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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 and an update on a previous application.

Recommendations

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.	Provision of funds to assist the Telepost Sports and Social Club to purchase a replacement main grass mower for the bowling greens.	£2,000.00
B.	Provision of funds to assist Crowmoor Primary School develop a school allotment and introduce nature projects to run in line with the Forest Schools initiative.	£1,477.81
C.	Provision of funds to assist Relateen (Belvidere School in partnership with Relate Shropshire) to continue offering a low level counselling service to young people in Belvidere School.	£9,000.00
D.	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. This item was previously deferred pending further information from the Police and Shropshire Council's Homelessness section.	£2,668.00

E.	Provision of funds to assist Abbey Foregate Drama Group purchase a set of lighting equipment.	£1,500.00
F.	Provision of funds as a contribution towards the cost of a replacement collection/delivery van for the Shrewsbury Furniture Scheme.	£1,000.00
G.	Provision of funds to cover the cost of a Planning Application and associated administrative work for the Column Allotment Society (as agreed verbally at the previous LJC meeting and subsequently by email).	£120.00
	Total Funds Applied for:	£17,765.81
	Budget	£40,000.00
	Carry forward	£638.41
	Revised Budget	£39,361.59
	Ring fenced from 2009/2010	£7,000.00
	Spend to Date	£13,416.79
	Remaining Budget	£18,944.80
	Balance	£1,178.99

REPORT

Background

The Committee has a budget of £40,000 for the 2010/11 financial year. This must be spent to improve service standards, support the delivery of parish plans or to provide grants to local voluntary organisations.

New Applications for Funding

1. **Telepost Sports and Social Club (Grant applied for £2,000.00)**
 - 1.2 Telepost Bowling Club would like to purchase a new grass mower as their present one is in urgent need of replacement due to its age and increasing difficulties in obtaining spare parts.
 - 1.3. The Club has two bowling greens and hosts 13 teams. The grass needs to be cut daily during the six month season and without a reliable mower the whole operation becomes difficult.
 - 1.4 The Club hosts many games for the Shrewsbury area and the greens also host games for the whole county of Shropshire.
2. **Crowmoor Primary School (Grant applied for £1,477.81)**
 - 2.1 The above school would like to develop an area of land into a school allotment and also introduce nature projects to run in line with the Forest Schools initiative.

- 2.2 The aim of the project is to introduce children to nature, grow vegetables, flowers and plant trees.
- 2.3 The school catchment covers some of the Monkmoor area and many of the pupils live in an area of social disadvantage. This project would provide the pupils with a sense of achievement while promoting team work and providing outdoor exercise and environmental awareness.
3. **Relateen (Belvidere School in partnership with Relate Shropshire) (Grant applied for £9,000.00)**
 - 3.1 Relateen is part of Relate Shropshire and has been in operation at Belvidere School for the past six years. It offers students a confidential counselling service where they can openly discuss a variety of problems with the Counsellor.
 - 3.2 The project meets the criteria of the Every Child Matters agenda and has been highlighted favourably by Ofsted in their most recent inspections. In the last twelve months some 200 students out of about 830 have accessed this service and the service offers weekly three hour sessions.
 - 3.3 The project has previously been funded outside the general school budget through various methods of fund raising. Each year it is a struggle to raise the funds, this year is proving more difficult than in previous years.
4. **Abbey Foregate Drama Group (Grant applied for £1,500.00)**
 - 4.1 Abbey Foregate Drama Group has been performing plays and other productions since 1947 and usually puts on two major productions each year. The group would like to purchase a set of lighting equipment as currently the largest cost of any production is hiring lighting equipment.
 - 4.2 The drama group is open to everyone and they try to encourage as many new people as possible to be involved in drama. The group has put on four major performances in the past 15 months and has many loyal members.
 - 4.3 Previously under Phase 1 of their current project the Drama Group was awarded an LJC grant of £1,500 to purchase dimmers and some lights. This second phase will complete the basic lighting equipment for the hall.
 - 4.4 The project, if successful, will result in major savings and will allow resources to be put back into other aspects of productions rather than hire charges.
5. **Telepost Bowling Club (Grant applied for £2,668.00) previously deferred item**
 - 5.1 Telepost Bowling Club has submitted an updated application for a grant to assist with the purchase of shutters to secure the Club House from the growing problem of vagrant and homeless people.

5.2 The Club House is a long wooden building with two half open verandas to the right and left of the entrance area, this provides a viewing area for bowlers. Entry to the verandas is locked when the Club is not in use, but because the verandas are open at window height vagrant and homeless people are using the space for accommodation or consuming drugs and alcohol.

5.3 The problems have been regularly reported to the Police who have visited and recommended shutters to be fitted to close off the half open verandas and to provide security both day and night for Club members, users and staff.

6. Shrewsbury Furniture Scheme (Grant applied for £1,000.00)

6.1 The Shrewsbury Furniture Scheme provides relief for needy or distressed persons resident in Shrewsbury & the surrounding area by the provision to them of essential furniture and household & electrical equipment. Although the scheme is Shrewsbury wide, disadvantaged households in Eastern Shrewsbury, Harlescott & Bagley, and North Eastern Shrewsbury are the 3 main recipient areas for essential household goods.

6.2 The collection and delivery van which SFS use is coming to the end of its useful life and needs replacing. Without a reliable van, the scheme would not be able to operate and disadvantaged households would have fewer opportunities to acquire or replace household items at an affordable cost.

6.3 SFS are looking to acquire a new van at a cost of £23,500. They will be contributing £13,500 from their own funds and are seeking contributions from other bodies including three LJsCs. The contribution that they are seeking from the Eastern Shrewsbury LJC is £1,000.

7. Update on Through the Doorway to Healthy Living

7.1 Through the Doorway to Healthy Living were granted the sum of £3,300 to provide weekly activities and opportunities for people to adopt and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

7.2 To date the group have successfully run 10 Extend sessions and 10 Yoga sessions, both have been well attended with very positive feedback and have made a significant impact on local people's quality of life. The group would like to thank members for giving them the opportunity to run these classes in the area.

8. Future Applications

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

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- 8.2 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