



Committee and Date:
Broseley & Barrow
Local Joint Committee
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Item/Paper

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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.

2. Purpose of Report

To update members on the funding allocated to date and any new grant applications received.

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) note the feedback received from Birchmeadow Park Management Committee and the Friendly Bus Transport Service.
- (d) note that the budget for 2011/12 will be reduced to £10,000 for the year and to agree that the LJC will now have one budget pot.

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 £8629.50 leaving a balance of £3370.76 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
Broseley Christmas Lights	Upgrade of lights and cable	800.00
	Total grants awarded to date	8629.50

(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 £
Victoria Hall Management Committee	To help with urgent repairs needed to the roof of the Hall. Total project costs are £6000 and the Committee can fund £5000 themselves. Request to the LJC for the shortfall to enable the project to proceed.	£1000	£1000

If the above grant is awarded to the suggested level there will be £2370.76 remaining in the Community Chest to be allocated by 31st March 2011.

5. 2011/12 Budget

To note that the budget for Local Joint Committee's had been reduced across the whole of Shropshire due to savings which needed to be made. This means that next year's budget for Broseley and Barrow LJC would be £10,000. Added to this sum would be any underspend from this current financial year.

It is recommended that the budget should no longer be split into two pots as in previous years (community chest/priorities identified by the committee) but will now be treated as one budget and allocated as appropriate.

6. 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. One further project has now completed and returned the form and the information is summarised below for committee to note. The other project has completed an interim appraisal of progress which is also summarised below.

Summary of Feedback	Total grant awarded
<p>Broseley Play Day 2010 To provide a free play activity day for the children of Broseley and encourage them to play and use their local greenspace. Enjoying the outdoors allows children to develop socially, mentally and physically and therefore improves their health and wellbeing.</p> <p>Over 100 people attended the free event and a local café also benefitted by making a profit on the food that they were selling. They also managed to increase their profile throughout the town.</p> <p>We have had great feedback and members of the local community have already approached us about next years event and how people can help out.</p>	£500
<p>Friendly Bus Service Broseley to Much Wenlock Sports Centre To provide improved transport links from Broseley to Much Wenlock Sports Centre.</p> <p>As members know this is a pilot scheme which has been aimed in the first instance, at Friday evenings, as it was thought that this would be a popular time slot and they currently operate two return journeys per week. They have been able to provide drivers for the service and have</p>	£5000

<p>advertised extensively through the local media and their own newsletter.</p>	
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<p>However, take up for the service has been slow, although this might have something to do with the time of year, weather disruption and dark nights etc. Take up on the second session has been much better than the earlier slot.</p>	
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<p>Marie is currently awaiting the results of questionnaires on the service which were distributed with the latest newsletter to seek the views of the users as it may be that the pilot needs to change depending upon the most popular timeslots identified by the users.</p>	
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<p>Marie is also looking at approaching the schools especially William Brookes School in an effort to engage with the students more effectively and she is also looking at approaching the Surestart Team.</p>	
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<p>Finally, it is felt that once the results of the questionnaire are available that members should meet with the Friendly Bus to assess the progress with the project and look at alternative approaches, if appropriate.</p>	
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List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

Human Rights Act Appraisal

The recommendations in this report are compatible with Human Rights legislation.
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Environmental Appraisal

Not applicable

Risk Management Appraisal

All funding applications will need to be evaluated against agreed criteria and in accordance with agreed financial procedures.
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Community / Consultations Appraisal
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Decisions on allocation of funding will be taken by the committee as local representatives of the community.
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Cabinet Member - Councillor Gwilym Butler
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Local Members

All members of the Local Joint Committee.

Appendices

None
