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Cleobury and Rural Local Joint Committee
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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

Revised budget breakdown:

At the meeting on the 3rd February the Committee agreed:

- To allocate £3,381 from the Priorities Budget to the Larger Grant Pot. This enabled the Committee to fund all the Larger Grant Projects submitted for funding at the meeting.
- To reduce the Priorities Budget accordingly to £12,619. This leaves £7,619 of this budget uncommitted following the approval of the Cleobury Youth Partnership application and the withdrawal of the Countryside Explorer project.

Grants approved to date: (details at appendix 1)

- 11 Community Chest projects totalling £2,658
- 8 larger grants totalling £18,381
- 1 priority grant totalling £5,000

Report

1. Community Chest Scheme

Cleobury and Rural LJC Members are requested to note the recommendations of the Community Chest appraisal panel and agree funding accordingly.

Six applications have been received with a remaining budget of £2342.00. The Community Chest Panel met on the 1st March and below is a summary of the applications and recommendations:

- 1.1 **Bell in Brass Band** is requesting **£500** towards the costs of uniform and for mutes.

Panel recommendation:

To recommend approval for £300 as inadequate match funding is currently in place and to work with the CRO to develop the project further in the new financial year.

- 1.2 **St John the Baptist Church, Kinlet** is requesting **£500** towards the costs of installing a hearing loop in the church.

Panel recommendation:

To recommend approval for the amount requested of £500

- 1.3 **Chorley Family Playgroup** is requesting **£500** towards the cost of purchasing a range of multi-cultural equipment and library books.

Panel recommendation:

To recommend for approval for the amount requested of £500

- 1.4 **Cleobury Mortimer Scouts and guides association** is requesting **£435** towards the costs of refurbishing the kitchen at the Pumphouse and purchasing a range of cooking equipment and a “party tent”.

Panel recommendation:

To recommend for approval the amount requested of £435 subject to the applicant carefully considering the quality of the party tent.

- 1.5 **Cleobury Country Tourism Group** is requesting £245 towards the cost of the Walkers are Welcome project which will affiliate Cleobury to a national organisation to help attract more walkers to the area.

Panel recommendation:

To recommend for approval the amount requested of £245

- 1.6 **Kinlet School PTA** is requesting £499 towards the cost of purchasing staging and lighting equipment in the school.

Panel recommendation:

To recommend approval for the amount requested of £499 subject to the applicant confirming that the equipment will be available to community groups to use.

- 1.7 **If the recommendations from the panel above are approved by the LJC, the Community Chest scheme for the year will be overspent by £137. It is requested that the Committee considers transferring this amount from the priorities budget.**

2.0 Larger Grants

2.1 No applications have been submitted for the larger grants scheme. This scheme is currently fully committed.

3.0 Applications from LJC priorities budget

3.1 No applications have been submitted for the priorities budget leaving £7,619 available.

4.0 Next bidding round

4.1 Subject to the Committee's agreement of the proposed LJC dates it is suggested that the closing date for the next round of applications is the 16th April with final decisions made at the public meeting on the 24th May 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 and Rural Local Joint Committee as representatives of the local community.

Cabinet Member: Gwilym Butler

Local Members:

Shropshire Council:

Paul Andrews

Gwilym Butler

Madge Shingleton

Parish & Town Councils:

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

Appendix:

1. Breakdown of Funding