



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

24<sup>th</sup> March 2010  
7.00 p.m.

Item/Paper

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## **COMMUNITY FUND - CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING APPLICATIONS**

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### **Summary**

This report considers devolved funding allocated to Gobowen, Selattyn, St Martins and Weston Rhyn Local Joint Committee.

A total of £32,000 has been allocated to the committee to fund projects in the local community served by the LJC in 2009/10. £12,719.50 has already been allocated to projects during previous rounds, leaving £10,281.50 for Round 3. By the closing date 6 applications plus one application deferred from Round 2 had been received. If they were all funded in total this would add up to £9280.77 for round 3.

### **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 In 2009/10 Gobowen, Selattyn, St Martins and Weston Rhyn Local Joint Committee (LJC) has had £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. For this final round we have £10,281.50 for distribution to eligible projects.

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 May Meeting would be Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April.
- Applications made directly by Parish Councils should be on behalf of community activities, should be for 'new' projects and not for ongoing costs and demonstrably not for anything previously covered by precepts.

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](http://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 £9280.77.

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 second round of bids which will be considered by the LJC at its meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2010 will be 20<sup>th</sup> April. Furthermore, the committee is asked to agree that planned expenditure this fiscal year can be carried forward to the next fiscal year.
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](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk)), or by telephoning Maggie Rowlands, Community Regeneration Officer on 01939 237418 or by e-mail [maggie.rowlands@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:maggie.rowlands@shropshire.gov.uk), or the Lead Officer on the above contacts.

### **2. Recommendations**

It is recommended to the Gobowen, Selattyn, St Martins and Weston Rhyn Local Joint Committee that

A. The following bids are allocated full funding from the Community Fund (Round 3)

- 4.1. £1330 to Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council for repairs and purchase of new, stacking tables for Gobowen Pavilion.
- 4.2. £330 to Colliers Heritage Project, St Martins for purchase of sound recorder and accessories.
- 4.4. £951.34 to Bronygarth Social Committee for purchase of materials and tools to renovate yurt.
- 4.7 £330 to St Mary's Parochial Church Council, Selattyn to purchase display boards for use by the village.

B The following bids are provided with partial funding from the Community Fund (Round 3)

- 4.3 £1000 to St Martins Summer Fayre Committee against an original bid of £2119.90, towards the costs of the Summer Fayre.

C The following bids are allocated ring-fenced money in abeyance, subject to conditions

- 4.5 Kempo Karate Club, £1,000 ringfenced, against an original bid of £1798.53, subject to the balance being found from other sources.
- 4.6 St Johns Parochial Church Council, Weston Rhyn £1000 ringfenced against an original bid of £2421, conditional on completion of project and evidence of spend from receipts.

In agreeing to these recommendations the committee will allocate £5,941.34 of total funds, leaving £4,340.16 for future use.

**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 – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2010 .

<b>Human Rights Act</b>	<b>Appraisal</b>
No conflicts with the Human Rights Act have been identified.	

<b>Environmental</b>	<b>Appraisal:</b>	Not applicable.
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**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.