



Committee and date

Cleobury and Rural Local  
Joint Committee Meeting

29<sup>th</sup> February 2012

Item

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Public

**2011/12 FINANCE REPORT, INCLUDING UPDATE ON FUNDING REQUESTS  
FOR CONSIDERATION**

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**1. Summary**

This report considers the devolved funding allocated to the Cleobury Rural Local Joint Committee (LJC) for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 up until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012.

A total of £18,000 has been devolved to the Cleobury and Rural Local Joint Committee for the current financial year with a further £1,162 Arts grant allocation. With last year's uncommitted funding of £4,849 carried over to this financial year and an under spend of £1,773 from previous Cleobury Country Community Chest funds this gives the LJC a total of £25,784 to allocate this financial year.

However in addition, following recent detailed work with finance, an additional underspend has been identified from previous financial years (£4,785). This brings the total uncommitted funding remaining to allocate for this financial year to £9,634. Also Melville Methodist Church has declined the LJC offer of £1,500 toward the Melville Window Appeal because they have received an unexpected donation. This brings the total uncommitted allocation to **£11,134**.

To date **12** funding applications totalling **£17,767** have been approved and are underway or have been completed in the area including the recent delegated powers application.

**2. Recommendations**

That the LJC considers the information and applications received.

**Report**

**3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal**

In determining these recommendations the LJC has considered reputation risk and the course of action minimises this risk.

The recommendation contained in this report are compatible with the provision of the Human Rights Act 1998.

The proposal under consideration will improve the levels of community based and community driven activity in the LJC area, and in particular in those communities identified by local Councillors as not benefiting previously from LJC support.

#### 4. Financial Implications

The funding devolved to the LJC can be used for a number of different purposes over the year to address local priorities. Funding by the LJC must comply with the general Financial Rules for LJC's.

#### 5. Background

The Cleobury Rural LJC is responsible for the award and expenditure of a devolved budget. The amount available to the LJC in 2011/12 has reduced as a result of Shropshire Council budget decisions, and a review of locality working in Shropshire. This amount has however supplemented by the transfer of funding previously available for Community arts projects in to the LJC budgets and some under spend carried forward from 2010/11

The amount therefore available to Cleobury Rural LJC is calculated as follows:

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|------------------------------------------|----------------|
| LJC devolved Budget 2011/12              | £18,000        |
| Community Arts allocation                | £ 1,162        |
| Carry forward of under spend             | <b>£ 9,740</b> |
| Community Chest under spend previous LJC | £ 1,773        |
| <b>Total budget for 2011/12</b>          | <b>£30,675</b> |

At the LJC meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2011 meeting the Committee decided the following allocation and priorities.

Budget breakdown 2011/12:

- £4,000 ring fenced for Cleobury Country Ltd to continue to operate the Community Chest small grants scheme for grants up to 50% of total costs to a maximum of £500. Recommendations from the Community Chest panel to be put forward to the LJC members for final endorsement.
- £1,162 Arts Grant allocation, this allocation is subject to Art's Officers approval.
- £8,000 ring fenced to operate a larger open grant pot for grants up to a 70% of total project costs to a maximum grant of £2,000.
- £5,000 ring fenced for youth priorities. Recommendations from Cleobury Youth Partnership to be put forward to the LJC members for final endorsement.

- The remaining £11,134 to be retained to be allocated depending on funding needs and priorities set by the Committee at future meetings.
- All of the above allocations can be reviewed by the committee

## 6. Cleobury Rural LJC Applications for funding

### 6.1 Delegated Powers Application

Please note Lacon Childe School submitted an application to Cleobury Youth Partnership for funding the L@fter Transport project, the Youth Partnership fully supported the application but noted the time sensitivity of the application, therefore requested that the application be funded by the LJC through delegated powers. The application was supported by the majority of the LJC committee for the full amount (£960) requested on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2011.

### 6.2 Applications from LJC Youth Priorities Remaining budget - £0

The LJC awarded £5,000 towards Youth Priorities in the Cleobury Rural LJC area. In May three applications were granted a total of £4,220 leaving a remaining budget of £780. One application has been received and was fully supported by the Youth Partnership.

| Group                                                                   | Project                                                       | Amount |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| L@fter Transport at Lacon Childe School – agreed under delegated powers | Provide Transport for young people to after school activities | £960   |

### 6.3 Community Chest Scheme Remaining Budget- £3,046

Please note the LJC granted Cleobury Country Community Chest fund £4,000 from the LJC devolved budget for community chest applications in May 2011. After looking at previous allocation of Community Chest funding there was a current under-spend of £1,773 from previous years this amount has been carried forward to this year's scheme therefore the total Community Chest fund stands at £5,773 of which £1,527 funding was granted at the LJC meeting in May and a further £1,200 was granted at the LJC meeting in October therefore leaving a balance of £3,046.

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

| Group                         | Project                                           | Amount  | Recommendation |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------|----------------|
| Bell Brass Band               | Purchase a Brass instrument                       | £500    | Supported      |
| Stottesdon C E Primary School | Developing a funding Strategy for sports facility | £468.20 | Not Supported  |

#### 6.4 Art Grant Allocation - £1,162

Cleobury Youth Partnership has submitted an LJC application for funding an Olympic Torch Relay Arts project from the Arts grant allocation. Shropshire Council Arts Officer supports this application.

| Group                      | Project                          | Amount    | Recommendation                               |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------|
| Cleobury Youth Partnership | Olympic Torch Relay Arts Project | £1,162.00 | Supported by Shropshire Council Arts Officer |

#### 6.5 Larger Grants Remaining budget - £9,972

From May 2011 the LJC has allocated a total of £17,767 to community groups, therefore the remaining retained allocation will be transferred to the larger grants budget giving a remaining budget of £9,972.

This budget has funded 3 of the Speed reduction/VAS signage to date and will need to fund any remaining schemes that come forward. Five applications have been submitted for funding for this round, totalling £10,590. The five applications are to be directly appraised by LJC members.

Please note that the large grant budget is over-subscribed by **£617.00**

#### Applications

| Group                                                                                         | Project                                                                                         | Amount     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Community First Responders                                                                    | Funding a resuscitation and defibrillator kit for a first responder based in Farlow and Oretton | £2,300.00  |
| Local Youth Football Clubs and Nightingale Nursing Fund                                       | Football Fun Day                                                                                | £1,000.00  |
| Stottysshop (in partnership with cleobury Country)                                            | Getting Started – Stottysshop<br>A new community shop in Stottesdon                             | £2,000.00  |
| Cleobury Patients Voice with support from Severn Hospice and Cleobury Mortimer Medical Centre | Cleobury Compassionate Communities                                                              | £2,000.00  |
| Cleobury Youth Partnership                                                                    | Olympic Torch Day - Project                                                                     | £2,540.00  |
| Parish Councils                                                                               | Traffic Calming Measures - VAS & Speed reduction signage                                        | £750.00    |
| Total                                                                                         |                                                                                                 | £10,590.00 |

## 6.6 Speed Signage/Vas

Funding for speed reduction measures was agreed at the October 2010 Cleobury Rural LJC meeting with £250 granted, in principle, to all parishes within the remit of this Committee and to be used in this financial year 2010/11, for the funding of speed reduction measures in their respective areas.

At the LJC meeting in October 2011 it was agreed that the award for speed signage/VAS should be extended to this financial year for those Parishes that have already taken up the offer and not received payment and those who wish not to take the offer up and that the Parish Council to notify the LJC if they wish to take up this offer by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011 (summary below).

| Parish Council          | Signage | VAS | Requested   | Paid        | Up-date                                                                                  |
|-------------------------|---------|-----|-------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Burford                 | No      | No  | No          |             | To be raised at next PC meeting 28/11/11 did not receive a reply by 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec |
| Cleobury Mortimer       |         | Yes | £250        |             | Awaiting invoice                                                                         |
| Coreley                 | Yes     |     | £250        |             | Interested contacting Alice Dilly 14/12/11                                               |
| Farlow                  | Yes     |     | £250        |             | Interested contacting Alice Dilly                                                        |
| Hopton Wafers           |         | Yes |             | £250        | Project complete                                                                         |
| Kinlet                  |         | Yes |             | £250        | Project complete                                                                         |
| Milson and Neen Sollars | Yes     |     |             | £250        | Project complete                                                                         |
| Neen Savage             | No      | No  | 0           |             | No signage/VAS                                                                           |
| Stottesdon and Sidbury  | No      | No  | 0           |             | No signage/VAS                                                                           |
| Wheathill               | No      | No  | 0           |             | No signage/VAS                                                                           |
| <b>Total</b>            |         |     | <b>£750</b> | <b>£750</b> |                                                                                          |

## 7. Overall funding position

Cleobury Rural LJC has allocated a total of £17,767.00 in grants to community groups. If the LJC grants all the current requests for funding a sum of £11,752 (which includes the arts grant, traffic calming and the five applications) the LJC will be over spent by £617.00

Please note the LJC Community Chest fund will have a remaining balance of £2,546 to carry forward to 2012/13.

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| <b>List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)</b> |
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| Cllr. Madge Shingleton |
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| Cllr. Richard Huffer |
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| <u>Parish&amp; Town Councils:</u> |
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| Brian Howells – Burford Parish Council |
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| Deborah Brown – Cleobury Mortimer Parish Council |
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| Theresa Mackrow – Coreley Parish Council |
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| Stephen Jones – Farlow Parish Council |
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| Linda Clayton – Hopton Wafers Parish Council |
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| David Haywood – Kinlet Parish Council |
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| Chris Jones – Milson and Neen Sollars Parish Council |
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| Andrew Vanderhook – Neen Savage Parish Council |
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| Diane Newsham – Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council |
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| Bill Foster – Wheathill Parish Council |
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| <b>Appendices - None</b> |
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