting.
Cabinet Member Gwilym Butler
Local Members Nigel Hartin, Heather Kidd and Peter Phillips
Appendices None