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Local Joint Committee
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FUNDING UPDATE 2010/11 AND PROJECT FEEDBACK

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1. Summary

This report provides the Committee with details of all allocations made to date from the 2010/11 Community Chest. It also updates members on issues relating to the Birchmeadow Centre.

2. Purpose of Report

To update members on the funding allocated to date and any new grant applications received. It is also necessary to provide feedback on one of the grants previously awarded to the Birchmeadow Centre project and related issues.

3. Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to:

- (a) note grants made to date as detailed in table 1.
- (b) approve suggested amounts of funding as detailed in table 2 in line with the LJC criteria and funding guidance.
- (c) consider the reallocation of £5000 from the Birchmeadow Café Bar project to the Birchmeadow side extension project.
- (d) note the feedback received from St Winefride's Church and Willey Village Hall.

4. Report

(a) Grants made to Date:

The Committee allocated a budget of £10,000 for the community chest for 2010/11 financial year with the amount of £2000.26 carried over from the 2009/10 fund, this makes a total of £12000.26 available.

The grants awarded to date from this year's budget are listed below totalling £7829.50 leaving a balance of £4170.76 remaining.

Table 1		Grant awarded £
Broseley Cinema	Room and film hire	500
Over 60s swimming club	Towards the cost of pool and instructor hire	600
Broseley Play Day 2010	Towards the cost of providing a free play day for young people on Birchmeadow Park	500
Additional speakers & new wiring, BROADS	Towards the cost of upgrading existing speakers and wiring	300
Broseley pre school playground	To install new play equipment and safety surfacing at the outside playground	1000
Broseley Youth Theatre – Joseph & his Amazing Tech Dreamcoat	Towards the cost of a musical production	400
Birchmeadow Centre Management Committee	Towards the cost of assessing the football pitches at the Birchmeadow Centre in support of the bid to the Football Foundation	1000
Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)	To allocate £1500 on a provisional basis dependent upon the outcome of the bid to the Football Foundation in December 2010	1500
Penn's Meadow	Towards the cost of further improvements to the meadow ie hedge laying, tree surgery, new bulbs	1500
1 st Broseley Cub Scout Group	To help with the set up costs of this new group	529.50
	Total grants awarded to date	7829.50

(b) Applications for consideration at this meeting

Members are now asked to consider one application received and summarised below and reach agreement on whether the application will be granted funding from the Broseley and Barrow Local Joint Committee Community Chest.

Table 2		Amount sought £	Suggested funding level £
Broseley Christmas Lights	Upgrade of lights and cable Total project costs £2450 and the Committee can fund £1650 themselves. Request to the LJC for the shortfall to enable the project to proceed.	£800	£800

If the above grant is awarded to the suggested level there will be £3370.76 remaining in the Community Chest to be allocated by 31st March 2011.

(c) Birchmeadow Centre update

Members will also recall that earlier this year the committee decided to award £5000 towards the Birchmeadow Café Bar project as match funding towards the Community Fund bid. Unfortunately, I have to report that this bid was unsuccessful this time. Therefore, the Committee now has this unallocated £5000 back into its budget.

However, I also have to report that the Birchmeadow Centre project currently underway and due to finish by the end of September 2010 and funded by the Community Fund 2009/10, has been delayed. This project is the extension project to the side of the building to provide storage, improved staging and toilet facilities. The delays are due to human remains being discovered, which probably date back 200 years, were unearthed on the site during some excavation and drainage works. As members know the Centre was formerly a Baptist Chapel until 1927, with a burial site attached. The Home Office has issued the required certification and Michael Watson, Shropshire Council's Historic Environment Officer will now oversee any future work in case other remains are discovered.

Until the human remains are removed the work has had to stop on the drainage channel. The result of this is that these delays have caused the project to go over budget and a proposal has been made by the Chairman of the Committee, that the £5000 originally allocated to the Café Bar project could be reallocated to this project to help bring it to a successful conclusion.

5. Project Feedback / Evaluation

As part of the process of awarding grants it is necessary for the Committee to monitor projects to ensure that the funding has been spent appropriately and to assess the overall benefit to the community.

Monitoring forms have, therefore, been sent out to all successful applicants funded from the 2009/10 budget. Two further projects have completed and returned the forms and the information is summarised below for committee to note.

Summary of Feedback 2009/10	Total grant awarded
<p>Purchase of 6 Lightweight tables and trolley for St Winefride's Church</p> <p>The tables and trolleys have been purchased and are now in full use for the community at the Church. They have been used so far for social events at the church such as jumble sales, social evenings, a Christian Aid Ploughman's Lunch and the Lady Forester Charity for Help the Heroes.</p> <p>The tables can be loaned to other events and community groups. They have noted that they thought the process was easy with very helpful and approachable staff and they thank the Committee for the support in this project.</p>	£710.95

<p>Repainting of the outside of Willey Village Hall This work has now been undertaken (the wet weather was the main factor for delay) along with some additional minor works which the painter thought necessary before painting. This Village Hall is well used by the community for a range of functions, so all users benefit from the hall looking good but it is also necessary from a practical point to ensure that the facility is well maintained.</p> <p>The applicants states that there were no problems with the application process.</p>	<p>£400</p>
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<p>List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)</p>
<p>Human Rights Act Appraisal The recommendations in this report are compatible with Human Rights legislation.</p>
<p>Environmental Appraisal Not applicable</p>
<p>Risk Management Appraisal All funding applications will need to be evaluated against agreed criteria and in accordance with agreed financial procedures.</p>
<p>Community / Consultations Appraisal Decisions on allocation of funding will be taken by the committee as local representatives of the community.</p>
<p>Cabinet Member - Councillor Gwilym Butler</p>
<p>Local Members All members of the Local Joint Committee.</p>
<p>Appendices None</p>