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CLEOBURY AND RURAL LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE FUNDING REPORT

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Summary

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

To date the following decisions have been made at the Cleobury and Rural LJC meetings in relation to the budget:

Initial budget breakdown:

- £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

Grants approved to date:

- £100 to the British Red Cross towards transport costs for Carers in the Cleobury area to attend support group activities in Ludlow
- £2395 for Burford Village Hall to complete the kitchen extension fit out
- £2086 for Doddington Village Hall to fence and plan a newly acquired piece of land
- £2500 for Kinlet Village Hall to contribute towards central heating for the hall
- £5000 ringfenced for Cleobury Country Ltd towards the costs of operating the Countryside Explorer bus over the summer next year.
- £5000 ringfenced for youth provision subject to a detailed proposal being presented to the next meeting

Update on previous projects:

All three village hall projects have accepted and been paid their grants (or they are in the process of being paid). Kinlet Village Hall provided the third quote and was successful in its application to Awards for All, therefore the project will take place as soon as possible.

This report summarises the funding requests for this meeting to consider:

Recommendations

- The Committee consider and make decisions on the 5 LJC applications received
- The Cleobury and Rural Local Joint Committee Members receive recommendations and make decisions on the 10 Community Chest applications considered by Cleobury Country Ltd.
- The Committee transfers budget from its priorities allocation to meet the additional funding required for larger grants if necessary.
- The Committee makes a final decision on the proposal from the Youth Partnership for the ringfenced £5000 for youth provision.

Report

1.0 Community Chest small grants scheme

1.1 Ten applications have been received since the October meeting of the Local Joint Committee. The current budget for this funding pot is £4900. The Community Chest Panel met on the 15th December and below is a summary of the applications received and the recommendations from the Panel to the LJC.

1.2 **Cleobury Mortimer Rugby Club** is requesting **£500** towards the costs of establishing their own website.

Panel recommendation:

To recommend approval for £220, specifically towards web development and not regular maintenance costs

1.3 **Cleobury Bus Travel** is requesting **£180** towards the costs of organising monthly bus trips to locations not accessible on public transport.

Panel recommendation:

To recommend approval for £180 subject to the following:

- The applicant provides details on the pricing structure
- The applicant must carry out marketing / promotion across the wider LJC area
- The applicant must adopt a constitution for its organisation

1.4 **Neen Sollars and Milson Victory Hall** are requesting **£225** towards the cost of purchasing a commercial microwave to enhance their kitchen facilities.

Panel recommendation:

To recommend for approval for the amount requested of £225

1.5 **1st Cleobury Mortimer Scouts** are requesting **£253** towards the costs of two way radios for their outdoor activities.

Panel recommendation:

To recommend for approval for £250 subject to:

- The applicant providing a second quote
- The applicant demonstrating that this is the most suitable option and that a cheaper alternative is not available

- 1.6 **Cleobury Mortimer Playing Fields** are requesting **£500** towards the costs of new cradle swings on the playing fields

Panel recommendation:

To recommend for approval for the amount requested of £500

- 1.7 **Neen Savage Village Hall** is requesting **£433** towards the costs of new stacking chairs for the village hall and replacing the table tops.

Panel recommendation:

To recommend for approval for the amount requested of £433

- 1.8 **Cleobury Mortimer WI** is requesting **£100** towards the costs of promotional events to raise the profile and membership of the WI.

Panel recommendation:

To recommend for approval for £50 towards the costs of the two promotional events only, and the applicant be informed that this is a one off grant for this type of activity and would not be repeated in the future.

- 1.9 **Coreley Parish Council** is requesting **£200** towards the costs of purchasing and installing 2 new benches at key locations in the parish.

Panel recommendation:

To recommend for approval for the amount requested of £200

- 1.10 **Cleobury Mortimer Scouts and guides association** is requesting **£200** towards the costs of creating an outside store for their gas cylinders.

Panel recommendation:

To recommend for approval for the amount requested of £200 subject to the applicant demonstrating that their chosen method of storage is the most appropriate for the exterior site.

- 1.11 **Hopton Wafers Pre School** is requesting **£486** towards the costs of operating the mothers and Toddlers group, specifically toys, printer for administration, stair gate for kitchen, art equipment and room hire.

Panel recommendation:

To recommend for approval for £300 towards the costs of toys, arts supplies and equipment subject to a detailed list of proposed expenditure being provided to the Community Regeneration Officer.

- 1.12 If the recommendations from the panel above are approved by the LJC, the remaining budget in the Community Chest scheme for the year will be £2342.00

2.0 Larger Grants

- 2.1 Five applications have been submitted for funding from the larger grants pot, to be directly appraised by LJC members (see Appendices 1-5). There is currently £8019 remaining in this pot

- 2.2 **Cleobury Mortimer Bowls Club** is requesting **£2500** (49% of total) towards the overall cost of £5121.83 to carry out urgent refurbishment and repair works on the clubhouse, in particular the roof.

- 2.3 **Four Parishes Heritage Group (specifically Kinlet parish for this LJC)** is requesting **£1900** (59% of total) towards the overall cost of £3246.25 to undertake topographical and geophysical surveys of the site of the 16th century Blast Furnace at Breakneck Bank in Kinlet. This is the latest project by the Group to uncover the areas' industrial heritage.
- 2.4 **Hopton Wafers Village Hall** is requesting **£2500** (14% of total) towards the overall cost of £17757.07 to significantly improve the play equipment and safety of their play area.
- 2.5 **Cleobury Mortimer Sports and Social Club** is requesting **£2500** (6% of total) towards the overall costs of £40,300 to brick clad and refurbish the wooden extension of the social club, which is in a dangerous state of repair.
- 2.6 **Farlow and Oretton Village Hall** is requesting **£2500** (47% of total) towards the overall costs of £5350.26 to replace and refurbish the existing toilet facilities in the hall.
- 2.7 If all of the above projects were to be approved at the levels requested, this would total £11900, which exceeds the current budget of £8019 by £3381. If the committee wishes to support all projects at their requested level, It is recommended that any additional amount needed is taken from the remaining priorities budget.

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 To date two application has been ringfenced from this funding
- 3.3 **Cleobury Country Ltd** were ringfenced 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. This is subject to the remaining funding being confirmed and formal tendering being undertaken.
- 3.4 Unfortunately the project was not successful in its request for £2500 from the Bridgnorth, Worfield and Alveley Local Joint Committee. The request for £5000 from the Southern Shropshire Partnership was not supported at its meeting on the 8th December. A decision from the Much Wenlock, Highley and Brown Clee LJC is due on the 13th January. £250 has been offered from Stottesdon Parish Council towards the scheme.
- 3.5 Tendering is currently being undertaken by Shropshire Council as in kind support towards the project, which should be submitted by the 18th December.
- 3.6 Cleobury Country Ltd are currently reviewing the options available and alternative funding sources.
- 3.7 A verbal report will be given by the Community Regeneration Officer at the meeting on the up to date situation regarding the Explorer Bus.
- 3.8 **Cleobury Youth Partnership** was ringfenced **£5000** at the October meeting of the LJC towards supporting youth provision across the LJC area subject to a detailed proposal being submitted (see Appendix '6')

3.9 Their project seeks to continue the Saturday night outreach work in Cleobury Mortimer, but also to develop outreach sessions in the larger villages in the LJC area, and also provide a small transport budget so young people could access specific activities in Cleobury Mortimer if there are unable to provide their own transport.

4.0 Next bidding round

4.1 The closing date for the next round of application is the 15th February with final decisions made at the public meeting on the 25th March 2010.

<p>List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information) None identified.</p>
<p>Human Rights Act Appraisal No conflicts with the Human Rights Act have been identified.</p>
<p>Environment Appraisal Not applicable.</p>
<p>Risk Management Appraisal All funding applications are assessed against agreed criteria which will minimise any risks associated with these projects.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>Cabinet Member: Gwilym Butler</p>
<p>Local Members: 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 Bill Foster - Wheathill Parish Council</p>
<p>Appendices: 1. Cleobury Mortimer Bowls Club 2. Four Parishes Heritage Group 3. Hopton Wafers Village Hall 4. Cleobury Mortimer Sports and Social Club 5. Farlow and Oreton Village Hall 6. Cleobury Youth Partnership – Application for Funding</p>