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| Gobowen, Selattyn, St<br>Martins and Weston Rhyn<br>Local Joint Committee |
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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 £8,695 and the third round allocated £12,835 leaving a sum of £18,039.10. In addition the LJC agreed to ring-fence £3,120 towards supporting the three parish councils if they wish to install Vehicle activated Speed signs.

By the closing date a total of 8 applications had been received requesting funding to the value of £10,702

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 £3,572.10 of funds, leaving a total of £14,467.34 for the final round; which would include 2 projects totalling £4,267.94, which would have been deferred from this round and the previous 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. £691 to St Martins Senior Swimming Club, to part fund costs for swimming sessions at Rhyn Park School for 1 year.
  - ii. £125 to Gobowen Allotment Society for purchase of 1 dipping trough
- B The following bids are provided with partial funding from the Community Fund (Round Three):
- i. £450 to Gobowen Scouts towards activities and specialist clothing for training locally before attending International Scouts Jamboree in Sweden. From a request asking for 'anything' towards the English Lead-up.
  - ii. £1,000 to Weston Rhyn Village Hall for emergency damp repairs, insulation and replastering. From an original request for £2862.
  - iii. £1,000 to the Aqueducks (Friends of Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Llangollen Canal); for printer/photocopier, paper and other stationery supplies, and website development plus activities on English Section of this project. From an original application for £2,315.
  - iv. £300 to the Three Parishes Flood Forum, for expenses for holding meetings, publicity and other running costs. From an original application for £1,000
- C The following bid was 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. This has been deferred for a second time. The committee recommend that they should attend the next LJC meeting and explain the aims of this project and how the amount sought from LJC is distinct from the rest of the project funding.
- D The following bid was refused funding from this round of the Community Fund.
- i. Weston Rhyn Choir who asked for £800 to fund their activities around the villages.
- E The following bid was deferred from the last round but further adequate information has not yet been received.
- i. Three Parishes Youth Association 'Moving Forward' project, who asked for £2,250
- F In response to the Parish Councils not wanting to take up the LJC offer of support towards Vehicle activated Signs, the LJC recommend that the £3,120 previously ring-fenced money should be released into the community grant allocation.

## Report

2. From 1 April 2009 Shropshire Council created 28 Local Joint Committees to operate across the whole county. These LJs are legally constituted decision making committees of Shropshire Council.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. The funding devolved to the LJC can be used for a number of different purposes over the year.
6. For the fourth round of the Community fund a balance of £18,039.44 remains uncommitted. This round considers eight bids received from the community.
7. The recommendations made to the committee are that £3,572.10 is allocated to 6 bids from the third round. This would leave a balance of £14,467.34 uncommitted in the year to be carried over to the next funding round.
8. A standard Application Form and Financial Procedure Guidance have been produced for use by all LJs 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 Julie Ruler, Community Regeneration Officer on 01691 677301 or 07582 002025 or by email [Julie.ruler@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:Julie.ruler@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 the next round will be Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

9. 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 Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

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

10. A total of 8 bids were received by the closing date and of these 2 bids are recommended to receive the full funding they applied for. In total these 2 bids amount to £816.10. A breakdown of the bids with summary information is attached at Appendix A.

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

11. Of the remaining bids that were received by the committee, it is recommended that 4 receive partial funding. These will receive £2,750 between them. A breakdown of the bids with requested and recommended funding against each is attached in Appendix A.

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

12. 1 bid was recommended for deferral pending further information being provided. Details are attached in Appendix A.
13. 1 bid was deferred from the previous round and we still await further information.

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

14. 1 bid has been refused funding in this round.

#### **Funding**

15. The recommendations within this report seek to allocate £3,572.10 of the £32,000 budget devolved to the Gobowen, Selattyn, St Martins and Weston Rhyn Local Joint Committee.

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| <p><b>List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)</b></p> |
| <p>1. Local Joint Committee Budget –Gobowen, Selattyn, St Martins and Weston Rhyn Local Joint Committee 16 February 2011</p>                               |
| <p><b>Human Rights Act Appraisal</b><br/>At this stage the recommendations are unlikely to result in any implications for the Human Rights Act.</p>        |

**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.