



<u>Committee and Date</u>	<u>Item/Paper</u>
Bishop's Castle, Chirbury & Worthen and Clun Local Joint Committee	<b>5</b> Public
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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 17 applications which have been received in the 2nd round which closed on 30 November 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 in future the criteria for Community Chest grant applications be amended to allow projects requesting from £500 to £1,500 from this Local Joint Committee to be considered as a Community Chest project (and thus not requiring match funding) at the discretion of the Committee.

### REPORT

1. 17 organisations have submitted grant applications for the second round of the 2009/10 allocation. 9 applications are for the Community Chest; 8 applications are for the remaining funds.
2. An assessment of their applications is set out below.

**Assessment of Applications - Community Chest (CC) and Match Funded (MF)**

Shelter/Viewing Platform for Visitors (CC#9)

3. Applicant – Bishop's Castle Bowling Club.
4. Project –to install a viewing shelter at Bishop's Castle Bowling Club for residents and visitors to use.
5. Amount of grant requested - £500 towards costs of construction and installation of the platform, plus protective railing and edging.
6. **The Committee is Recommended to Approve Funding of £500.**

Sporting Equipment (CC#13)

7. Applicant – Clun Valley Air Gun League – Newcastle on Clun Club.
8. Project – purchase of a second hand Competition Air Rifle for the new Newcastle Club (which currently has to borrow one, thus restricting the times when the club can meet as the air rifle is not always available for them to use).
9. Amount of grant requested - £350 towards costs of £640 to pay for a second hand Competition Air Rifle, plus insurance and pellets,
10. **The Committee is Recommended to Approve Funding of £350 with the proviso that the Club's Constitution be amended to incorporate a clause stating that should the Club be disbanded the Competition Air Rifle will be sold and the proceeds given to charity or the local Parish Council. Also, before funding is released, confirmation of the name of the licence holder must be provided to the Community Regeneration Officer.**

Youth Room External Wall (MF#9)

11. Applicant – Clungunford Parish Hall
12. Project – construction of the west wall of Clungunford Parish Hall so that the western section of the building, once completed, can function as a more flexible and well-used space for the local community, particularly the local youngsters. This is part of a project which started in 2005 to renovate and make environmentally sustainable the Parish Hall.
13. Amount of grant requested - £2,388.97 towards costs of £14,937.97.
14. **The Committee is Recommended to Approve Funding of £2,388.97 conditional on the match funding for this project being secured from Awards for All.**

Bishop's Castle Auction Yard – 'Finishing Touches' (CC#10)

15. Applicant – Bishop's Castle Town Council.
16. Project – Completion of refurbishment of the route between the main Bishop's Castle Auction Yard car park and Church Street by planting of garden areas alongside the Kings Head and footpath lights alongside.
17. Amount of grant requested - £500 towards purchase of plants, timber and lighting plus labour.
18. **The Committee is Recommended Not to Approve Funding of £500 as the land is privately owned and could therefore at some point in the future be blocked to the public. Also Bishop's Castle Town Council, as evidenced by the Annual Accounts supplied, has sufficient reserves to pay for this project.**

Friendly Tennis Tournaments (MF#7) – (resubmitted as requested by Committee following unsuccessful application to first round)

19. Applicant – Bishop's Castle Lawn Tennis Club.
20. 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.
21. Amount of grant requested - £900 to pay towards costs of £2,180 for coaching, organisation, stationery, tournament medals & prizes, court maintenance for the duration of the tournaments and umpires(volunteer time).
22. **The Committee is Recommended to Approve Partial Funding of £450.**

Bucknell Football Club Facilities (CC#11)

23. Applicant – Bucknell Football Club.
24. Project – Provision of Portable Toilets for the current season of 2009/10 for the use of the public and the players of the local and visiting teams.
25. Amount of grant requested - £500 towards costs of £900.
26. **The Committee is Recommended to Approve Funding of £500.**

Tables and Trips Out (CC#12)

27. Applicant – St Mary's Primary School, Bucknell.
28. Project – 1) to purchase the old Bucknell Memorial Hall trestle tables plus some new chairs in order to invite the Redlake Club for Older People to regularly share lunch with the children and 2) to arrange a trip for the community to the ballet, pantomime or theatre.
29. Amount of grant requested - £410 towards the costs of the furniture and coach hire for the trip.
30. **The Committee is Recommended to Approve Partial Funding of £200 to pay for the tables and chairs.**

Bang On Street Band Big Project (MF#6)

31. Applicant – Bang On Street Samba Band
32. Project – Hire of rehearsal space for the Samba Band (which is currently using the teacher's living room where there is insufficient space for the growing numbers of participants and their drums) in order for the band to expand their numbers, skills, audiences and outreach to others in the community.
33. Amount of grant requested – £1,795 towards costs of £4,075 to pay for rehearsal space, workshop leader fees, hire of venue for workshops and publicity.
34. **The Committee is Recommended to Approve Funding of £1,795.**

Celebrate the Night (MF#8)

35. Applicant – Bucknell Playgroup & Toddlers
36. Project – a celebration of the night time landscape by staging a spectacular twilight/night event involving Clunbury and Leintwardine primary schools, Bishop's Castle Community College, Clunbury under 5s and Bucknell's community groups, in the grounds of St Mary's School, Bucknell on 20 March 2010.
37. Amount of grant requested - £3,000 towards costs of £15,904 for performers, marketing, workshop materials, refreshments and organisation.
38. **The Committee is Recommended to Approve Funding of £3,000.**

Clunbury Parish Newsletter (CC#14)

39. Applicant – Clunbury Parish Newsletter Association.
40. Project – to start a local newsletter (following a survey conducted for the Parish Plan which evidenced a need) to inform local residents of local activities and events.
41. Amount of grant requested - £500 towards costs of £545 to pay for printing 12 issues of the newsletter, 1 copy of desktop publishing software and consumables.
42. **The Committee is Recommended to Approve Partial Funding of £350.**

Village Street Dancers (CC#15)

43. Applicant – Clunbury Under Fives.
44. Project – A series of regular street dance sessions, led by a qualified dance teacher, on Tuesday after school for children under 8 years old, followed by an end of term Song and Dance concert for the village.
45. Amount of grant requested - £345 towards costs of £690 to pay for the instructor, a playgroup leader, rent of the village hall, insurance and snacks & drinks for the children.
46. **The Committee is Recommended to Approve Funding of £345.**

Replacement Crockery (CC#16)

47. Applicant – Norbury Village Hall Charitable Trust.
48. Project – Replacement of existing crockery, which has become unmatched and discoloured, to encourage greater use of the village hall.
49. Amount of grant requested - £500 towards project costs of £727.95 for 120 dinner plates and bowls and 60 mugs, teacups and saucers, milk jugs and bowls.
50. **The Committee is Recommended Not to Approve Funding of £500 as there is insufficient evidence of need and demand. Also, the Village Hall Charitable Trust, as shown by the Annual Accounts supplied, has sufficient reserves to pay for this replacement crockery.**

Healthy Lifestyle (CC#17)

51. Applicant – Worthen Patients Participation Group
52. Project – Purchase of exercise equipment (to be held in the Village Hall) for use by the whole community in order to establish exercise classes, run by qualified teachers, for the not so able, not so young, those recovering from illness of post operation, and other more mobile members of the community.
53. Amount of grant requested - £250 towards costs of £250 to pay for therapy balls, weights, 'parachute' and resistance bands.
54. **The Committee is Recommended to Approve Funding of £250.**

Building Work on Hopton Castle (MF#10)

55. Applicant – Hopton Castle Preservation Trust
56. Project – restoration of an inner doorway and the arch, recently uncovered during the renovation works of this medieval building.
57. Amount of grant requested - £20,000 towards total project costs of £1,200,000, to pay for restoration work.
58. **The Committee is Recommended Approve Partial Funding of £10,000.**

Outdoor Play Area (MF#11)

59. Applicant – Newcastle Children's Centre
60. Project – refurbishment of outdoor play area at the Centre which is old and decayed due to water run off so has raised up and the children frequently trip.
61. Amount of grant requested - £1,075.00 towards costs of £2,425.00 (including £450 volunteer time) to pay for replacement surface, French drain, removal of waste material and play equipment.
62. **The Committee is Recommended to Defer a Decision on this application until the next round as the annual accounts were not received in time for them to consider it at their meeting on 9 December.**

Rhythms of the Heart (MF#12)

63. Applicant – South Shropshire Interfaith Forum
64. Project – a two-day festival in Bishop's Castle in May 2010, including poetry, storytelling, discussions, music, dance and art involving people from various cultures and faiths from rural Shropshire and the urban West Midlands.
65. Amount of grant requested - £1,000 towards costs of £1,272 (includes £62 volunteer time) to pay for workshop leaders fees, venue hire, refreshments, materials and publicity.
- 66. The Committee is Recommended to Approve Partial Funding of £500.**

Safe Driving Project (MF#13)

67. Applicant – South West Rural Project (Shropshire Youth Service)
68. Project – A series of 6-week practical sessions with local young people, supported by the local Fire Service, to encourage safe driving including 'Under the Bonnet' experience of basic mechanics; discussion and videos on safe driving; practice and discussion on hazard and the driving test; taster driving sessions with a local driving instructor.
69. Amount of grant requested - £2,780.00 towards costs of £4,900.00 to pay for use of a garage, mechanics' time, driving instructor, Youth Workers' time, use of Harry Tuffins car park, administration, publicity.
- 70. The Committee is Recommended to Approve Funding of £2,780 subject to the applicant confirming that the project will be advertised and made available to young people in the whole LJC19 area. Also, the charitable donation to the Fire Service Benevolent Fund should be excluded from the costs of the project, and confirmation given by the applicant that the item for £240 for 'Harry Tuffins Charity' is actually a payment to Harry Tuffins for use of their car park.**

Current Budget Position

71. These recommendations will commit a total of £23,408.97 leaving £12,271.03 remaining in the committee's budget for 2009/10. The amount remaining in the Community Chest is £14,775. There is a shortfall in the Match Funded Projects fund of £2,503.97, but funds can be transferred from the Community Chest pot as required.

<b>List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)</b>
<b>Human Rights Act Appraisal</b> The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the Human Rights Act 1998
<b>Environmental Appraisal</b>
<b>Risk Management Appraisal</b> In determining these recommendations, Shropshire Council has considered reputational risk and the course of action minimises this risk.
<b>Community / Consultations Appraisal</b> Consideration has been given to the public opinion expressed at the previous Local Meeting.
<b>Cabinet Member</b> Gwilym Butler
<b>Local Members</b> Nigel Hartin, Heather Kidd and Peter Phillips
<b>Appendices</b> None