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Burnell and Severn Valley
Local Joint Committee

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BURNELL AND SEVERN VALLEY LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

FUNDING APPLICATIONS REPORT - 26 SEPTEMBER 2011

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1. Summary

In 2011/12 this Local Joint Committee had a total budget of £15,945 available to spend. This is made up of £15,000 from the LJC budget and £945 from the arts funding. There is currently £11,640 left in the budget. No arts projects have been funded in this financial year.

2. Recommendations

Members are asked to confirm grants at the recommended amounts for the projects outlined below.

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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. Funding Applications

- 4.1 The LJC has received 2 applications for funding and the full project details are outlined below. Additional paperwork i.e. quotes, constitutions and accounts will be available at the meeting, on request.

Cross House Community Room- Heating Upgrade

Project Description: The hall is used by several community groups including a toddler group, children's parties, an Myalgic Encephalopathy (ME) art group and a Contract Bridge Club with several elderly members. These activities require the hall to be heated to normal room temperature. However this is only possible in the small hall and the boiler even this struggles to cope with this in very cold weather.

The existing heating has to be supplemented in the winter by industrial fan heaters which are expensive to run and impractical for the toddler group and children's parties. The Heating in the Chapel is not fit for purpose as the boiler is of insufficient size to heat the whole space. There is no facility to heat the two halls at different zones. The controls are also very basic with a 24 hour time clock for the whole circuit. The building is also in a conservation area, and any changes to the fabric of the building to improve the thermal efficiency would have to be approved by the Local Authority Conservation Officer. This would be an large capital cost and approval can be a lengthy process.

Following surveys from three heating engineers, it is proposed that the optimum solution is to increase the capacity of the boiler plant and create two circuits for the two halls. Each with a separate 7 day timers.

As the existing boiler is 6 years old and less efficient than new models, it is proposed to replace this with a new condensing boiler approximately twice the size of the existing. This will provide sufficient heat to keep both halls warm if required and also make sure that the small hall can achieve a comfortable temperature in very cold weather.

Need and Demand: The problem with the existing heating is well established. Complaints have been raised by several long standing users, such as the Shrewsbury Contract Bridge Club. The Shrewsbury Amateur Operatic Society used to use the hall for their rehearsals but this regular booking was cancelled due to the poor heating. The Management Committee is concerned that more local hirers will be looking further afield for other more modern facilities. The heating issue impacts on the most vulnerable members of the community such as infants, the elderly and those who are less active and ambulant. As a result it has been necessary to carry out the works this summer to appease the Bridge Club. This was approved at the Hall Committee Meeting on the 20th June. This project was supported by Berrington Parish Council on the 20th July.

Added Value: The project will benefit all users and will secure existing bookings. We hope that this will lead to added value by increasing the number of bookings we currently have over the winter. We expect that the combination of zoning, seven day timers and a more efficient boiler will reduce the running costs per session. The project can still be supplemented by insulation improvements in the future if funds become available and permission granted.

Total Project Costs: £4,100

Amount requested from LJC: £1708.33

Condover Village Sports Ground – Football Pitch Dug Outs

Project Description: Condover Village Sports Ground is looking to apply for a grant from Sport England to the value of £9,120 in order to purchase two football dug outs for Condover Village Sports Ground.

This application to the LJC is to secure a commitment of funding of £1200 in order to allow the larger grant to Sport England application go ahead (if the Sports Ground is unsuccessful with the application to Sport England then they would not draw down on any commitment that the LJC would make). If Condover Village Sports Ground is successful then the £1200 funding would be used to provide two concrete plinths onto which the dugouts will be mounted. One dug out will be positioned alongside the adult football pitch and the other will be positioned alongside the junior football pitch.

Currently the adult pitch has two Sunday morning teams registered to play (“Condover Foxes” and “Two Henry’s”). Additionally “Sporting Colts” have two junior teams in different age groups registered to play on the Junior pitch.

Need and Demand: Currently whilst there are changing rooms at the ground there are no pitch side shelters of any type. Step by step the club is trying to improve the quality of facilities at the ground and providing dug outs is top of its priority list.

Teams who use the ground are requesting this type of facility to be provided, for use by their substitutes and team officials. Additionally for training sessions when the main changing rooms are not available, the dugouts will provide a dry area in which to leave bags, clothing and other equipment.

Added Value: There are currently no pitch side shelters of any type.

Total Project Costs: £10,320

Amount requested from LJC: £1,200

5. Financial Implications

If these grants are awarded in full the total expenditure will be £2908.33. There is sufficient funds in the budget to meet these grants.

<p>List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)</p>
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<p>Draft Medium Term Financial Plan 2011/12 – 2013/14, Appendix 5. Report to Cabinet 13th January 2011</p>

<p>Locality Working Local Joint Committees. Report to Cabinet 9th December 2010. LJC application forms for the projects listed.</p>
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<p>Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder) Cllr. Gwilym Butler</p>

<p>Local Members</p>

<p>Cllr Claire Wild and Cllr Tim Barker</p>

<p>Appendices</p>
