



Committee and Date
Gobowen, Selattyn, St
Martins and Weston Rhyn
Local Joint Committee

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COMMUNITY FUND - CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING APPLICATIONS

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Summary

Seven organisations have submitted bids in the first round of funding to be considered by Gobowen, Selattyn, St Martins and Weston Rhyn Local Joint Committee

Recommendations

The Committee are asked to

- A Consider the applications received in the light of the Community Regeneration and Support Officers assessment and recommendations using an agreed scoring proforma.
- B Confirm grant approvals or rejections and any terms and conditions for each application considered.

REPORT

1 Allocation of resources

- 1.1 Gobowen, Selattyn, St Martins and Weston Rhyn Local Joint Committee (LJC) has £32,000 to allocate to eligible, appropriate and agreed initiatives which have been received by the convening officer and considered by the Local Joint Committee.
- 1.2 The terms of reference and delegated authority of the Local Joint Committee is clear.
- 1.3 At its planning meeting, the LJC agreed on the following principles to be considered in determining eligibility for funding.

- Ensuring allocations meet collective needs of the LJC area rather than needs of individuals, parishes, groups or single issues;
- Ensuring funding is not allocated on a first come first granted basis by developing flexibility in relation to meritable late submissions and contingencies;
- Ensuring allocation of funding leads to demonstrable improvement on a sustainable basis;
- Ensuring that successful projects complement priorities as identified by Parish Plans, Shropshire Council, Shropshire Partnership and North Shropshire Area Partnership.
- That the closing date for applications to be considered at the September LJC meeting was 15 August 2009.

1.4 It was further agreed that initial assessment of received applications would be undertaken by the LJC's Lead Officer, Support Officer and Community Regeneration Officer against criteria developed into a proforma. The proforma set out the following eligibility criteria:

- Project will be delivered in the eligible area (Gobowen, Selattyn, St Martins and Weston Rhyn LJC)
- Project meets approved financial/grant criteria (see applicant information for details www.shropshire.gov.uk/localmeetings.nsf).

And that each application:

- Demonstrates need
- Delivers local community benefits
- Demonstrates value for money
- Assures that applicants can deliver the project
- Optimizes availability of match funding
- Demonstrates sustainability (i.e. ongoing costs can be met)
- Demonstrates no adverse environmental impacts/mitigation of impacts

2 Consideration of applications

2.1 By the closing date 7 applications had been received, totalling £4922.50. Those recommended for funding are shown at Appendix A amounting to £4455.10.

1. The recommendations have been made on an assessment of each application against the rules of the LJC at its last meeting. It must be noted that, the Committee has the authority to fund any eligible project considered on a case by case basis.
2. It is further recommended that the deadline for applications to be received for the

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second round of bids which will be considered by the LJC at its meeting on 11th January 2010 is Friday 18th December 2009.

3. Applications to the LJC for funding must be made using the agreed application form, which will be available at the meeting. It will also be available from Shropshire Council's Website (www.shropshire.gov.uk), or by telephoning Maggie Rowlands, Community Regeneration Officer on 01939 237418 or by e-mail maggie.rowlands@shropshire.gov.uk, or the Lead Officer on the above contacts.

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

Gobowen, Selattyn, St Martins and Weston Rhyn LJC Report – Consideration of Funding Applications – 15th July 2009.

Human Rights Act Appraisal

No conflicts with the Human Rights Act have been identified.

Environmental Appraisal: Not applicable.

Risk Management Appraisal: All funding applications are assessed against agreed criteria which will minimise any risks associated with these projects

Community / Consultations Appraisal: These funding applications are subject to approval by the Local Joint Committee as representatives of the local community.

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

Local Member

Councillor Steve Davenport
Councillor Trevor Davies
Councillor David Lloyd

Appendices

Appendix A - Summary of Applications for Funding.