

**GRANT APPLICATIONS 2010/2011 – FOURTH ROUND – DECISION
REPORT****Responsible Officer** Claire Porter

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255472**Summary**

An annual budget of £49,000 has been allocated to this Local Joint Committee. £2,841.06 underspend has been carried forward from 2009/10, making a total of £51,841.06 to be distributed in 2010/11. £20,000 of this sum is for a Community Chest scheme (applications for £1,500 or less, no match funding required) and the remainder for projects of more than £1,500 which require match funding. This report details the 8 applications which have been received in the 4th round of 2010/11 which closed on 10 January 2011. It is requested that Committee consider the budget applications and recommendations in this report.

The Committee are also asked to approve future funding arrangements for 2011/2012.

Recommendations:

A. Members are asked to confirm the budget allocations as set out in this report.

B. To approve the following recommendations with regard to the allocation of funds in 2011/2012:

- A Community Chest Scheme totalling £10,000 to be established, the maximum amount of grant to be awarded to each successful applicant should be £500, no match funding required.
- A Match Funding Scheme should be established, the range of grant to be awarded to each successful applicant to be from a minimum of £501 up to a maximum of £2,500, with at least 50% cash match funding to be required, no voluntary time "in-kind" contributions to be included within the match funding.

REPORT

1. £9,810.29 was carried forward from the third round. £400 of this had already been provisionally allocated during that third round to the Homegrown project at the LJC pre meeting in September 2010, but this application was erroneously omitted from the final Budget Report in October. Therefore, the amount to be allocated in this Round 4 is £9,410.29. Eight organisations have submitted grant applications for the fourth and final round of the 2010/11 allocation. Four applications are for the Community Chest; 4 applications are for the remaining funds.
2. An assessment of their applications is set out below.
3. £24,500 has been allocated to the Bishop's Castle, Chirbury & Worthen and Clun Local Joint Committee for the financial year 2010/2011. Following the reduction in allocation for the forthcoming year, the Committee is asked to consider how it wishes to deal with the allocation of funds.

Assessment of Applications - Community Chest (CC)

'Homegrown' Opportunities on your Doorstep (CC#**)

3. Applicant – Marches Housing Charitable Trust (*already provisionally approved in Round 3 but inadvertently not included in final October report*)
4. Project – Practical demonstrations and activities delivered by local businesses to schoolchildren aged 15/16 in four South Shropshire schools.
5. Amount of grant requested - £400 towards costs of £6,200.
6. **The Committee is Recommended to Approve Funding of £400.**

Hidden History of Your House (CC#17)

7. Applicant – House on Crutches Museum Collection Trust in association with South West Shropshire Historical and Archaeological Society.
8. Project – to encourage people to look into the heritage of the property they live in, resulting in an event with a display that can be used at other events.
9. Amount of grant requested - £1,057 towards costs of £1,409 including volunteer time.
10. **The Committee is Recommended to Approve Partial Funding of £500.**

Development, promotion and improvements at the Church Barn (CC#18)

11. Applicant – Bishop's Castle PCC.
12. Project – installation of blackout blinds; promotion of the venue; damp proofing.
13. Amount of grant requested - £1,305.82 towards costs of £1,705.82 including volunteer time.
14. **The Committee is Recommended to Approve Partial Funding of £650.**

Clun Leaflet Reprinting (CC#19)

15. Applicant – Clun Tourism Group
16. Project – reprint of current tourism leaflets.
17. Amount of grant requested - £343 towards costs of £618.
18. **The Committee is Recommended to Approve Funding of £343.**

Table Tennis Equipment (CC#20)

19. Applicant – Lydbury North Village Hall Management Committee.
20. Project – Table tennis equipment for village hall users, particularly the 10-15 year olds.
21. Amount of grant requested - £560 towards costs of £560.
22. **The Committee is Recommended to Approve Partial Funding of £280.**

Assessment of Applications - Match Funded (MF)

Bishop's Castle and Clun Area Festival Officer (MF#11) *deferred from Round 3*

23. Applicant – Bishop's Castle Tourism Community Interest Company (CIC).
24. Project – to pay for one year's services of a Festival Officer to support and enhance local festivals and events.
25. Amount of grant requested - £4,600 towards costs of £17,950 pa.
26. **The Committee is Recommended Not to Approve Funding. This project was awarded £3,000 by LJC19 in 2009/10 and the Committee did not consider it a prudent use of funds to offer another grant this year as the project has not achieved sustainability.**

Clun Valley Automated External Defibrillators (MF#18)

- 27. Applicant – Clun Valley AED Scheme.
- 28. Project – provision of six Automated External Defibrillators for Clun, Whitcott Keysett, Newcastle, Bettws y Crwyn, Anchor, Bucknell and Chapel Lawn and to train volunteer user to operate them.
- 29. Amount of grant requested - £3,405 towards costs of £8,855.
- 30. The Committee is Recommended to Approve Partial Funding of £3,405.**

Worthen Parish Plan (MF#19)

- 31. Applicant – Worthen with Shelve Parish Plan Group (Parish Council).
- 32. Project – to produce a parish plan for the residents of Worthen with Shelve (Worthen, Hope and Heath wards).
- 33. Amount of grant requested - £1,500 towards costs of £3,500.
- 34. The Committee is Recommended to Approve Partial Funding of £1,000.**

Improve Village Hall Facilities (MF#20)

- 35. Applicant – Worthen Village Hall and Recreation Group Committee.
- 36. Project – to purchase new stacking chairs, folding tables and storage trolley.
- 37. Amount of grant requested - £1,246.38 towards costs of £5,246.38.
- 38. The Committee is Recommended to Approve Partial Funding of £500.**

Current Budget Position

- 39. These recommendations will commit a total of £6,673 leaving £2,737.29 remaining to carry forward to 2011/12.
- 40. Funding for 2011/12 has been set at £24,500 which, with the amount brought forward, leaves a total of £27,237.29 to allocate next year.

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