



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

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Consideration of Funding Applications

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Summary

12 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 providing small grants up to £500 (subject to the criteria agreed by the Committee and which are referred to later within this report).

Larger Grant Scheme - £61,000 providing funding for projects over £500 with grant applications not normally exceeding £5000 (subject to the criteria that are referred to within this report).

2. The closing date for Round 4 funding applications was 10 January 2011 and within the relevant period twelve applications were received.

Two applications for the Community Chest in the sum of £1,000 and ten from the Larger Grant Scheme totalling £36,801.

3. This is the fourth round of applications for the financial year 2010/2011.

Criteria for Consideration of Applications

4. 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
- At least 25% of match funding for Larger Grant Scheme, an element of match funding for the Community Chest
- One application per applicant per year
- Is for £500 or less (Community Chest) or £5000 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.
- That applications from Town and Parish Councils with a precept below £5000 be considered only in exceptional circumstances and that funding applications from Town and Parish Councils with a precept above £5000 should not be considered.

Applications, summaries and officer recommendations

Community Chest 2010 / 2011

C8 Squirrel Bowling Club – Water Remover

Project Cost £ 663.88

Amount Applied for £500

Previous Applications to LJC – 09/10 £500 for new indoor bowling mat

This application to the committee is to enable this busy club to continue play after rain, they have investigated improving the drainage of the green, but this will cost in excess of £60,000

Officer Recommendation: Fully Fund £500

C9 Bridgnorth Low Town Action Group – Historic Assessment of Bridgnorth

Project cost £725

Amount Applied for £500

Previous Applications to LJC – None granted

Low Town Action Group is a group of volunteers who have researched the need for a detailed document of the history of Bridgnorth's buildings. This document, when completed by volunteers, would benefit the community for tourism, history, planning and heritage protection and education. It is a labour intensive process, but will have a document that will last.

Officer Recommendation: Fully Fund £500

Larger Grant Scheme 2010/2011

9 Beckbury Village Hall – Replacement Windows

Project Cost £5,400

Amount Applied for £4,136

Previous Applications to LJC – 2008/09 £3,742 for new heating

Following the installation of the new heating system, the members of the Village Hall Committee have been increasing the usage of the hall, by introducing new regular events. The next phase for the hall is the security of the building and remedying the heat loss, by replacing the windows.

Officer Recommendation: Fully Fund £4,136

10 Children's Festival 2011

Project Cost £7,300

Amount Applied for £4,000

Previous Applications to LJC – 2008/09 £5000

After a year without a festival, where the committee decided the best way forward for future festivals – the look of the festival has changed to a one day event, which will run alongside other festivals in the town, this has reduced the overall costs of the festival considerably.

Officer Recommendation: Fully Fund £4,000

11 Bridgnorth Community Hall – New Chairs

Project Cost £3,231

Amount Applied for £1,615

Previous Applications to LJC – 2009/10 £2,955 for car park repairs

The committee members of this well used hall, see the purchase of new chairs as 'the icing on the cake' following significant refurbishment, inside and out recently. They are asking the LJC for a contribution towards replacing the current chairs which are old, stained and uncomfortable.

Officer Recommendation: Fully Fund £1,615

12 Alveley Cricket Club – New Mower and Shed

Project Cost £7,175

Amount Applied for £3,675

Previous Applications to LJC – 2009/10 £3,360 for new roller and junior kit

Alveley Cricket Club are asking the LJC for a contribution towards their new mower and a safe shed to keep it in. Local garages have said that the current mower can no longer be repaired.

Officer Recommendation: Fully Fund £3,675. If the Members are minded to support the project, would encourage the group to make it available to other groups in the vicinity whenever possible.

13 Rally in the Valley – 2011 Festival

Project Cost £13,500

Amount Applied for £2,250

Previous Applications to LJC – 2010/2011 £2,750 for 2010 festival

The organisers of the rally are anticipating even more visitors to the 2011 festival than the 5000 that attended last year, many of which stay over night in Bridgnorth to enjoy both days of the festival.

Officer Recommendation: Fully Fund £2,250

14 The Bridgnorth Dry Bar Trust – Project Worker Support

Project Cost £17,000

Amount Applied for £5,000

Previous Applications to LJC – 2008/09 £4,500 for youth worker salaries

The Bridge project has now been successfully providing an alcohol free, safe place for young people to come and relax, have fun and speak about any issues or concerns they have to the workers, for 16 years.

The group of volunteers that run this project are applying to the LJC for funding towards a project worker for 2 to 3 years who would also have the responsibility of seeking to further improve the revenues of the project to increase the opening hours of the Bridge.

Officer Recommendation: Fully Fund £5,000

15 Quatt Cricket Club – Provision of Electricity Supply

Project Cost £19,275

Amount Applied for £5,000

Previous Applications to LJC – 2008/09 £5000 Equipment, 2009/10 £1,298 Generator

Quatt Cricket Club is looking to replace their existing pavilion for a new more purposeful one. (Please see the display on the boards for the full plans and vision). They have worked on their application with the Shropshire Cricket Board and it is currently being considered by the England and Wales Cricket Board who recognise Quatt CC's commitment to village cricket and particularly to women's and junior cricket.

Currently the pavilion does not have mains electricity on site and so are looking for a contribution from the LJC towards these costs. The generator, a previous LJC grant, would still be used for the proposed new score box and also as a back up to the mains electricity.

Officer Recommendation: Fully Fund £5,000 but if the Members are minded to support this project, subject to the new pavilion scheme going ahead.

16 Bridgnorth Music and Arts Festival – 2011 Festival

Project Cost £12,550

Amount Applied for £5,000

Previous Applications to LJC – 2009/10 £6000 for 2010 festival

This ever developing 10 day festival has again looked at their budgets, costs and what they are providing for the town. This year, consultation done by the volunteers has shown what the people and visitors to the town want from the festival and they have made changes accordingly. They are also joining up with the Twinning Association and sharing publicity with the Food and Children's Festivals.

Officer Recommendation: Fully Fund £5,000

17 Oldbury Village Hall Committee – Legal Costs

Project Costs £1,500

Amount Applied for £1,125

Previous Applications to LJC - None

Oldbury WI has been in ownership of the village hall since the 1930's, unfortunately Oldbury WI has now closed and so a public meeting was held, and well attended, to decide the outcome of the hall. The residents did not want to lose this asset to their community and so, with the help of the Community Council a new management group has recently been formed – they are now constituted and are applying for a bank account.

The group now need to transfer the lease of the building to themselves. As they do not have a bank balance to match fund, their application to the LJC, they will be fund raising to make the 25% contribution.

Officer Recommendation: Fully Fund £1,125

18 Quatt Malvern Village Hall – Village Hall Extension Phase 2

Project Cost £18,281

Amount Applied for £5,000

Previous Applications to LJC – 2008/09 £2,637 decoration, 2009/10 £3,891 emergency repairs

Phase 1 of the village hall refurbishment included, the construction of an extension, phase 2 is the internal fitting out and to render the outside of the building. The village hall committee are keen to get this work completed so that the community can benefit from a room that can offer space and facilities for meetings, social events and private hire functions.

Officer Recommendation: Fully Fund £5,000

Budget Update

5. Members are referred to the Appendix which sets out the applications to date, the grants awarded and also the unspent budget for the financial year 2010/2011 which will be carried forward to be spent during 2011/12

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 - Budget Update