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Paper

APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

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Summary

£36,000 has been allocated to the Cleobury and Rural Local Joint Committee for the current financial year.

At the first Cleobury and Rural LJC meeting the following decisions were made in relation to the budget:

- £5000 ringfenced for Cleobury Country Ltd to continue to operate the Community Chest small grants scheme for grants up to 50% of total project costs to a maximum grant of £500. Recommendations from the Community Chest panel to be put the LJC members for final endorsement.
- £15,000 ringfenced to operate a larger open grant pot for grants up to a 70% of total project costs to a maximum grant of £2500.
- The remaining £16,000 to be retained to be allocated depending on the priorities set by the Committee at future meetings
- All of the above allocations can be reviewed by the committee

This report summarises the funding requests received to date.

Recommendations

- The Cleobury and Rural Local Joint Committee Members consider and make decisions on the LJC applications received
- The Cleobury and Rural Local Joint Committee Members receive recommendations and make decisions on any Community Chest applications considered by Cleobury Country Ltd.
- The Cleobury and Rural Local Joint Committee Members appoint two people to act as appraisers on the Cleobury Country Ltd Community Chest Panel.

Report

1.0 Community Chest small grants scheme

1.1 Only one application has been received since the July meeting of the Local Joint Committee

1.2 **Shropshire Red Cross** has applied for **£100** towards the transport costs for 5 young carers from Cleobury Mortimer to attend a monthly support group in Ludlow

- 1.3 The Cleobury Country Ltd appraisal panel have considered the application and recommend that the LJC supports this bid for funding up to a maximum of £100 and specifically for the transport costs
- 1.4 If this request is approved, a remaining budget of £4900 is still available for this financial year

NB. Two members of the Local Joint Committee need to be recruited to sit on the Community Chest Panel

2.0 Larger Grants

- 2.1 Three applications have been submitted for funding from the larger grants pot, to be directly appraised by LJC members
- 2.2 **Doddington Village Hall** is requesting **£2086** (70% of total) towards the overall cost of £2980 to fence, secure and plant hedging on a newly acquired piece of land next to the Village Hall. (Appendix 1)
- 2.3 **Kinlet Village Hall** is requesting **£2500** (32% of total) towards the overall cost of £8000 to provide a modern central heating system for the Village Hall. (Appendix 2)
- 2.4 **Burford Village Hall** is requesting **£2395** (70% of total) towards the overall cost of £3425 to complete the fit out of the newly extended kitchen at the Village Hall. (Appendix 3)
- 2.5 If all of the above projects were to be approved at the levels requested, this would total £6975, leaving a remaining budget for this financial year of £8019

3.0 Applications from LJC priorities budget

- 3.1 The initial budget allocated £16,000 for this financial year to support projects that the LJC have or could be identified as a key local priority.
- 3.2 For this bidding round, one application has been submitted which could be viewed as a local priority, but this needs to be discussed and approved by the LJC Committee Members
- 3.3 **Cleobury Country Ltd** have applied for a grant of **£5000** towards the costs of relaunching the Countryside Explorer bus service, and extending the route to include Cleobury Mortimer and other key visitor and local destinations. (See Appendix 4)
- 3.4 This service will operate on Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday Mondays from Easter to October running on a loop 4 times per day.
- 3.5 It is proposed that this project be considered under the priorities budget as the scheme will support local transport needs for local residents, provide a more sustainable transport network for visitors to the area, particularly walkers and people interested in outdoor activities, and it will contribute to the local economy by supporting key local destinations including towns such as Cleobury, Highley and Bridgnorth, but also key attractions such as Rays Farm and the Highley Station House.
- 3.6 The project will cover the parishes of Cleobury Mortimer, Neen Savage, Stottesdon and Sidbury, Kinlet, Highley, Chelmarsh, Eardington and Bridgnorth.

3.7 Funding applications are also being put to LJC committees that cover the Highley area and Bridgnorth. A funding application to the Southern Shropshire Partnership is also being submitted

3.8 If this project were to be approved, this would leave £11000 remaining in the budget for local priorities

4.0 Next bidding round

4.1 The closing date for the next round of application is the 4th December with final decisions made at the public meeting on the 13th January 2010.

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information) None identified.
Human Rights Act Appraisal No conflicts with the Human Rights Act have been identified.
Environment Appraisal Not applicable.
Risk Management Appraisal All funding applications are assessed against agreed criteria which will minimise any risks associated with these projects.
Community / Consultations Appraisal Decisions on allocation of funding are subject to approval by the Cleobury Mortimer and Clee Partial Joint Committee as representatives of the local community.
Cabinet Member: Gwilym Butler
Local Members: <u>Shropshire Council:</u> Paul Andrews Gwilym Butler Madge Shingleton <u>Parish & Town Councils:</u> Brian Howells – Burford Parish Council Deborah Brown – Cleobury Mortimer Parish Council Theresa Mackrow – Coreley Parish Council Mark Link – Farlow Parish Council Linda Clayton – Hopton Wafers Parish Council David Haywood – Kinlet Parish Council Chris Jones – Milson and Neen Sollars Parish Council Michael Tomkinson – Neen Savage Parish Council Diane Newsham – Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council Wheathill Parish Council
Appendices: 1. Doddington Village Hall 2. Kinlet Village Hall 3. Burford Village Hall 4. Cleobury Country Ltd