

FUNDING REPORT 2013/14

Responsible Officer

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1. Summary

This report considers the devolved funding allocated to the Broseley and Barrow Local Joint Committee (LJC) for the period 1st April 2013 up until 31st March 2014.

- 1.1 A total of **£10,000** has been devolved to the Committee, **£730.00** arts funding, to fund projects in the local community served by the LJC for the 2013/14 year and with **£1,866.00** under spend from last year the total available is **£12,596**.

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 22nd May 2013, three applications have been received.

- 1.3 The committee awarded funding from the 2013/14 budget to the following project under the urgent and time sensitive delegated powers.

Group	Project	Amount requested	Amount Awarded
Broseley Jitty Bugs	2 nd World Heritage Square Dance	£174	£174

The recommendations from the planning meeting feature in this report.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. 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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3. 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

4. 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.

5. Applications, Summaries and Officer Recommendations

5.1 Victoria Hall, installation of fire alarm system –

The interconnected fire alarm will be installed in all public areas of the Victoria Hall. The Current method of alerting people of a fire is by shouting.

The need for this alarm system was identified following a recent audit by Shropshire Fire and Rescue. The system that has been chosen has been approved by Shropshire Fire and Rescue as being adequate for the hall's needs. The alarm system will ensure users are safe.

The hall regularly sees over 120 people pass through the doors weekly. When individual events take place like private parties this can swell to 300.

The project was identified by the trustees as being a priority.

Total project cost - £1,797.12

Amount requested -£1,000

Amount recommended - £1,000

5.2 Broseley Christmas Lights Committee-

To replace the obsolete Christmas lighting festoons that garland Broseley High Street during the festive period. It is becoming increasingly difficult to source bulbs for these old cables and many of our existing stock were broken during a recent break in at the community store.

The aim of the project is to provide an excellent festive experience for local people and to help boost local economy by attracting visitors to the town.

If the festoons are not replaced the display will be much diminished. The community is very proud of its Christmas lights, as evident by the number of individual donations and messages of thanks and goodwill. The Committee fundraises all through the year to raise enough money to sustain the display and provide a quality switch on event for the people of Broseley and Barrow area. People of all ages and ability enjoy the lights display and the annual switch on event.

Total project cost - £2,000

Amount requested -£1,000

Amount recommended - £1,000

5.3 Willey Village Hall Car Park Improvements

To improve the car park at Willey village hall. There is no alternative parking and the roads are very narrow around the hall. The hall is used by people of all ages and the committee are keen to improve access through an improved car park. When rain fall has been high it has been impossible for some users to depart without being pushed by hand due to the mud.

Total Project cost - £4,000

Amount requested - £1,000

Amount recommended £1,000 depending on the additional information being submitted

5.4 Other Grants

The Broseley and Barrow LJC Committee recommend that £4,000 be ring fenced for each of the following projects subject to the following conditions

- Grants must be spent in the 2013/14 Financial year and
- Any additional information required must be submitted prior to the release of the grants.

Victoria Hall Roofing Project –

Work needs to be carried out on the roof vents, chimneys, parapet coping stones, replace some missing tiles and eaves tile work. The Victoria Hall committee have put together a fund raising programme to raise the shortfall.

Muga Lighting project –

To install lighting from the changing rooms to the Muga. This path is currently unlit and very dark in the autumn and winter months. Installing the lighting would complete the Muga project.

5.5 Youth Transport Grant

It is proposed that the Youth Transport grant of £4,952.00 which currently sits with the Broseley Youth Partnership is to be moved back to the Broseley and Barrow LJC Budget. This will be placed in a Community Chest for Youth Groups from the Broseley and Barrow area to bid into to take young people on Sports or Arts trips. For application forms please contact Linda Monteith 07582002063 or email linda.monteith@shropshire.gov.uk

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 David Turner

Appendices