



### Committee and date

Ellesmere Area Local Joint Committee

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## **2012/13 FINANCE REPORT, INCLUDING UPDATE ON FUNDING REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION**

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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 Ten applications have been received for this reporting period. These were considered at the planning meeting held on 27 February. 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 or not approve the following funding applications as detailed:

		<b>Recommended</b>
14	Criftins Bowling Club – New Irrigation System	£1500.00
15	Ellesmere Town Council- Old Town Clock	£1126.00
16	St John's Church Lyneal – Computer / Projector	£1400.00
17	Welshampton Village Hall – Replacement Blinds and Fittings	£1326.89
18	Ellesmere Comrades Club- Hearing Loop	£ 953.00
19	Get Ellesmere On Line	defer
20	Oswestry Surrounding Area Association of Elderly- Tea Dance	Not Funded
21	Friends Of The Mere – Feasibility Study	Not Funded
22	Welsh Frankton Parish Church – Lawnmower	£ 500.00
22	Out 2 Play- Cockshutt and Welshampton	defer
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£6805.89</b>

## **REPORT**

### **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 . A further £2000 has been re allocated to the fund due to a project not going ahead. The total recommended value for projects put forward in this round total £6805.89 leaving a remaining balance £2675 for consideration of deferred requests, future funding requests and priorities set by members. Members agreed that the priority areas are community projects that offer IT support and support village based activities.
- 5.4 The committee have agreed that the annual budget should be equally split between the three meetings and underspend carried forward to the next meeting.

## **6. Additional Information**

6.1 A summary of applications has been compiled and included below.

### **6.2 Criftins Bowling Club – New Irrigation System**

6.2.1 This project has been submitted by Criftins Bowling Club towards the cost of purchasing a Pro Bowl Irrigation Kit which will be fitted by members. The club has 30 members and have started youth teams with entry to area competitions. Total funds requested £1500.00 with £1400 match funding.

6.2.2 Need and demand – The project offers an outdoor activity to both young and old the group are building 2 new spectator areas.

### **6.3 Ellesmere Town Clock – Old Town Hall Clock**

6.3.1 This project has been submitted to enable Ellesmere Town Council to instruct the repair of the Town Clock. Total funds required £1126. with £1126. match funding available.

6.3.2 Need and demand – The Town Clock is located within the main shopping area of Ellesmere. Having a working clock is essential in providing a good image for the town for both residents and visitors.

### **6.4 St John the Evangelist Church Lyneal – Computer/ Projector Presentation**

6.4.1 This application has been submitted to enable the church to assist with the purchase and installation of a retractable screen with a projector which will link to a computer. Total funds required £1400. with £5500. match funding available.

6.4.2 Need and demand – The church is the only public building within close proximity of Colemere and is a vital community asset. The group are taking an active part in The Meres and Mosses Landscape Project.

### **6.5 Welshampton Parish Hall – Replacement curtains, blinds and fittings**

6.5.1 This application has been submitted to contribute towards the cost of replacing the curtains and blinds in the hall. Total project cost £1938.89 with £612.40 match funding.

6.5.2 Need and demand – The Village Hall is used daily and considered the heart of the community. The hall committee have worked very hard to refurbish the hall and have hosted community events to raise funds.

## 6.6 Ellesmere Comrades Club - Hearing Loop

6.6.1 This group wish to purchase and install a hearing induction loop to the facility. 12 Groups use the facility for events and meetings on a regular basis with 75% of people attending being past retirement age.  
Total cost £1253.00 with £300 match funding available.

6.6.2 Need and demand – This members club is well supported by the community and offers off street parking for local people.

## 6.7 Get Ellesmere On Line-

6.7.1 This application has been submitted by 5 volunteers who give their time at Ellesmere Library to assist people to improve their IT skills. They are available for 1.5 hours twice a week. The learners currently use the Library computers and feel that extra equipment will enhance the project.  
Total funds required £3741 with £2771. match funding

6.7.2 Need and demand – This is an excellent example of Big Society and the value of supporting volunteers to deliver learning in the community.

6.7.3 Reason for Deferral – The committee felt that the group should be supported and that the work they do adds value. They would like more information about the sessions and consideration given to alternative avenues of support.

## 6.8 Oswestry and District Association of the elderly - Tea Dance

6.8.1 This application has been submitted by the group to assist with the costs associated with running 6 tea dances in Oswestry.  
Total funds requested £90. Being a pro rata charge for 10% of attendees from this LJC area.

6.8.2 Need and demand – This group offers social activity to many otherwise isolated individuals and promotes friendship.

6.8.3 Reason for Decline – The committee are satisfied that Ellesmere provides this service locally and that there is no need to support an Oswestry based activity.

## 6.9 Friends Of The Mere - Feasibility Study The Bungalow

6.9.1 This group have been party to partnership discussions regarding the future use of the Bungalow located in Cremorne Gardens. They and other partners have identified the building as an ideal educational centre that could offer support for area based activities and move forward as a sustainable social enterprise. The group would like to act as facilitator for the Feasibility Study and support an on-going partnership approach.  
Total cost £8000. with £6500. match funding available.

6.9.2 Need and demand – This group has a proven track record in delivering partnership support for the key visitor attraction. The group has a diverse range of skills and are capable of supporting the consultants locally..

6.8.3 Reason for Decline – The committee acknowledge the hard work and dedication of this group and are fully supportive of their aims. The application requires a detailed costing of the work involved in completing a feasibility study and match funding in place. The Bungalow is a priority for action and this group should liaise with partners to work together on a suitable outcome.

#### 6.10 St Andrew's Church Welsh Frankton- Landmower

6.10.1 This application has been submitted by the church committee in order to provide a replacement Lawnmower for the churchyard which includes the car park area adjacent to the village hall.

Total funds required £700 with £350. match funding

6.10.2 Need and demand – This church is a focal point for the village and the Lawn mower is essential to upkeep the grounds.

6.10.3 Reason for Increased Offer – The committee acknowledge the hard work and dedication of this group and are fully supportive of their aims. The committee felt the group should look at a more expensive mower to add value and perhaps a strimmer as well.

#### 6.11 Out 2 Play- Cockshutt and Welshampton

6.11.1 This application has been submitted by Shropshire Council Leisure Services to enable them to facilitate 8 holiday sports sessions in each village. The sessions are free to 7-14 year olds and will be promoted through schools, parish councils and local groups. Specialist coaches will be employed to deliver the sessions and the use of SC equipment has been agreed.

Total funds requested £1918.00 with £250.00 match Funding

6.11.2 Need and demand – These activities will take place at the village hall in Cockshutt and the School in Welshampton. Healthy living and youth activities are seen as a way of encouraging good behaviour.

6.11.3 Reason for Deferral – The committee support the concept of holiday activities but would like contact made with local schools and community groups to confirm need and support. Also they would like the community involvement confirmed and a project plan with dates and attendant confirmation. The villages provide sports activities and these should be expanded rather than additional activities.

## **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 Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at Ellesmere Comrades Club, Victoria Street, Ellesmere SY12 1AB  
Application closing date will be Friday 24 May 2014.

8.1 Bids for future funding should be address to:

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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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Draft Medium Term Financial Plan 2011/12-2012/14, Appendix 5. Report to Cabinet 13 January 2011-07-04
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Locality Working Local joint Committees. Report to Cabinet 9 December 2010
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Councillor Brian Williams Councillor Ann Hartley Councillor Steve Davenport
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<b>Appendices</b>
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