



Committee and date
Brown Cleve and Highley
Local Joint Committee.

Brown Cleve Zone.

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7pm

Item

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Responsible Officer

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1. Summary

This report considers the devolved funding allocated to the Brown Cleve Zone of the Brown Cleve and Highley Local Joint Committee (LJC) for the period 1st April 2012 up until 31st March 2013.

- 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 2012/13 year and with **£1,254** underspend from last year, the total available is **£ 9,282**.

To note that any underspend 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 24th September 2012, two applications have been received.

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.
- 2.3 That the following guidelines be taken into account when assessing applications:
- To normally only accept one application per project per year.
 - All grants must be claimed within 3 months

- All projects must complete a monitoring form and where possible provide photographs to illustrate how the money has been spent
- All projects must supply a set of recent accounts or recent bank statement at the same time as the LJC grant application.
- All projects with items up to £1000.00 must supply two quotes per item, and all projects with items over £1000.00 must supply 3 quotes per item.

The recommendations from the planning meeting feature in this report.

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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 Ditton Priors Community Land Trust

With the strong support of the Parish Council and local community Shropshire Council is proposing to transfer the land at Oak Farm into the communal ownership of the village. The assets of the land and buildings will be held in trust by a new body, Ditton Priors Community Land Trust. A steering group has been set up to work with Shropshire Council, Parish Council and Oak Farm to move this forward. At the Annual Parish Meeting in April there was overwhelming support for this proposal, to safe guard assets. The first priority of the CLT will be to safeguard the existing service provision that in itself will be a significant achievement. An early priority of the CLT is to reopen the tea rooms as a thriving community facility. There are a number of proposals for additional activities which will be subject to consultation of the community.

The LJC funding application is to fund a building survey, legal fees, FSA fees and provide a visioning and a community open event. This is just phase one of a much bigger project.

Total project cost - £3,928
Amount requested -£2,928
Amount recommended - £2,928

5.2 Chelmarsh Parish Council – Speed Advisory Sign

Local residents are very concerned about the stretch of road from the Church to the Bulls Head, B4555 in Chelmarsh with cars speeding. There have been 3 deaths here sadly. Up until recently a Speed Visor sign had been provided by Shropshire Council in the Vehicle Activated Speed Programme. This has now been withdrawn due to the age of the signs and cost per year to maintain the aging technology.

The Parish Council want to erect a new Speed Visor Sign to reduce vehicle speeds and have been offered the chance to retain a new unit for a one of fee on a permanent basis.

All maintenance and power costs will be provided by Shropshire Council.

Total project cost - £1,300 plus all maintenance and power costs provided free of charge by Shropshire Council.

Amount requested -£1,300
Amount recommended - £1,300

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
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Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)
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Councillor Gwilym Butler - Portfolio Holder for Community Working and Customer Services

Local Members (Shropshire Council)

Robert Tindall

Mary Nicholls

Appendices
