

Committee and date
Brown Clee and Highley
Local Joint Committee.

Brown Clee Zone.

Wednesday 21st October 2011

7pm

<u>Item</u>

# **Applications for Funding**

# **Responsible Officer**

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### 1. Summary

This report considers the devolved funding allocated to the Brown Clee Zone of the Brown Clee and Highley Local Joint Committee (LJC) for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 up until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012.

1.1 A total of £7,500 has been devolved to the Committee, this includes £ 528.00 arts funding, to fund projects in the local community served by the LJC for the 2011/12 year and with £ 7,583.00 under spend from last year the total available is £15,611.00.

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/priories or allocated to projects/priories

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

The closing date for applications was 12<sup>th</sup> September 2011, 8 applications have been received.

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 LJCs.

# 5. Applications, Summaries and Officer Recommendations

5.1 Allotment Sheds and Composting Bins, Ditton Priors Parish Council Project cost £1968.00

Amount applied for £1600.00

There are 8 new allotments sites in Ditton Priors. The Parish Council would like to provide uniform sheds and composting bins for each site. These will be sited at the sides of the plots to ensure maximum growing space and ensure plot holders can compost green waste **Not Recommended.** The Committee felt the community need was not wide enough with only 8 allotments.

5.2 Two outdoor Benches, Eardington Parish Council

Project cost £475.00

Amount applied for £475.00

Eardington Parish Council would like to provide a bench at either end of the village on the B4555 to enable walkers and visitors to have somewhere to rest. Eardington has many ramblers, making use of the extensive rights of way network and cyclists who use the National Cycle Route

**Not Recommended.** The Committee felt this was not something they could fund as the use seemed to be more for visitors.

5.3 Replace old worn notice board at Aston Botterell and Burwarton, Burwarton Parish Council.

Project Cost: £1,000

Amount applied for £1,000

Existing notice boards at Burwarton and Aston Botterell have been in place for many years and are worn, they are not covered either. Sometimes posters come off contributing to a litter problem. The Parish

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Council would like to obtain new boards with a glazed door. These boards aid communication in a rural area

Recommendation: £1,000

Outdoor play equipment, 1st Brown Clee Girl Guides 5.4

Project cost: £482.49

Amount applied for: £482.49

To have outdoor play equipment for the girls to use on the newly completed field at the Pavilion. Encouraging spontaneous sports in a safe environment. The girls are aged 10 – 15 years; the play

equipment will encourage more active lifestyles.

Recommendation: £482.49

5.5 Village Hall Notice Board, Eardington Parish Council

Project cost: £500

Amount applied for £500

Eardington Village Hall does not currently have a notice board. The hall has obtained permission for extensive renovation and it's important that parishioners are keep informed of future events in a rural area.

Recommendation: £500

5.6 Replacement of wooden fence at Chelmarsh Village Hall Car Park,

Chelmarsh Parish Council

Project cost: £755

Amount applied for: £755

To replace the worn broken fence. The village hall is well used along

with the play area, cricket ground and sports club.

Recommendation: £755

5.7 Repairs to Bus Shelter, Chelmarsh Parish Council

Project cost: £290

Amount applied for £290

The bus shelter requires tiling work and new guttering as well as relaying of bricks. This will improve the facility for bus users in the rural area.

Not Recommended. The Committee felt this should be paid for by the Parish Council in their precept

5.8 Ditton Playing Field Association Pavilion Refurbishment, Ditton Playing Fields Association

Project cost: £3818.16

Amount applied for £3818.16

The committee is seeking funding to replace worn and heavy tables and chairs. The current tables are solid pine and are very heavy making moving them very difficult, the chairs are very worn, well used and covers damaged. These are loaned out to village functions, available for community use and hire and used by the pavilion for all functions, groups that use these on a regular basis are: Girl Guides, Sunday Club, Ditton Parent and Toddlers, Coffee and Craft Club.

**Recommendation: £2178.00** The Committee will fund the chairs as these are worn and past repair but not the tables as these are still in working condition.

# 6.0 Additional Information - Future applications

For applications forms and guidance, projects and groups wishing to apply to the Brown Clee and Highley Local Joint Committee (Brown Clee Zone) 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 Councillor Robert Tindall

**Appendices**