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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 2010/11. In addition there was £6,503 carried over from 2009/10 as unallocated funds and £4,000 previously ring fenced money was returned to the funds unused. The first round allocating funds of £2,910, the second round in July allocated £8695 leaving a sum of £30,897.66. £23.56 has been spent by the committee on prizes for Weston Rhyn Primary School, who provided our poster art work as part of a competition.

By the closing date a total of 13 applications had been received requesting funding to the value of £25,006.23

The recommendations below are set out using the following approach:

- Agree to fund a number of bids to the level of the application
- Fund a number of bids at a reduced level
- Defer a number of bids to a future round of the Community Fund
- Not fund the remaining bids

In agreeing the recommendations, the committee would allocate £12,835 of funds, leaving a total of £18, 039.10 for the final round; which would include 2 projects totalling £4,300.85, which would have been deferred from this round and potentially rolled forward.

### 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 Three):

- i. £840 to Gobowen Old Friends to provide social activities for senior citizens in Gobowen and Hengoed
- ii. £285 to Chirk Bank Methodist Schoolroom for fridge, crockery and cutlery etc.
- iii. £1000 to Cedar Close Residents Association, St Martins, to provide social activities and outings for residents.
- iv. £750 to Gobowen and Selattyn Parish Council to provide community notice boards in Gobowen and Hengoed.

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

- i. £2000 to Disabled Holiday Information, towards monitoring activities for their 'Enablise' project for disabled volunteers, from an original application for £2850.
- ii. £1000 to the orthopaedic male Voice Choir towards the purchase of a new keyboard and amplifier, from an original application for £1403.
- iii. £1000 to Ifton Meadows Management Committee to run the next St Martins Lantern Parade, from an original application for £1918.
- iv. £360 to Chirk Bank Community group towards provision of notice boards in the village, from an original application for £1780.
- v. £100 to the Phoenix Group in Selattyn to continue to develop activities in the village, from an original application for £450.
- vi. £2500 to Weston Rhyn Trust to begin renovation of the Sports Pavilion on the playing fields, from an original application for £3648.38
- vii. £3000 has been allocated to St Martins Playing Field Committee to be released once other funding is in place, towards new protective fencing for the football pitch, from an original application for £5781.

**C** The following bids were deferred until the next meeting (Round Four) to seek further information.

- i. £2050.85 to Bronygarth Social Committee towards recording and celebrating local oral history.
- ii. £2250 to 3 Parishes Youth Association for volunteer training and new equipment.

**D** No bids were refused funding from this round of the Community Fund.

### **Report**

1. From 1 April 2009 Shropshire Council created 28 Local Joint Committees to operate across the whole county. These LJsCs are legally constituted decision making committees of Shropshire Council.
2. The LJC for Gobowen, Selattyn, St Martins and Weston Rhyn has membership from Shropshire Council (3 members) and the Parishes in the area (3 members) all with equal voting rights.

3. One fundamental responsibility of the LJC is to determine expenditure of the devolved budget. A budget of £32,000 has been made available to the LJC based, fundamentally, on population size. Expenditure against this budget is agreed by the Committee after consideration of decision reports then voting by Committee members. Voting is undertaken by the six members of the committee as detailed above, all with equal votes, with decisions determined by a simple majority.
4. The funding devolved to the LJC can be used for a number of different purposes over the year.
5. For the third round of the Community fund a balance of £30,897.66 remains uncommitted. This round considers thirteen bids received from the community.
6. The recommendations made to the committee are that £12,835 is allocated to eleven bids from the third round. This would leave a balance of £18,062.66 uncommitted in the year.
7. A standard Application Form and Financial Procedure Guidance have been produced for use by all LJCs across the County. 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 01691 677301 or 07818 587740 or by email [Maggie.rowlands@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:Maggie.rowlands@shropshire.gov.uk), or the Lead Officer on the above details.

Specific rules for the Community Fund, in addition to the Finance Procedure rules, are:

- a. Applications made directly by Parish Councils will be considered, providing Parish Councils are not applying for funds for projects which they have previously funded or which are otherwise previously covered by precept money. New projects and 'sponsoring' informal groups are allowed.
  - b. The closing date for applications for Round 4 will be 14<sup>th</sup> January 2011.
8. Applications received by this date will be reviewed for eligibility against the criteria laid down above and a formal decision on which applications to fund will be taken at the next LJC Meeting on February 16<sup>th</sup> 2011.

#### **Eligible Bids Recommended for Full Funding**

9. A total of 13 bids were received by the closing date and of these 4 bids are recommended to receive the full funding they applied for. In total these 4 bids

amount to £2875. A breakdown of the bids with summary information is attached at Appendix A.

### **Eligible Bids Recommended for Partial Funding**

10. Of the remaining bids that were received by the committee, it is recommended that 7 receive partial funding. These will receive £9,960 between them. A breakdown of the bids with requested and recommended funding against each is attached in Appendix A.

### **Eligible Bids Recommended for Deferral**

11. 2 bids were recommended for deferral pending further information being provided. Details are attached in Appendix A.

### **Eligible Bids Not Recommended for Funding**

12. No bids have been refused funding in this round...

### **Funding**

13. The recommendations within this report seek to allocate £12,835 of the £32,000 budget devolved to the Gobowen, Selattyn, St Martins and Weston Rhyn Local Joint Committee.

### **List of Background Papers**

1. Local Joint Committee Budget –Gobowen, Selattyn, St Martins and Weston Rhyn Local Joint Committee 28<sup>th</sup> September 2010

### **Human Rights Act Appraisal**

At this stage the recommendations are unlikely to result in any implications for the Human Rights Act.

### **Environmental Appraisal**

Environmental appraisals will be carried out as necessary.

### **Risk Management Appraisal**

The County Council needs to address the risk of legal challenge to decisions through procedural or other errors. This has been carefully assessed.

### **Community / Consultations Appraisal**

Consideration has been given to the results of recent consultations and community responses in the Gobowen, Selattyn, St Martins and Weston Rhyn Local Joint Committee area.

### **Cabinet Member**

Gwilym Butler

### **Local Members**

Steve Davenport, David Lloyd, Trevor Davies.

### **Appendices**

A Summary of Applications for Funding.