



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

14<sup>th</sup> February 2012  
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**Item**

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## 2011/12 FINANCIAL 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 Gobowen, Selattyn, St Martins and Weston Rhyn Local Joint Committee (LJC) for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 up until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012.
- 1.2 A total of £26,051 has been devolved to the Committee to fund projects in the local community served by the LJC for 2011/12.
- 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 Eleven applications have been received for this reporting period. These were considered at the planning meeting held on 24 January 2012. 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:

X	Weston Rhyn Youth Group	£ 900.00
Y	Bryn Y Castell Coppice	£ 750.00
Z	Weston Rhyn Institute Knit & Natter	£ 200.00
A1	St Martins Parish Council	defer
B1	2 <sup>ND</sup> St Martins Scout Group	£1,000.00
C1	St Martins Book Box	£ 300.00
D1	St Mary's Church	£ 200.00
E1	Gobowen Youth Football Team	£ 819.00
F1	Weston Rhyn Institute	£ 300.00
G1	Preeshenlle Community Festival	£ 500.00
H1	Queens Jubilee & Olympic Events	£ 1073.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 6042.00</b>

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### **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 LJCs.

### **5. Background**

- 5.1 From 1 April 2009 Shropshire Council created 28 Local Joint Committees (LJC) to operate across the whole of Shropshire. The LJCs are legally constituted decision making Committees of Shropshire Council
- 5.2 The LJC for Gobowen, Selattyn & Weston Rhyn and St Martins wards has membership from Shropshire Council (3 members) and parish councils (3 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 £ 26,051 has been made available to the LJC for the current financial year. This is made up of £16,000 from the LJC budget; £1,306 from the arts funding which has been transferred to the LJC and £9,490 carryover from this LJC's 2010/11 budget. The total recommended value for projects put forward in this round total £6042. This will utilise the remaining budget.
- 5.4 The Committee have agreed that the annual budget should be allocated between the three meetings and under spend carried forward to the next meeting. The meeting on 14 February 2012 will have a budget of £6042. There will be no carry forward to 2012-2013.

## **6. Additional Information**

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

### **6.2 Weston Rhyn Youth Project – Cycle Project**

6.2.1 This project has been submitted by the Weston Rhyn Youth Project and seeks to complete cycling activities and offer training on cycle safety to those taking part. Partnership working will take place with the local policing team.  
Total funds required £1770. with £620. match funding available.

6.2.2 Need and Demand – This is a popular youth project and will offer diversionary activities that may attract new members.

### **6.3 The Bryn Y Castell Coppice - Interpretation Board**

6.3.1 This project has been submitted by The Bryn Y Castell Coppice Conservation Group in order to design and install an interpretation Board at the entrance to the site.  
Total funds required £750. with £750. match funding available.

6.3.2 Need and demand – The interpretation board will greatly raise awareness and increase interest in the natural environment of the site.

### **6.4 Weston Rhyn - Knit and Natter**

6.4.1 This project has been submitted by a group that wish to pass on and share skills of fabric craft such as knitting, crochet and sewing. Meetings will be developed at Weston Rhyn Institute. Funding allocated will be paid to Weston Rhyn Institute to cover the cost of facility hire.  
Total funds required £350. with £550. match funding available.

6.4.2 Need and demand – This request is part of an aspiration to improve intergenerational activities and improve companionship

### **6.5 St Martins Parish Council – Shared Portable Hearing Loop**

6.5.1 This application has been submitted by St Martins Parish Council. The project will provide a portable system that can be shared by other local parish councils and groups.  
Total funds required £2,556.95, with no allocation for match funding.

6.5.2 Need and demand – The equipment will provide support to people who attend and take part in community meetings and struggle to hear information.

### **6.6 2nd St Martins Scout Group – Linx 2012 Scout Jamboree**

6.6.1 This application has been submitted by 2nd St Martins Scout Group to enable them to purchase new camping equipment transport and attendance fee at a week long scouting event in Shrewsbury during July 2012.  
Total funds required £2500. with £2050. match funding available.

6.6.2 Need and demand – The club expects 35 young people to take up places. It offers an opportunity for young people to mix with others and take part in structured activities.

#### 6.7 St Martins Centre - St Martins Book Box

6.7.1 This application has been submitted by St Martins Centre to support the cost of purchasing 2 new book cases for the popular book exchange for users of the centre. The group would like to add castors to existing bookcases to improve accessibility.  
Total funds required £600. with £200. match funding available.

6.7.2 Need and demand – The book box now has 30 members and encourages reading in a village without a library.

#### 6.8 St Mary's Church – Selattyn Walkers Event

6.8.1 This application has been submitted by St Mary's Church in support of a walking weekend in the village in partnership with The Shropshire Way Project. Volunteers will lead groups of walkers and help familiarise them with the local area.  
Total funds required £600. with £200. match funding available.

Need and demand – The need for this event is an outcome of a Rural Toolkit event held in the village in 2011.

#### Gobowen Youth Football Club - Gobowen Football Development

This application has been submitted by Gobowen Youth Football Club support the cost of installing new goal posts to one pitch at Gobowen Playing Field. The group will also instruct a contractor to install the posts and repair damages to the pitch. A request to fund a under 14's team kit is included within the project.  
Total funds required 1519.20. with £700. match funding available.

Need and demand – The football pitch is used by the community and the current posts are beyond repair. The club has 70 youth members.

#### 6.10 Weston Rhyn Village Institute - Fencing Work

6.10.1 This application has been submitted by Weston Rhyn Institute to support the cost of purchasing materials to replace a perimeter fence and complete groundwork.  
Total funds required £377. with £300. match funding available.

6.10.2 Need and demand – The Young Offenders Unit at Stoke Heath will complete the work for the community venue.

## 6.10 Preeshenlle United Reform Church - Rose Queen Fete

6.10.1 This application has been submitted by Preeshenlle United Reform Church as host of the Rose Queen Fete which will bring together local community groups. An attendance of 300 people is expected.  
Total funds required £500. with £1270. match funding available.

Need and demand – The Rose Queen Fete has been in operation for 60 years and it is appropriate to link and celebrate the Queens Jubilee. Selattyn & Gobowen Parish Council are partners in the event organisation and offer use of the pavilion.

## 6.11 Queens Jubilee and Olympic Events – Delegated funding

6.11.1 The committee agreed that they would like to support events and celebrations in the rural villages that link to the Queens Jubilee and this year Olympics. It was agreed that applications in the region of £200. may be submitted to the Community Action Officer prior to the next LJC meeting.  
Total funds available £1073.

Need and demand – It is anticipated that this small allocation of funding will assist groups with the costs of insurance and other associated expense that acts as a barrier to activities,

6.11.3 Applications will be circulated to the committee for approval on receipt.

## **Conclusions**

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 Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2012 at St John's Church, Weston Rhyn.

Application closing date will be 15<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

Bids for future funding should be address to:

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

Draft Medium Term Financial Plan 2011/12-2012/14, Appendix 5.  
Report to Cabinet 13<sup>th</sup> January 2011

Locality Working Local joint Committees. Report to Cabinet 9<sup>th</sup> December 2010

**Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)**

Councillor Gwilym Butler

**Local Member**

Councillor Steve Davenport  
Councillor Trevor Davies  
Councillor David Lloyd

**Appendices**

None