

FUNDING UPDATE 2011/12 and 2012/13

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Summary

This report considers the devolved funding allocated to the Broseley and Barrow Local Joint Committee (LJC) for the period 1st April 2012 up until 31st March 2013.

1.1 A total of **£10,000** has been devolved to the Committee, **£726.00** arts funding, to fund projects in the local community served by the LJC for the 2012/13 year and with **£281.00** under spend from last year the total available is **£11,007**.

To note that any under spend can be carried over but has to be related to clear strategic goals and either committed to recognised projects/priorities or allocated to projects/priorities

1.2 Prior to each LJC, a planning meeting takes place to discuss applications and to agree recommendations.

The closing date for applications was 16th March 2012, 10 applications have been received.

1.3 The committee awarded the following projects under the urgent and time sensitive delegated powers from the 2011/12 budget.

Group	Project	Amount requested	Amount Awarded
Broseley Platoon Army Cadet Force	Outdoor support equipment	£418.70	£418.70
Birchmeadow Management Committee	St Georges Day Celebration	£875	£875
PennFriends	To improve the meadow	£250	£250
Victoria Hall Trust Management Committee	Replace hot water and heating boiler	£1,000	£1,000
Broseley Partnership	Olympic Torch Day	£3,170.40	£3,170.40
Community Council Of Shropshire	Community Safety Day	£485.00	£485.00

The recommendations from the planning meeting feature in this report.

Recommendations

- 1.1. That the applications from those organisations and their projects as detailed in this report be considered for funding.
- 2.2 The Local Joint Committee Guidelines are taken into consideration when assessing applications.

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Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

- 3.1 All of the funding applications have been assessed against agreed criteria which will minimise any risks associated with these projects
- 3.2 The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998.
- 3.3 The proposals under consideration will improve the levels of community based and community driven activity in the LJC area

Financial Implications

The funding devolved to the LJC can be used for a number of different purposes over the year. The Committee will continue to receive applications from local organisations for eligible purposes. Funding by the LJC must comply with the general Financial Rules for LJC's.

2. Applications, Summaries and Officer Recommendations

5.1 Willey and District Village Hall Committee – Replacement of old heavy tables

The existing tables are heavy with fixed legs. New light weight tables will make setting up the hall much easier. The old tables have to be stacked down the side of the hall, one upside down on top of another, taking up space. The hall is used for many functions by the local community.

Total project cost - £856.08

Amount requested - £800

Amount recommended- £800.00

5.2 Barrow Parish Council – Provision of two wooden benches at two locations in Barrow Parish

To put a wooden bench at Shirlett under an Oak tree, with views towards Barrow, the church and towards Much Wenlock. This would be used for people to rest and take refreshment.

Also to replace an existing bench at Floyer Lane, Benthall. This is near the Parish notice board and would provide a resting place.

Total project cost - £1,716.80

Amount requested - £1,000

Amount recommended- £1,000

5.3 Wyldwoods – Be Healthy, be happy – summer holiday family activities

To provide healthy and happy family activities during the summer holidays, offered 1 day a week, 6 days or 12 two hour sessions in total. The sessions would run for 2 hours. The sessions would promote healthy living, an appreciation of nature and environmental awareness, learning crafts, identifying plants and animals, collecting eggs, weeding and help with the upkeep of animals.

There is a need to provide interesting and fun family activities over the summer holidays that are affordable

These activities will allow families to be together and have fun learning, playing and relaxing.

Total project cost - £2710.00

Amount requested - £2410.00

This application has been withdrawn by the applicant.

5.4 Broseley Boxing Club – Lads and Dads project

We want to engage youngsters who normally avoid activities by teaching fitness. We use trainers that are police checked and insured. They will provide a positive role model for students from Broseley and Barrow. We try to make fitness fun so youngsters want to get involved.

We have modern fitness equipment in a church hall. We will charge a small fee to parents who can use our fitness equipment and this money will be used to continue and promote our message.

We have good links with The Broseley local Policing Team, we will seek their views to make sure the sessions are on a day when no other activities are running and perhaps anti-social behaviour is more prevalent.

Our trainer can teach fitness via fitness equipment such as a treadmill and exercise bike as well as fitness using weights. We will try and target the hard to reach youngsters by advertising a dads and lads service so parents can come along with their children and enjoy fitness together.

We have been asked by a number of parents to try and provide this service so we feel we would get good demand. The aim of our group is to engage young people but we feel if we try and encourage parents to get fit they will persuade their children to engage. We will monitor the take up to see if this will attract new youngsters who at present do not use our fitness room.

There is evidence that Broseley is an area of severe deprivation; there are no other groups in the Broseley or Barrow area that provide the same activity. We canvass the views of the persons who attend our club now, they like what we do but would like to see it more often.

Total project Cost - £1,200

Amount Requested - £1,000

Amount recommended- £1,000

5.5 The Friendly Transport Service – Over 60's Swimming Club

Continuation of a swimming club for people aged 60+ from areas around Broseley and Barrow and Much Wenlock. We want to continue the regular weekly club. The project has both health and social benefits for participants, many of whom have mobility difficulties and need transport to MW leisure centre, which The Friendly Bus can provide (by car and mini bus). We are applying for funding to help with costs over the 6 month period April to September 2012.

Swimming club for people aged 60+ from areas around Broseley. Regular visits which will have health and social benefits for the participants, some of whom have mobility difficulties.

We commenced in November 2010 when the new Much Wenlock pool was open and to date (approx. 18 month period) we have taken over 700 passengers. We have 28 members in the club, at least 3 of whom are registered disabled. Age ranges are 60's, 70's and 80's.

The club is proving very popular and successful with an average of 14 people attending each week. Everyone speaks highly of the service and is keen for it to continue. Please refer to attached Financial Analysis document which also shows the increase in attendance.

Our members are all from the local community and have helped to publicise it as well

Total Project cost - £2,200.00

Amount requested - £800.00

Amount Recommended - £800.00

5.6 Broseley Youth Theatre – Youth Production of Bugsy Malone

The aim is to cover straight drama and musical theatre. It is two years since the group did Joseph. This production will involve the senior group to discover new talents and give them experience in singing and dancing as well as acting.

There will be opportunities for some of the students to assist with choreography teaching, backstage tasks of lighting, sound and stage management.

Total project cost – £1,858

Amount requested - £458.00

Amount recommended- £458.00

5.7 Willey Youth Club, Activity Weekend

The youth Club would like to take its members on an activity weekend to the Frank Chapman Centre in Bewdley. The children will be able to take part in a variety of

outdoor activities, canoeing, night walks, wall climbing, rope work and team building. The cost will include food, accommodation and transport.

Total project cost - £850.00

Amount Requested - £670.00

The committee have requested that the Youth Club look into raising some of the amount themselves. The Leaders are going to consult with the children and provide further information.

5.8 Broseley Partnership, Reprint of Broseley Map and Town Guide

There are only a few tourism leaflets left and they need updating

Visitors can regularly be seen following the trail and looking at the historical points of interest mentioned in the leaflet. These leaflets are distributed to accommodation providers, tourism attractions, libraries and visitor information centres in Shropshire

Total project cost - £745

Amount requested - £250.00

Amount recommended- £250.00

5.9 Broseley Social Club – Queens Jubilee Gala Day

The event is to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee, on Monday 4th June. The general public will be invited to the Gala, consisting of stalls run by various organisations, amusements, bouncy castle, children's disco and a BBQ. The event is intended to be a non-profit event (not including the club bar)

We aim to use the Street Part Theme and enable local residents to celebrate without having to leave Broseley.

Total Project cost - £250.00

Amount requested - £250.00

Amount Recommended- £250.00

5.10 Broseley Cinema – Publicity Boards

Since the group last applied for funding two years ago they have stopped showing commercially hired films as it was becoming increasingly difficult to cover the cost of film hire (£100 per film approx.) with the income from admissions. As from July 2011 they also stopped evening performances as the numbers coming did not justify the effort or expense.

Because they have paid for the Birchmeadow Centre to have a licence enabling them to have free film screenings we now show films under this licence. This means that they don't have to pay for a commercial licence (the main cost of commercial film hire) so can get films cheaply. On the other hand they are not allowed to charge for admission to screenings or to publicly advertise the films. They let members know what film is being shown through a quarterly newsletter.

They have monthly afternoon showings for which we get an average audience of 25 – 30 people. Some of these people would not be able to get to the Birchmeadow Centre without the Friendly Bus which does a regular trip bringing people from Broseley and Much Wenlock.

They have a small income from teas, raffles and membership fees and many of the people who come to a film make a donation which helps to cover the cost of room hire and other expenses.

In spite of the newsletter people sometimes forget that there is a film on and we would also like to encourage new people to come along as there is no requirement to be a member. Although they can't name the film we could advertise the fact that there is a film on and, if they could build up a larger following, it might be feasible to have the occasional commercial film which would be advertised in advance and for which we would charge admission. To do this we would like to have some rigid reusable boards which could be attached to railings at the Spar, the library, the church and the Co-op both to remind people of the date time and place of the next film and to alert others to the existence of our local cinema.

Total project cost - £160.00

Amount requested - £160.00

Amount recommended- £160.00

6.0 Additional Information - Future applications

For applications forms and guidance, projects and groups wishing to apply to the Broseley and Barrow Local Joint Committee should contact:

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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)

Draft Medium Term Financial Plan 2011/12 - 2013/14, Appendix 5.

Report to Cabinet 13th January 2011. Locality Working Local Joint Committees.

Report to Cabinet 9th December 2010.LJC application forms for the projects listed

Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)

Councillor Gwilym Butler - Portfolio Holder for Community Working and Customer Services

Local Member Shropshire Councillors Jean Jones and Milner Whiteman

Appendices