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## **BISHOP'S CASTLE, CHIRBURY & WORTHEN LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE – FUNDING DECISION REPORT.**

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### **1. Summary**

In 2011/12 this Local Joint Committee has a total budget of £26,181 available to spend. This is made up of £24,500 from the LJC budget, £1,441 from the arts funding and £240 carryover from 2010/11.

£10,000 of this sum is ring-fenced for a Community Chest scheme (applications for £500 or less, no match funding required) and the remainder for projects of more than £500 which require match funding of at least 50%. The maximum grant available from the LJC is £2500.

Where matched funding is required for a project this must be in the form of cash, as in kind support is not accepted as matched funding.

### **2. Recommendations**

- A. Members are asked to confirm grants are the recommended amounts for the projects outlined below

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### **3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal**

- 3.1 All of the funding applications have been assessed against agreed criteria which will minimise any risks associated with these projects.
- 3.2 The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998
- 3.3 The proposals under consideration will improve the levels of community based and community driven activity in the LJC area.

#### **4. Financial Implications**

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##### **a) Leasowes Bank Arts Festival – Costs of running 2011 Festival**

**Total project costs:** £12,530

**Grant requested from LJC:** £970

**Recommended Grant: £970**

**Project outline:** The Leasowes Bank Arts Festival annual summer programme brings contemporary classical, cutting edge jazz and other diverse new music of the highest professional standard to this remote rural location. Since its foundation in 1981 the festival has presented over 170 concerts and commissioned 47 new works.

The project aims are:

- To provide a wide range of music performed to the highest professional standard and including much new work
- To bring together a wide range of musical genres and cultural diversity.
- To develop an audience that values and supports new music and enable musicians to present challenging programmes that are difficult to stage in more 'mainstream' venues.
- To provide a 'cultural forum' for the informal exchange of ideas between artists and their audience where ideas can be developed and future events and projects can be initiated on this interaction.

The festival takes place in July each year and helps bring tourists into the local area, and also helps local groups raise funds through association with the festival.

The organisers of the festival are requesting a grant of £970 to help meet the costs of staging the festival. Matched funding of £4400 has been applied to from a variety of arts organisations and the festival anticipates generating £4300 from ticket sales. The remainder of the funding is to be secured through in kind support and from the grant requested from the LJC.

The application is supported by the Shropshire Council arts officer for the area; and letters of support have been received by Bishop's Castle Tourism Community Interest Company; the Magnolia B&B in Bishop's Castle; Reverend Norman Morris from St Margaret's church at Ratlinghope; Myndtown wines; a local artist Judi Willerton; and Ms E Knights who regularly attends the festival.

##### **b) Bishop's Castle Civic Society – Reprint of Bishop's Castle Town Trail**

**Total project costs:** £308.38

**Grant requested from the LJC:** £308.38

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**Recommended grant award: £308.38**

**Project Outline:** Update and reprint of the “Town Guide” for Bishop’s Castle.

The guide is an 8 page black and white guide providing details of a walk around Bishop’s Castle along with details of buildings, historical sites and attractions along the route. The guide encourages tourists to walk round and explore the town, and, hopefully, spend time and money in local outlets.

The guide is sold in local outlets in Bishop’s Castle. The 1<sup>st</sup> edition was printed in 1987 and has been reprinted and revised at regular intervals since this time, with the last Edition, the 6<sup>th</sup>, revised and reprinted in 2009, with a run of 200 copies.

This supply has all but sold out, hence the need to reprint and slightly revise at the same time. It is proposed to have 250 copies of the guide printed.

The applicant has provided just one quote for the work as the printer they propose to use holds the artwork for the guide. Commissioning new artwork along with the printing costs of new guides would considerably raise the cost of printing the guide.

**c) Norbury Primary School PTA – New outside education area**

**Total project costs:** £7314

**Grant requested from LJC:** £2,500

**Recommended grant award: £2500** on condition of matched funding for the project being secured from the Awards for All scheme.

**Project outline:** The primary school would like to install a new outdoor education area at the school to extend the amount of educational activities the school can provide, and to offer additional space for community activities at the school.

The new area would include a covered seating area, a sandpit which can also be covered to form a staging area, a wildlife pond, weather station, and will also see the paths and allotment area of the school expanded. A local contractor will undertake the work and use sustainable sources of wood in the construction. This will allow the school to provide classes and events which help engage the children in the environment.

Outside of school hours the facility will also be used by the wider community for talks and demonstrations by the Shropshire Hills AONB, and host a monthly farmers market where local produce will be available to purchase. The school also hosts quarterly “community café” events and the new facility will also be used to host these events.

The provision of an outside play area is supported by the school inspectors and similar play areas have been provided at Newcastle and Corvedale primary schools.

Norbury school PTA are requesting a grant of £2500 from the LJC. They have secured £3000 in matched funding from the Shropshire Hills AONB, and have £814 of their own funding. The final £1000 will be applied for from the Lottery Awards for All scheme.

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#### **d) Clunton Village Hall – New oven for the halls kitchen**

**Total project costs:** £487.00

**Grant requested from LJC:** £487.00

**Recommended grant award:** £487.00

**Project outline:** Clunton village hall has a modern kitchen which is an important asset to hiring out the hall to community groups and private parties who use the hall for events and meetings. However the oven in the kitchen was donated to the hall in 1997 and is now in need of replacement. Some of the hobs do not work, the buttons are loose or ineffective and the overall temperate of the oven is unreliable making it difficult to cook things. The halls committee would like to purchase a new electric oven to replace this old and unreliable oven.

Three quotes have been sourced for this purchase and the applicants preferred supplier is A.B. Smith of Craven Arms, who will supply, install and remove the old oven.

#### **e) Worthen Bowls club – new toilet for the club**

**Total project costs:** £1409.70

**Grant requested from the LJC:** £500

**Recommended grant award:** £500 on condition of matched funding being raised by the bowls club to meet the total cost of the project.

**Project outline:** Worthen bowls club has been undertaking a programme of development to modernise the facilities at the club. In recent years volunteers have helped raise £6000 for a new crown green to be installed at the club; new mowers have been purchased and the repairs have been made to the club house. The club would now like to install a new toilet on the site.

The bowling green is located around 100 metres from the village hall at Worthen, and the club have to use their toilet facilities. This means that if the hall is not open gaining access to the hall can be a problem. The local play area is also between the hall and the bowling green it can sometimes be intimidating to walk through the play area when there are teenagers using it.

The club would like to build their own toilet on the bowls club site. The works include the purchase of a shed to house the toilet; purchase and installing of the toilet; and installation of water/sewage connections to the toilet. Costs of these items have been obtained from local suppliers and preferred suppliers have been identified.

#### **f) South Shropshire Engineering Ambassadors (SSEA) – Young Engineer Clubs in local schools.**

**Total project costs:** £1750

**Grant requested from the LJC:** £875

**Recommended grant award:** £875

**Project outline:** SSEA engineers give their services and time to support the running of after-school clubs in local schools. These clubs are operated under the auspices of STEMNET to stimulate the interest of children in engineering and related science

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and technology based subjects. The project is supported by Enginuity at Ironbridge and The Young Engineers organisation.

This application is to seek funding to enable SSEA to continue the programme of activities supported by the previous grant of £700 awarded in July 2010 by Bishop's Castle, Chirbury & Worthen and Clun LJC. At that time they were running clubs in three local primary schools with the help of that funding they have been able to extend this to include seven clubs at the Community College Bishop's Castle (CCBC) and at Lydbury North, Newcastle on Clun, Norbury, Clunbury, Bishop's Castle and at St George's Clun primary schools.

This grant from the LJC will allow these activities to continue in 2011/12.

#### **g) Flower Festival at Holy Trinity Church, Lydham**

**Total project costs: £**

**Grant requested from the LJC: £125**

**Recommended grant award: £125** on condition of matched funding being raised by the bowls club to meet the total cost of the project.

**Project outline:** Lydham Church holds an annual Flower Festival, which showcases locally grown flowers and produce, and provides a focus for the community to come together and meet and socialise. This grant will help meet the costs of the 2011 festival.

This project application was submitted after the LJC planning meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, but has been included for appraisal as the project take place before the next LJC meeting in October. Copies of the application form will be circulated to the committee via email for consideration.

#### **h) Grange Road Lunch Club.**

**Total project costs: £500**

**Grant requested from LJC: £500**

**Recommended grant award: £500**

**Project outline:** Grange Road is an area of sheltered housing in Bishop's Castle, administered by South Shropshire Housing Association. A residents group has been formed and they plan to hold a monthly Community Lunch at their Community Centre in Grange Road. They would provide a hot 2 course lunch and would be able to cater for 20 people. They would like to involve people from the 18 properties in the scheme, and also invite people from schemes in Clun and Lydbury North and would welcome the wider community. After lunch they hope people would stay on and join in our activities i.e. Boccia, Wii and board games. There is a kitchen at the community room, but it lacks the equipment needed to prepare a meal for 20 people, so this application has been made to buy pots, pans, plates and serving equipment for the kitchen to help in the preparation of the meal.

<b>List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)</b>
<b>Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)</b> Gwilym Butler
<b>Local Members</b> Nigel Hartin, Heather Kidd, Peter Philips
<b>Appendices</b> None