



Committee and Date
Bishop's Castle, Chirbury &
Worthen and Clun Local Joint
Committee Meeting

Thursday 4th October 2012

Bettws Village Hall 7pm

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BISHOP'S CASTLE, CHIRBURY & WORTHEN AND CLUN LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE – FUNDING REPORT

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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 applications totalling £12,402, leaving **£16,159** remaining in the 2012/13 budget. This report outlines the applications that have been received since the last LJC meeting for the Committee to consider.

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.

All the applications have been reviewed and meet the basic LJC criteria of having a bank account; the group applying has a constitution; and the project is based within the LJC area.

2. Recommendations

- A. Members are asked to support applications BC22 – BC26 at the requested funding levels listed in the report.
- B. Members are asked to review application BC27 - Bucknell Memorial Hall & Recreation Ground, New electricity connection and make a decision on the level of funding they wish to allocate to this project at the meeting

C. REPORT

Ref	Organisation	Summary and potential outcomes	Total cost	Requested	Match funding confirmed
BC22	Bishop's Castle and District Community Land Trust	The purpose of this project is to secure finance from the non-governmental CLT Rental Housing Fund, for the construction of five affordable homes for rent, on land at the Wintles at Bishop's Castle. The fund is administered by Resonance, and ethical investor, in association with the Community Land & Finance Community Interest Company. The grant will be used to prepare the financial information to support the application to the CLT Rental Housing Fund.	£1250	£625 (50% of total cost)	A grant of £625 has been applied for from Bishop's Castle Town Council.
BC23	Clunton Village Hall Committee	The Village Hall Committee is undertaking an upgrade of its fixtures and fittings to encourage more users to the hall and reduce the maintenance costs of the building. This project is the purchase of new folding chairs and a trolley, to replace existing chairs which are worn, bulky and take up a lot of room at the hall.	£1077.80	£538.90 (50% of total costs)	The Village Hall are matched funding the project with their own funds
BC24	The Bog Visitor Centre	The Bog Visitor Centre is a volunteer run centre at the foot of the Stiperstones, providing information, maps and guides about the local area, together with displays of local history and crafts. The centre is open from spring to autumn.	£1,100	£550 (50% of total costs)	Matched funding will be provided by the Visitor Centres own funds.

		This project is to install four brown tourist signs on the main roads approaching the visitor centre. As a result of its rural location some visitors have commented it is difficult to find the centre and these signs will help tackle this problem. The signs cost £200 each and two new posts for the signs are also required. The will be installed by Shropshire Council's Highways contractor.			
BC25	Rectory Gardens Lunch Club, Worthen	Rectory Gardens is a housing scheme administered by SSHA. The aim of this project is to establish a monthly lunch club at the community room which will provide a lunch and activity for residents and for people from the wider community. The project is based on a successful scheme established in Bishop's Castle. The grant will help meet the costs of obtaining the necessary food hygiene certificates and purchasing equipment for the kitchen and dining rooms. Over time it is hoped to expand the scheme to include housing schemes in Pontesbury and Minsterley	£2,074	£930 (45% of total costs)	Matched funding has been secured from the South Shropshire Housing Association.
BC26	Grange Road Residents Group	This residents group established a lunch club 2 years ago, through LJC funding. They meet once a month and are open to residents of Grange Road and the surrounding community. The lunches are followed by activities, games or talks and help isolated people in the community mix and make friends. The club attracts at least 20 people each month, and as a result would	£616.80	£308 (50% of total costs)	Matched funding will come from the groups own funds.

		like to purchase a hot food trolley to help keep the meals warm and easier to serve.			
BC27	Bucknell Memorial Hall & Recreation Ground – New electricity connection	<p>The purpose of the grant is to enable the Bucknell Memorial Hall Committee to complete the build of the new Changing Rooms at the Daffodil Lane site. The project will allow the changing rooms to be used by the Football Club, the local primary school, Boules club and Bucknell Annual show and other activities that can be carried out on the site with the use of electricity.</p> <p>We are applying for monies to enable us to provide electric into the changing rooms which previously was overpriced at a cost of approx £25,000.00. We have now been advised that this work can be carried out at a cost of £5873.42 due to other electrical work been carried out on the site and workmen being available to do the work at the same time.</p> <p>This will also give us the use of hot running water in the toilet and washroom facilities increasing hygiene facilities.</p> <p>The changing rooms have been built on the Daffodil Lane site but have yet to be completed.</p> <p>Due to the high cost we were quoted by E-on for the electrical connection it was decided that we could run the changing rooms with</p>	£5873.42 (Quote from Western Power Distribution)	£2,500 (43% of total costs)	Matched funding has been requested from Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council (£2,000) and the remaining matched funding (£1,373.42) will come from the groups own funds

		<p>the use of a generator, but the high cost of long term or spot hire would not be cost effective and in the future when the New Memorial Hall is to be built we would have to allow for additional money within the application process to allow for the electrical connection. The revised price we have now been given is due to the work already being carried out on the site to put cables underground and install two new sub-stations in the locality. We have also managed to re-direct the cable giving us a much shorter route than was originally planned.</p>			
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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 £16,159 available to spend in 2012/13. The grants BC22 to BC26 in this report, if funded to their full extent would cost £5,451.90 leaving **£10,707.10** in the 2012/13 financial year.

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.

5. Background

NA

6. Additional Information

NA

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

