

Committee and date

Ellesmere Area Local Joint Committee

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7pm

Item**9**Public**2012/13 FINANCE REPORT, INCLUDING UPDATE ON FUNDING REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION****Responsible Officer** Julie RulerEmail: julie.ruler@shropshire.gov.uk

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1. Summary

- 1.1 This report considers the devolved funding allocated to the Ellesmere Area Local Joint Committee (LJC) for the period 1 April 2012 up until 31 March 2013.
- 1.2 A total of £15,710 has been devolved to the committee to fund projects in the local community served by the LJC for 2012/13.
- 1.3 A planning meeting takes place to discuss applications for funding and agree recommendations to be taken to the LJC where decisions will be made.
- 1.4 Five applications have been received for this reporting period. This included 1 application which was approved under delegated powers prior to the meeting. The applications were considered at the planning meeting held on 8 November. The recommendations from the planning meeting are listed in this report.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the LJC considers the applications received, and awards funding to those organisations and their projects as recommended in this report. The recommendation is to approve the following funding applications as detailed:

9	Welshampton Bonfire Committee – Winter Parade	£ 400.00
10	Rotary Club of Ellesmere – Defibrillator	£ 1389.00
11	St Mary's Ellesmere - Bell Ringing	£ 380.00
12	Welsh Frankton Girl Guides	£ 680.00
13	Red Cross Young Carers	£ 281.13
14	Ellesmere Library – Essential Repairs	£ 2000.00 (Ring Fence)
	Total	£ 5130.13

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3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

- 3.1 In determining this recommendation the Council has considered reputational risk and the course of action minimises this risk.
- 3.2 The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998.
- 3.3 The proposals under consideration will improve the levels of community based and community driven activity in the LJC area.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The funding devolved to the LJC can be used for a number of different purposes over the year. At the present time, the Committee has not allocated funds to any specific purposes but has indicated that it will receive applications from local organisations for eligible purposes. Funding by the LJC must comply with the general Financial Rules for LJC's.

5. Background

- 5.1 From 1 April 2009 Shropshire Council created 28 Local Joint Committees (LJC) to operate across the whole of Shropshire. The LJC's are legally constituted decision making Committees of Shropshire Council.
- 5.2 The LJC for Ellesmere wards has membership from Shropshire Council (3 members) and parish councils (4 members) all with equal voting rights.
- 5.3 One of the responsibilities of the LJC is to determine expenditure of the devolved budget. A budget of £15,710 has been made available to the LJC for the current financial year. This is made up of £14,000 from the LJC budget; £1,040 from the arts funding which has been transferred to the LJC and £670 carryover from this LJC's' 2011/12 budget. The total recommended value for projects put forward in this round total £5,130.13 leaving a remaining balance £5,779.87 for future funding requests.
- 5.4 The committee have agreed that the annual budget should be equally split between the three meetings and under spend carried forward to the next meeting.

6. Additional Information

- 6.1 A summary of applications has been compiled and included below.
- 6.2 Welshampton Bonfire Committee – Winter Festival Parade
 - 6.2.1 This project has been submitted by Welshampton Bonfire Committee to enable them to run 5 workshops to make lanterns with the community. These will then be used in Winter Festival in Ellesmere on 30 November 2012. Total funds requested £400.00 with in kind match funding.

This project was approved under delegated powers.

- 6.2.2 Need and demand – The project will offer hands on community involvement and support involvement of Ellesmere's rural hinterland participating in a town event. The event will encourage community pride and support the town.

6.3 The Rotary Club of Ellesmere – Public Access Defibrillator Scheme

- 6.3.1 This project has been submitted to enable the Ellesmere Rotary to purchase 2 defibrillators and the cost of installation 1 Ellesmere Town 1 The Boathouse. The aim is to train 100 people in the use of the public access defibrillator. Total funds required £1389.00 with £1379.00 match funding available.

- 6.3.2 Need and demand – Sudden Cardiac arrest occurs due to disturbance in the hearts electrical activity. Having volunteers trained and these machines available will mean that lives can be saved should an incident occur.

6.4 St Mary's Church Bell Ringers Group - Bell Ringing Simulator

- 6.4.1 This application has been submitted to enable the Bell Ringers to purchase a simulator that will allow them to train and improve their skills. There are 11 members whose age range is 40-70. Having this equipment will enable the group to offer training to beginners. They will focus on introducing young people. With this equipment the group could expand to 20. Total funds required £380.00 with £450.00 match funding available.

- 6.4.2 Need and demand – The project aims to increase membership to 20 and attract young people to a new evening past time that will add value to the community.

6.5 Welsh Frankton Guides – Meetings and Leader Training

- 6.5.1 This application has been submitted to contribute to the increasing costs of activities and enable the group to recruit new members. There is a capacity to train 4 young people and 1 adult to become leaders. This application is to support running costs whilst the group recruit new members. Total project cost £680.00 with £580.00 match funding.

- 6.5.2 Need and demand – This project offers excellent support for young people and teaches them life skills. The group will train young people with life skills.

6.6 British Red Cross - Young Carers

- 6.6.1 This application has been submitted by Shropshire young carers to cover the costs relating to 3 young people within LJC1 who attend organised activities as respite from their role as carer for family members. Peer support is vital for the young people and activities are focussed on the group's needs. Total cost £281.13 with match funding available.

- 6.6.2 Need and demand – Red Cross provide essential service to young people and support and mentor each individual who in some cases are socially deprived due to their home situation.

6.7 Ellesmere Library – Essential Repairs

6.7.1 Members of the committee discussed the response from Shropshire Council regarding the available budget to complete essential repairs to the building estimated to be in the region of £20,000. It is anticipated that the works will be scheduled to commence first quarter 2013.

6.7.2 Members of the committee agreed to ring fence £2000 of 2012/2013 budget as a demonstration of their commitment to supporting this action.

Conclusions

7. The applications recommended were considered to be of benefit to the community, following need, demand and assessment checklist. The LJC considers the applications received, and awards funding to those organisations and their projects as recommended in this report.

8.0 The next LJC meeting is scheduled to take place at 7.00pm on Tuesday 26 March 2013 at Criffins Parish Hall, Dudleston Heath, Ellesmere, SY12 9LE. Application closing date will be Friday 22 February 2013.

8.1 Bids for future funding should be addressed to:

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

Draft Medium Term Financial Plan 2011/12-2012/14, Appendix 5. Report to Cabinet 13th January 2011-07-04

Locality Working Local joint Committees. Report to Cabinet 9th December 2010

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Councillor Brian Williams

Councillor Ann Hartley

Councillor Steve Davenport

Appendices

None