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Local Joint Committee
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1. Summary

In 2012/13 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. Condover Village Sports Ground, Football dugouts project has been unable to secure the match funding necessary to complete their project from 2011/12, meaning that their £1,200 LJC grant has been returned to the budget. Having supported 12 projects there is currently £6,981 left in the budget.

2. Recommendations

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

REPORT

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.

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.

1. Multi Use Games Area at Dorrington Recreation Ground

Project Description: We aim to extend our offer to the local community by providing a Multi Use Games Area at Dorrington Recreation Ground. We are currently applying to Sport England Inspired facility fund to secure the larger part of the amount needed having already secured a grant for £2,000 from the Bernard Sunley Charitable Trust. If we are successful with this application we would only draw down the funds once we have secured the full amount necessary to start work on our MUGA.

Need and Demand: Our parish plan was done in 2009 and in this document the community clearly stated the establishment of youth provision as a top priority. Dorrington Youth Club has been volunteer run for over 18 months now and we were also fortunate enough to secure Awards for All funding in order to run Mixed Sports Sessions aimed at 5 – 16 year olds. We are now planning to extend this very successful pilot (accessed by over 150 young people from Dorrington and the wider area) by building on our volunteer reserves. The MUGA is a project that has developed as an aspiration of the young people out of all this work. It's future presence in our community will increase our offer by offering independent sports usage as well as being a part of a new hiring package.

Added Value: The MUGA will increase our sustainability as a Village Hall through an anticipated increase in revenue as a result of additional hirers. It will allow people from the wider area to participate in many new types of sports and be an invaluable resource for Dorrington Primary School. As a result of this MUGA we expect to see several new groups form eg. Adults 5 – a – side, fitness classes.

Total Project Costs: £33,500 **Amount requested from LJC:** £1,500

2. Provision of secondary ramped access at Pitchford Village Hall

Project Description: Replacing of existing paving to secondary exit (designated fire exit) to provide ramped access and new gated exit.

Need and Demand: In 2011 improved ramped access was provided to the main entrance to the Hall courtesy of a generous donation from Acton Burnell WI matched by the Village Hall Funds and utilising labour resources provided by the Village Hall Committee and the local community. Feedback from users of the Hall confirmed that the improved access had raised the profile of the Hall as a venue.

In January 2012 the Management Committee carried out a review of its Health and Safety Policy, Procedures and Equipment. Several items were purchased from Hall funds e.g. new first aid kit, access ladder for high level cleaning to address the areas identified as requiring attention. The secondary access from the Hall 9a (designated fire exit) was identified as requiring better ramping to assist the egress of persons of limited mobility and wheelchairs and a new easy action gate onto the highway. This application is for financial assistance with achieving that requirement. Our request is only for the cost of the materials plus VAT on the materials. The labour will again be provided by the Village hall committee with help from the local community.

Quotations from two local businesses are attached to support the cost of the materials required.

Added Value: The project will complete the actions required by the recent Health and Safety Review.

Total Project Costs: £1,440 **Amount requested from LJC:** £528 (match funding volunteer time).

4. Financial Implications

If these grants are awarded in full the total expenditure will be £2028. There are sufficient funds in the budget to meet these grants.

5. Any other information

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

Funding Application Forms

Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder) Cllr. Gwilym Butler

Local Members

Cllr. Claire Wild and Cllr. Tim Barker

Appendices