

## **NEW FUNDING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE EASTERN SHREWSBURY LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE**

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### **Summary**

This report provides Members with details of new funding applications.

### **Recommendations**

- A. The Committee are asked to confirm grant approval or rejection and any terms and conditions for the applications as detailed below:

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A.	The provision of funds to assist the Porchfield Residents Club to purchase storage equipment and a larger electric cooker and hob.	£3,420.99
B.	The provision of funds to assist the Monkmoor Local Policing team to continue football coaching sessions at the Wilfred Owen School. This falls in line with the anti-social behaviour reduction initiative.	£600.00
C.	The provision of funds to assist the Telepost Bowling Club, to purchase shutters to prevent the homeless from using the premises for sleeping and drug taking.	£2,668.00
D.	The provision of funds to assist Belle Vue Youth Club buy new equipment for the Youth Club. The club will host young people from the Eastern Shrewsbury area and funding has been received from Meole, Column and Sutton and the Severn Loop LJC's.	£1,180.80
E.	The provision of funds to assist Crowmoor Toy Lending Library in providing toys, training, uniforms and a shed for the above project.	£6,800.00

F.	The provision of funds to assist the Shrewsbury Children's Bookfest in running its May Literary Festival. This is a children's festival which is now in its 11 <sup>th</sup> year.	£500.00
G.	The provision of funds to assist the Column Allotment Society in purchasing a new garden/tool shed at the Column Allotment Site.	£1,415.00
	Total Funds Applied for	£16,584.79
	Budget	£39,361.95
	Ringfenced from 2009/10	£7,000.00
	Remaining Balance	£15,777.16

## Report

### 1. Background

- 1.1 The Committee has a budget of £40,000 for the 2009/10 financial year. This must be spent to improve service standards, support the delivery of parish plans or to provide grants to local voluntary organisations.

### 2. New Applications for Funding

#### 2.1 Porchfields Residents Club (Grant applied for £3,420.99)

- 2.1.1 Porchfields Residents Club runs an extensive programme of events each month with various groups using the facilities, such as Age Concern, Blue Club, Keep Fit, Coffee Mornings, a Luncheon Club and Hairdressing.
- 2.1.2 Storage has become a major problem and the Club would like to improve their current storage facilities in a more efficient way.
- 2.1.3 As the Luncheon Club is becoming more successful and Blue Club encourage their clients to cook a larger cooker will improve the current facilities. Age Concern would also use the cooker to keep prepared meals hot.
- 2.1.4 The existing gas cooker is small and inefficient and unsafe if the person using it has no sense of smell. An electric cooker is considered much safer for people with poor eye sight, especially with the hob shine.
- 2.1.5 The rooms are used daily by local residents and the wider community and with better storage and a more efficient cooker this would encourage more people to join in the activities.

**2.2 West Mercia Police – Monkmoor Local Policing Team (Grant applied for £600.00)**

- 2.2.1 The Monkmoor Local Policing Team currently provides football coaching sessions at the Wilfred Owen School. The Policing Team have arranged for Shrewsbury Town Football Club and Umbro to donate a number of footballs and have provided vests and cones for use in the sessions.
- 2.2.2 The amount requested will cover forty, one hour sessions throughout the year at no cost to the young people; they will receive coaching from qualified coaches to promote self and team discipline, group participation and interaction.
- 2.2.3 Previously there had been a number of anti-social incidents in the area and this activity has reduced these incidents due to a number of the young people attending the sessions.

**2.3 Telepost Bowling Club (Grant applied for £2,668.00)**

- 2.3.1 The Telepost Bowling Club is used by old and young people alike. It currently has an ongoing problem with homeless people using the premises for sleeping and drug taking. Each day a member of the Club checks the area for used needles and mess.
- 2.3.2 The Police have suggested the use of shutters as the only means of deterring the homeless people from continuing to use this area inappropriately.

**2.4 Belle Vue Youth Centre (Grant applied for £1,180.80)**

- 2.4.1. The Belle Vue Youth Centre is run by volunteers for the young people of Belle Vue, Reabrook and the wider areas of Shrewsbury. They are open five nights a week, 39 weeks of the year and have now been in their present building for ten years. The building also serves the Rock Club, Army Cadets and many other local organisations including the local churches.
- 2.4.2. Due to much use over the years the Club would like to update the equipment and social areas. They would like to purchase various items of entertainment equipment such as a cd player, television, ipod docking station, classroom and screen projector and a lockable projector trolley. Also new mobile storage units, seating, worktops and a notice board would improve the environment in the social area.
- 2.4.3. It is envisaged that the above will enhance membership and allow the Youth Centre to advertise more widely within schools and the local press. Also some training for the volunteers would increase the profile of the Club and offer the Youth Centre venue to groups working with young people.

2.4.4. The Severn Loop has funded £1,180.80 of the £2,361.80 requested.

## **2.5 Crowmoor Toy Lending Library (Grant Applied for £6,800.00)**

2.5.1 Crowmoor Toy Lending Library is a new project aiming to provide a stimulating environment for all children. The children will have the opportunity to borrow toys that they may not otherwise have access to and would also give their parents/carers a chance to make new friends and introduce children to healthy and different foods at snack times.

2.5.2 The group would like to purchase and build a large shed for storage along with toys and craft equipment. They also wish to purchase uniforms for easy identification of staff to children, parents and carers.

2.5.3 This project would be in addition to the Harlescott Toy Library which has been running successfully for 18 years and it will be run from Crowmoor School. It is felt the project is needed in the community as it is a known area of deprivation and has the support of the Community Support Officers.

## **2.6 Shrewsbury Children's Bookfest – May Festival (Grant applied for £500.00)**

2.6.1 Shrewsbury Children's Bookfest is now in its 11<sup>th</sup> year with the aim of inspiring children to develop a love of books through a series of events run across the local community each year. The events take place in community centres, libraries and theatres across Shrewsbury from 30<sup>th</sup> April until 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

2.6.2 There will be events for pre-school children, a book swop/second hand book sale, games and team events with various authors performing at different venues. Ticket prices are kept low and the events are aimed at families across the community.

2.6.3 Additional events will be held throughout the year.

## **2.7 Column Allotment Society (Grant applied for £1,415.00)**

2.7.1 The Column Allotment Society wish to purchase a communal garden shed to replace their current shed which is dilapidated and has been the subject of a number of vandal attacks over recent years.

2.7.2 The Society provides allotments for local people to grow their own produce and currently has just over 100 people renting the individual plots. The majority of holders (about 80%) live in the LJC area of Monkmoor, Abbey and Underdale wards.

2.7.3 It is envisaged that as the shed will be able to hold equipment such as wheelbarrows and, at the same time provide members with a place to store their own equipment, more people will travel to and from their allotment either by walking or cycling.

- 2.7.4 There is a need to provide a more robust and secure storage area and a new shed would enable the Society to install water butts and guttering. The current shed is not strong enough for this to be done.
- 2.7.5 Overall the demand for allotments continues to rise and currently there is a waiting time of 2 years. The site is well maintained and the committee has a policy of ensuring that plots are kept tidy and under full cultivation during the growing seasons.

### **3. Future Applications**

- 3.1 Future applications for funding are encouraged and should be addressed to:

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- 3.2 Information relating to this Local Joint Committee, together with electronic copies of the application form and Committee Reports can be found at

<http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/communityworking.nsf/open/EA48349699F3EBDE802575B30036BD06>

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

N/A

**Human Rights Act Appraisal**

The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights act 1998

**Environmental Appraisal**

Environmental appraisals will be carried out as necessary

**Risk Management Appraisal**

The Council addresses risk of legal challenge through the correct application of the LJC Constitution

**Community / Consultations Appraisal**

None

**Cabinet Member**

Councillor Gwilym Butler – Portfolio Holder for Community Working and Customer Services.

**Local Member**

Councillor Tony Durnell  
Councillor Jo Jones  
Councillor Miles Kenny

**Appendices**

None