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BISHOP'S CASTLE, CHIRBURY & WORTHEN AND CLUN LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE – PLANNING MEETING FUNDING PAPER

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1. Summary

In 2012/13 this Local Joint Committee has a total budget of £28,561 available to spend. This is made up of £24,500 from the LJC budget, £1,441 from the arts funding and £2,620 carryover from 2011/12.

The Committee have approved grants totalling £2,780 for Jubilee events in the area meaning there is **£25,781** remaining in the budget.

The basic grant criteria of the LJC is that projects can apply for grants of up to £500 without needing matched funding; or grants of between £501 and £2500 provided a minimum of 50% matched funding is secured. The maximum grant available from the LJC is £2,500.

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.

A further application – BC 20, is expected to be submitted in advance of the meeting and details will be circulated shortly.

2. Recommendations

- A. Members are asked to support the applications BC13 to BC16 at the grant levels listed in the report.
- B. Members are asked to review applications BC17 to BC19 which have been submitted since the planning meeting and, if appropriate suggest a level of grant funding to be awarded.
- C. Details of a further application – BC 20 – in relation to Clungunford Church will be sent to follow, in advance of the meeting.

C. REPORT

Ref	Organisation and contact	Summary and potential outcomes	Total cost	Requested	Match funding confirmed
BC13	Enterprise South West Shropshire – Business plan (To include presentation by Mike Ashwell of ESWS)	<p>Enterprise South West Shropshire is a Social Enterprise that provides a range of highly valued services in the South West of the County. Our 2 major components are the support provided through the drop-in IT Centre and the hire of event-enabling equipment from the Village Outreach Project.</p> <p>The IT Centre is open 5.5 days a week and provides office services and IT support and training to local businesses, individuals and community groups. It also manages the bishopscastle.co.uk (visitor and local info.) and bishopscastle.biz (local business directory) websites. The company also runs the local business network which provides support to it's 140 members. The Company manages Enterprise house with an annual footfall of around 50,000 people.</p> <p>These services, although highly valued in the area, have never made a totally watertight business model. This is mainly due to the sparse population and the necessary breadth of services we provide. Consequently, at every year end for the past 15 years, the Company has little, or no</p>	£2,500	£2,500	

		<p>surplus income.</p> <p>We propose to engage a local consultant who will work closely with the Board of Directors and the Company Manager to identify new roles that will yield new income and new projects of a sustainable nature. We are also keen to explore new services we can offer to the wider community including businesses, parish councils and community groups.</p> <p>We'll employ someone for 10 days spread over 5 months to look at the company's human and physical resources. They'll examine the current income generation both earned and otherwise. They will consult with both staff and board members. During this process we will identify:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Potential new activity/services to generate income 2. Potential sources of grant based income to expedite (1) 3. Methods of broadening of our customer base within the SW of the County 4. New projects that we might adopt if we can raise surplus funds. <p>At the end of the process the consultant will have:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implemented any applications to funding bodies 			

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Clearly proposed new areas of work and a plan of how the company resources can manage this. 3. Brought new customers and income to the company. 4. Provided us with a continuing action plan. <p>The main aim is to keep Enterprise South West sustainable so that we can continue to deliver our important services to the area. We also want to see some surplus funds at the end of each year so that the Board can suggest new ways in which we can respond to the needs of the wider community.</p> <p>The consultant will report to the Centre Manager and carry out much of the work at Enterprise House.</p>			
BC14	Worthen Youth Club	<p>Worthen Youth club is run by volunteers and is held once a week in Worthen village hall catering for around 20 youngsters. The club is popular and runs a variety of activities during the year. However due to the rural nature of the area, the income of the club does not match its expenditure on hire of the hall and the cost of delivering activities within the club. The organisers of the club are therefore requesting a grant of £500 to help them meet the running costs of the club in 2012/13</p>	£500	£500	

BC15	Figtree Ltd - Snailbeach Tails	<p>Snailbeach Tails is a fictional novel written by Julia Dean-Richards, set in the Shropshire Hills. Through its lovable (and bizarre) characters, it speaks of a recognisable rural landscape and heritage.</p> <p>Local illustrator and storyteller Fran O'Boyle has produced beautiful illustrations for the novel. Simon Cresswell, who works as a musician and guitar teacher in Shrewsbury, set it to music. Ray Jacobs, based in Snailbeach, designed the book and provides technical expertise. In order to make the work accessible to as many people as possible, Julia, Simon, Fran and Ray have formed a group called 'Figtree' and have devised a performance bringing together words, music and pictures taken from the first part of the book.</p> <p>The purpose of this project is to bring the performance to Snailbeach Village Hall, on the evening of Saturday 16th June, inviting local people to enjoy it in its original surroundings. We would then like to hold a village event at the local shop, in Stiperstones (which is mentioned in the novel), on the Sunday afternoon, to launch the book. As Figtree has invested in a PA system, we will give villagers the opportunity to perform their own music or poetry as part of the event. We will also</p>	£600	£500 (83% of total costs)	Matched funding is from the groups own funds.

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		<p>provide refreshments</p> <p>This project aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a high quality entertaining spectacle which draws from the heritage and beauty of the local area. • Provide quality artistic entertainment in an accessible venue • Enable people in the area to celebrate success and express their own creativity. • Draw local people to experience performance and art in a new way. <p>Snailbeach is a scattered, rural hillside community. In the Place Plan for this area, two of the needs highlighted are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and family activities • Senior citizens groups and clubs <p>It is expected that in combination the events will attract an audience of over 60 local people, many of whom will be from the above community sectors.</p> <p>Our company, Figtree, has been based in Snailbeach since 2008, and as we live in this community, we understand the importance of bringing high quality and affordable arts events to the local village hall. A previous performance in the area, by</p>			
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		<p>Figtree, attracted over fifty people.</p> <p>John's Shop, the local shop in Stiperstones, is mentioned in the performance, and John Sproson is keen to host the Sunday event, outside the shop. We will use the event to promote the shop, which is very special to our community, providing us with most essentials at a reasonable price.</p>			
BC16	Bishop's Castle Methodist Church – Modernisation of toilet facilities	<p>The aim of this project is to modernise the existing ladies and gentlemen's toilets into the hall into two unisex toilet cubicles. One being fully accessible for disabled/wheelchair users, the second a toilet cubicle with baby changing facilities. Both toilets would be heated, which they currently aren't. The project will also create a new storage area for toys used by the weekly toddler group, and as a general storage area.</p> <p>The hall is used by a variety of community groups including an arts group, yoga, tai Chi, WI, Toddlers group, youth group and slimming world. It caters for an estimated 175 regular users.</p> <p>The work is needed to upgrade the toilets which are nearly 30 years old and do not meet the needs of users, particularly those with disabilities or mobility problems.</p> <p>To meet access criteria a significant amount</p>	£8,670	£2,500 (28% of total costs)	<p>Matched funding is from the following sources</p> <p>£4,500 Church Hall funds;</p> <p>£867 Shropshire Methodists Church Circuit;</p> <p>£803 local fundraising</p>

		of work is required to alter the toilets and a variety of quotes have been sort. The most competitive is for £8,670 and is a local contractor			
BC17	Village Outreach – Repair of skate ramp and transport costs to 2012 events	<p>Village Outreach is based at Enterprise House in Bishop’s Castle and hires equipment to community groups within South Shropshire, including marquees, tables, chairs, audio equipment, stages and lighting and catering equipment. Hire of the equipment allows community groups access to high quality items at a competitive rate, without the need for them to purchase the equipment themselves.</p> <p>Since 2005 the Village Outreach project has looked after a mobile skate ramp, which was originally brought by South Shropshire District Council using Lottery funding. The ramp can be taken out and installed at community events and venues, giving people in rural areas access to a good quality skate ramp, which are normally only found in larger towns in Shropshire.</p> <p>As part of the agreement with South Shropshire District Council funding was allocated to the project which met the transport and manpower costs of transporting the ramp, and installing at in a community venue. The ramp requires two members of the Village Outreach staff to</p>	£4,200	£1,400 (33% of project costs)	Matched funding would come from other LJC’s in South Shropshire and contributions from Community groups and parish councils using the skate ramps.

		<p>assemble it which together with the transport costs means the average cost of installing the ramp at each site is £400. Due to the lottery funding Community groups were able to have the ramp at their venue for a very limited cost.</p> <p>However, this funding has now come to an end, and the ramp itself is in need of repair to meet safety standards, as the wooden boards have become worn. There is no longer any funding to subsidise the cost of transporting the ramps.</p> <p>This project's aim is to repair the ramp and provide a subsidy to meet the transport costs of taking the ramps to community venues across South Shropshire during 2012.</p> <p>Consultations with young people in south Shropshire have shown the popularity of skate ramps. They can be used for a variety of activities including skate boarding and BMX riders. Some larger towns such as Church Stretton and Craven Arms have permanent ramps, but the cost of these is prohibitive to installing them in more rural areas. This means young people have to travel long distances to gain access to a ramp.</p>			

		<p>The mobile skate ramp provides the opportunity for smaller communities to have a ramp for a short period of time and give local youngsters access to this facility. The ramps can also be used at community events as a means of attracting younger people to attend.</p> <p>The ramp operated by Village Outreach has been well used, but is in now need of repair if it is to be kept in use. The cost of the repair is £1,500 plus VAT.</p> <p>Consultations with community groups suggests a continued demand for the ramps, but without the lottery subsidy the £400 cost of hiring the ramps is too high for many community and youth groups, especially in the current economic climate.</p> <p>The grant from the LJC would allow rural communities the get the ramps for period of one – two weeks during 2012, with the locations being decided through consultations with local youth groups, community venues and event organisers. Interest in hosting the ramps in Bridgnorth and Clun has already been registered.</p> <p>Where additional funding can be raised the ramps can be taken to different locations during the course of the year.</p>			

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BC18	Community First Responders	<p>Community First Responder Schemes are teams of volunteers over the age of eighteen years who are recruited from within their local communities, and have a greater understanding of their local residents and premises and are able then to access the isolated and remote areas more effectively.</p> <p>They are trained by the West Midlands Ambulance Service to a nationally recognised level and provide life-saving treatment to people in their local communities. The Community First Responder (CFR) must also complete training with ambulance crews and Community Paramedics before going live. Once on the scene the CFR will provide treatment as they have been trained to do until the nearest ambulance arrives. The types of calls generally attended are cardiac arrest, heart attacks, strokes, choking, diabetic and trauma injuries. On going training provides the CFR with greater skills and the ability to operate at a more enhanced level.</p> <p>The Bishop's Castle & Clun Valley Community First Responders are endeavouring to purchase a four wheel drive vehicles for its responders operating in</p>	£16,995	£2,372 (14% of total cost)	<p>Matched funding £5,250 Grassroots Grant (applied for) £2372 Craven Arms LJC (applied for) £5,000 – Community Foundation Shropshire Telford and Wrekin (applied for) Austin, Hope Pilkington Charity £2,000 (applied for) Local parish councils have also been approached for funding</p>

		<p>South Shropshire. Currently they utilise their own vehicles and if they wish are able to claim travel expenses from the West Midlands Ambulance Service. CFR must be able to respond at very short notice of a 999 call and in some instances the time frame required to be in attendance with a patient is crucial to their recovery. In the case of a cardiac arrest a time on scene requirement is four minutes, any additional minute after this can reduce life expectancy by 10%.</p> <p>Operating within the area of the Clun Valley roads can be very hazardous and in some instances require a four wheel drive vehicle to attend. Such vehicles would enable us to access the more remote and difficult areas and has the advantage of a radio and tracking facility linking the car and the responder directly to the Ambulance control which can expedite a rapid and accurate response to the patients address.</p> <p>The vehicle we would like to purchase is a Honda 4x4 at £15,995 and an ARP unit at £1,000</p>			
BC19	Young Engineers	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	£1350	£750 (55% of total costs)	£500 matched funding has been secured from professionals

		<p>engineering and related science and technology based subjects. The project is supported by STEM at Stafford University 9 via Shropshire Council and The Young Engineers organisation.</p> <p>This application is to seek funding to enable SSEA to continue the programme of activities supported by the previous grant of £875 awarded in July 2011 by Bishop's Castle, Chirbury& Worthen and Clun LJC. At that time we were running clubs in six local primary schools with the help of that funding we have been able to extend this to seven clubs at the Community College Bishop's Castle (CCBC) and at Lydbury North, Newcastle on Clun, Norbury, Clunbury, Bishop's Castle, Bucknell and at St George's Clun primary schools.</p> <p>A full report of our activities over the past year is will be forwarded soon as well as reports on the Engineering Event held in Craven Arms in May 2012 and our visit to the Assault Glider Trust at RAF Shawbury in 2011</p> <p>SCHOOL ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Since September 2010, the Bishop's Castle Community College club have been working on Goblin eco-car kits supplied by</p>			running the courses in school

		<p>STEMNET involving some of the primary schools in the project and forthcoming competitions which will help the primary schools students in their transition to engineering at secondary school level. They are preparing with the help of the primary schools to take part in the regional Goblin Car event on 27 June2012. At this event, the cars will be driven by pupils from Bishop's Castle, Clun and Lydbury North.</p> <p>Primary school activities in this school year have included making model bridges, electric buggies and round the pole model aircraft flying . We also completed our Olympic Stadium crane project and worked on building model domestic air-raid shelters associated with the primary school curriculum studies relating to the effect of World War II on the home.</p> <p>OUT OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES</p> <p>In the past year we organised a trip to the Assault Glider Trust at RAF Shawbury where students were shown the replica of a second world war Horsa glider which is under construction. They listened to a talk on the history of the gliders used in the Normandy landings and were allowed to sit in the glider to get an impression of what it would have been like as a soldier during the</p>			

		<p>trip to France. In the afternoon students working in teams were given the challenge to design and build gliders which were then tested under the supervision of an ex RAF technician.</p> <p>STOKESAY REENGINEERING EVENT</p> <p>In May 2012 we supported an engineering event on behalf of Stokesay school where over 50 of the students from our primary school clubs took part in a 'Grid 75 ' exercise constructing a miniature power generation and transmission system. They also built small rocket propelled cars and took part in a 'Crash Ted' demonstration which showed the effect on the dummy Ted in a car crash.</p> <p>NEED FOR FUNDING</p> <p>These activities require the procurement of kits and other materials not supplied by the schools. This application is to provide funds to enable the clubs in Bishop's Castle Lydbury North, Clunbury, Norbury, Clun, Newcastle, Bucknell and Bishop's Castle Community College to continue through to the end of 2012. We need to secure funding to allow us to finalise our programme. This will include projects in schools and more educational visits which have proved to be</p>			

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		invaluable over the past years in providing a link between the classroom and the real world of engineering.			
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4. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

Risk Management Appraisal

In determining these recommendations, Shropshire Council has considered reputational risk and the course of action minimises this risk.

Human Rights

The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the Human Rights Act 1998

Community and other Consultation

Consideration has been given to the public opinion expressed at the previous Local meetings

4. Financial Implications

The LJC has a remaining budget of **£25,781** available to spend in 2012/13. If funded to their requested grant levels projects BC13-BC19 total £10,522, which would leave **£15,259** remaining to spend in 2012/13.

All applications in this report have been subject to an initial officer appraisal to check they meet the basic LJC funding criteria and that suitable quotes and bank details have been submitted with the applications.

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