



Committee and date  
Bridgnorth, Worfield, Alveley  
and Claverley Local Joint  
Committee

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## Consideration of the Third Round of Funding Applications

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### Summary

Fourteen organisations in total have submitted bids requesting funding from both the Community Chest and also the Larger Grant Scheme.

### Recommendations

- A. That the Committee consider the applications received in light of Officers' recommendations for the Community Chest and the Larger Grant Scheme
- B. That the Committee confirms grant approvals or rejections and any terms and conditions for each application considered.

## Report

### Allocation of resources

1. Bridgnorth, Worfield, Alveley and Claverley Local Joint Committee have a devolved budget of £71,000 which the Committee has allocated as follows:-  
  
Community Chest - £10,000  
  
Larger Grant Scheme - £45,000 original allocation (to be split equally between each of three meetings) with an additional £16,000 added in light of the nature of the applications received for Round 2 ( tourism ).
2. The closing date for Round 3 funding applications was 3 February 2010 and within the relevant period fourteen applications were received. Seven for the Community Chest in the sum of £3,400 and seven from the Larger Grant Scheme totalling £32,492.
3. This is the last round of applications for the financial year 2009/2010.
4. The applications for Rounds 1 and 2, for the Larger Grant Scheme, which have been considered and approved by this Committee total £43,90.50

leaving a carry forward of £2,079.50 to this meeting. This is in addition to the £15,000 allocation available for this meeting. The amount available for Round 3 is therefore £17,079.50

5. There is therefore a shortfall should Members wish to follow the Officers' recommendations of £23,756. An indication has been received however that one of the previous applicants is unable to take up the funding awarded and therefore the sum of £7,000 can be reallocated to this round of applications.

### **Consideration of Applications and update on previous grants awarded**

6. Members are referred to Appendix A which details the grants awarded by the Committee in previous meetings and provides a progress update on each project.
7. As Members are aware an assessment pro forma has been developed for use in the initial consideration of these applications by Officers. All of the projects have therefore been assessed against the following criteria:

#### Eligibility

- Projects will be delivered in the eligible area
- Project meets approved financial/grant criteria

#### Assessment

- In the local area
- Percentage match funding
- One application per applicant per year
- Is for £500 or less ( Community Chest ) or £7000 or less ( Larger Grant Scheme ).
- Is not for profit
- Denominates need
- Delivers local community benefit
- Assures that application can deliver project
- Demonstrates sustainability
- Demonstrates no adverse environmental impact
- Provides benefit to wider community in the Committee area.

**Applications, summaries and officer recommendations**

**Community Chest**

**C6 Squirrel Bowling Club**

**Project Cost £ 916.50**

**Amount Applied for £500**

This application is to replace one of the mats that is in a poor state of repair, by doing so they hope that they will encourage new members to join

**Officer Recommendation: Fully fund**

**C7 Bridgnorth Junior Rugby Club Tour to Norfolk**

**Project Cost £10,400**

**Amount Applied for £500**

3 junior teams are touring in Norfolk in May – the group has been fundraising and parents are paying the majority of the costs. They are asking the committee to help them with the purchase of training equipment in preparation for the tour – the equipment will then be available to all teams to use once the tour is over

**Officer Recommendation: Fully fund**

**C8 1<sup>st</sup> Bridgnorth Rainbow Unit**

**Project Cost £ 723**

**Amount Applied for £500**

The Rainbows would like to take part in some of the celebrations for the centenary year of girl guiding. To be able to do this each Rainbow must be registered at a cost of £15 per girl, this, combined with the cost of the events has put a strain on the units limited resources and are looking for the committee to help them during this year.

**Officer Recommendation: Fully fund**

**C9 Bridgnorth Old Peoples Welfare and Bathing Project**

**Project Cost £ 913**

**Amount Applied for £500**

This charity employs 2 trained members of staff to provide bathing facilities for those that cannot manage to bath at home. Each user is charged and this covers the cost of the staff. They are asking the committee to help them with the purchase of new uniforms, some equipment and towards the redecoration of the rooms.

**Officer Recommendation: Fully fund**

**C10 Northgate Swimming Club**

**Project Cost £ 1,040**

**Amount Applied for £500**

This well attended totally volunteer run, swimming club is asking the committee to help them with the necessary training costs needed to keep their coaches qualified to the highest standard

**Officer Recommendation: Fully fund**

### **C11 Sustainable Bridgnorth**

**Project Cost £ 450**

**Amount Applied for £400**

Local eco awareness group, Sustainable Bridgnorth, are now ready to launch into the local community with a series of events – and are looking for the committee to assist with publicity, events and refreshments – to increase membership so that the group can then concentrate on specific environmental projects.

**Officer Recommendation : Fully fund**

### **C12 Bridgnorth Town Plan Steering Group**

**Project Cost £ 10,279**

**Amount Applied for £500**

Since September last year a group of volunteers have been meeting fortnightly to work towards how the community would like to see Bridgnorth in the coming years. This is a big undertaking due to the size of the town and also the surrounding parishes which use Bridgnorth and its facilities. So are asking the committee for assistance with this process

**Officer Recommendation : Fully fund**

### **Larger Grant Scheme**

#### **14 Bridgnorth Community Hall**

**Project Cost £5,258**

**Amount Applied for £3,940**

This is a well used hall and are asking the committee to assist with resurfacing the car park – as the Community Hall Committee are concerned about the health and safety of their users

**Officer Recommendation: Fund 75% of amount asked for (£2,955)**

**The reason for not fully funding : need for the project (based on photographs) –Could the car park be repaired instead?**

#### **15 Alveley Tennis Club**

**Project Cost £14,005**

**Amount Applied for £5,000**

Alveley Tennis Club are asking the Committee to assist with the resurfacing of one of their tennis courts to increase usage and also for additional coaching.

**Officer Recommendation: Fund 75% of amount asked for (£3,750)**

**The reason for not fully funding : Predominately only used by locals to Alveley, and question on the need, as there are two other courts in use.**

#### **16 Bridgnorth Music and Arts Festival**

**Project Cost £8,800**

**Amount Applied for £6,000**

This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the musical festival – this year it is looking to expand further and be a literary event too. The event from 27<sup>th</sup> August until 5<sup>th</sup> September includes, classical music in the churches, street music and concerts at various locations as well as literary, photographic and film exhibitions. They are looking to the committee to assist with the running costs of the events

**Officer Recommendation: Fully fund**

### **17 The Rally in the Valley**

**Project Cost £9,950**

**Amount Applied for £2,750**

This project was founded two years ago to launch the 'Catch me who can' locomotive with any profit from the festival going towards the cost of recreating the engine – at the end of last year a decision was made for to split this into two separate organisations. The organisers have cut costs from previous years and are looking to the committee to assist with the running costs of the festival

**Officer Recommendation: Fully fund**

### **18 Alveley Recreation Association**

**Project Cost £4, 234**

**Amount Applied for £3,734**

The group is applying for insulation for the loft and walls of the pavilion, and to improve the access to the facility.

**Officer Recommendation: Defer this project**

**Reason for the deferral, the project is not match funding 25% of the overall costs as required.**

### **19 Trevithick 200**

**Project Cost £12,000**

**Amount Applied for £6,700**

The Trevithick 200 group were awarded an initial grant to start the build of a replica of the worlds first passenger carrying train that was built in Bridgnorth 200 years ago. 1,500 volunteer hours later there are still a few jobs remaining, which ideally need to be completed before the change in the railway inspectorate regulations in September 2010.

**Officer Recommendation: Fund 75% of amount asked for (£5,025)**

**The reason for not fully funding is limited community benefit, and question if project would be able to be delivered by September 2010?**

### **20 Alveley Burial Ground Extension**

**Project Cost £7,468**

**Amount Applied for £4,368**

The communal burial ground at Alveley needs to be extended, as it is unlikely to have enough space after the end of this year. They have the chance to purchase land next to the existing ground, and would then need to lay path ways. This burial ground is not for the exclusive use of the congregation of the adjoining church, but can be used by anyone of any belief or religion.

**Officer Recommendation: Fund 75% of the amount asked for (£3,276)**

**The reasons for not fully funding are limited community benefit.**

**List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)**

Funding applications

**Human Rights Act Appraisal**

The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights act 1998

**Environmental Appraisal**

There are no environmental implications that arise from the recommendations within this report.

**Risk Management Appraisal**

All funding will need to be evaluated against agreed criteria and in accordance with agreed financial procedures.

**Community / Consultations Appraisal**

Decisions on the allocation of funding will be taken by the committee as local representatives of the community

**Cabinet Member**

Councillor Gwilym Butler

**Local Member**

All Members of the Local Joint Committee

**Appendices**

Appendix A - List of funding applications and progress reports – Community Chest

Appendix B – List of funding applications and progress reports – Main Fund