

FUNDING UPDATE 2013/14

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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 2012/13 year and with **£1,866.00** under spend from last year the total available is **£12,596**.

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 December 2013, **two applications** have been received. Rules restricting groups and organisations to one application per annum have been waived for the remainder of this financial year.

1.3 The Committee awarded the following projects from the Youth Transport Grant in 2013/2014

Group	Project	Amount requested	Amount Awarded
Broseley CofE School PTA	Whole school visit Chester Zoo	£350	£350
Severn George Rangers	Leadership Skills Trip to London	£82	£82
Broseley 2 nd Brownies	Trip to Thinktank	£250	£250
Broseley Youth Group	Ice skating and trip to Skate Park	£220	£220
1 st Broseley Rainbows	Theatre Severn to see a Pantomime	£165	£165
Broseley Army Cadets	WW1 Centenary	£283.60	£226.88

- 1.4 The remaining amount in the Transport pot, £3658.12 will be transferred into the main LJC budget. Groups still wishing to apply for help with transport in this financial year should contact Linda Monteith.

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 The Friendly Transport Service.

We are a local charity which provides safe, accessible, cost-effective and flexible door-to-door transport run by the community for the community.

We want to broaden our service provision to include different sections of the community and also those with additional needs. This will widen people's opportunities to be independent.

We need to promote the service throughout the areas we cover, namely in around Broseley and Barrow, to make sure that we reach more people and make them aware of what we can provide to help them get out and about in different ways. This will include recruiting new volunteers who can be trained as Passenger Assistants (PATs) who can assist both drivers and passengers, for instance if they travel in a wheelchair, be partially sighted or they might need help with their shopping.

A group of volunteers have established a Publicity Group which is leading on this. They have

agreed with the Town Council that a leaflet can be included in one of the 'Town talk' issues and the distributors have kindly agreed to deliver these for us. We have received a few quotes for the production of these leaflets and are seeking funding for their production. We are also seeking funding towards the production of our monthly newsletter which details all of the timetabled and special journeys we offer. We are hoping to secure funding for the PATS training from elsewhere

There is a growing number of our existing members who need a little extra help. Sometimes we are unable to accommodate them on shopping journeys because there is not any extra support for them. Other Community Transport Groups within the County recruit and train passenger Assistants to fulfil this role and we would like to do the same.

We have discussed this proposal with our Members and volunteers and discussed it at our Committee and there is full support.

Although we regularly enrol new members, they often comment that they didn't know they could use our services until their neighbour/friend etc told them. We need to make sure that people understand that our services are for a broad section of the community and are not just restricted to the elderly or disabled for example.

Total project cost - £1,045

Amount requested - £620

Amount recommended- £310 due to the high cost.

5.2 Bungalow Babes

The project involves the refurbishment of a redundant building called 'The bungalow' to provide a bespoke childcare facility for young children aged from 3-24 months. The bungalow has lain empty since July 2012, before which it was used by Broseley pre-school.

The new facility would be run by Little Owls, a registered charity and not-for-profit parent-led childcare provider that has been operating in Broseley since 1995.

The bungalow would be used as a baby room, but one modelled on a domestic dwelling to give it that welcoming, homely feel.

Moving the babies out of Little Owls into the Bungalow will free up space to accommodate more two year olds, as well as more babies, and enable Little Owls to better cope with demand for places from Broseley and the surrounding area.

In addition, the enhanced facilities will strengthen our business model, giving improved job security to staff and providing sustainable childcare in Broseley for many years to come.

- The LJC grant will pay towards equipment for the bungalow to provide the children with equipment that enables them to develop their physical skills.
Crawling babies, toddlers and twos need to use their whole body as they practice large co-ordinations, left-right balance of crawling and the planning needed to climb up, over, through and around.
The new equipment ([Sand dune nursery gym](#)) will create a stimulating safe space for this to happen.

Added value

- baby room - capacity increase from 9 - 12
- 2's room - capacity increase from 12 - 20
- Additional hours/staff members? We would look to employ two new members of staff.

Total project cost - £1,743.60
Amount requested - £1,000
Amount recommended- £1,000

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