

2012/13 FINANCE 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 1st April 2012 up until 31st March 2013.
- 1.2 A total of £17403, has been devolved to the committee to fund projects in the local community served by the LJC for 2012/13.
- 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 Eight applications have been received for this reporting period four of which related to The Queens Jubilee events and were agreed by the full committee under delegated powers. These were considered at the planning meeting held on 26th June 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:

1	Ifton Meadows Jubilee Celebration	£ 200.00
2	Bronygarth Jubilee Party	£ 237.00
3	Weston Rhyn Institute Queens Jubilee	£ 145.00
4	Hengoed Jubilee Party	£ 250.00
5	Ifton Primary School	£1.800.00
6	Oswestry and District First Responders	£2000.00

7	Oswestry and District Sports Assoc	£ 800.00
8	Oswestry and District Arts Association	£1000.00
	Total	£6432.00

- 2.2 That the LJC delegates any art-specific funding it receives as part of its 2012/2013 budget to Oswestry & District Arts Association, to enable it to continue to run its arts grants programme in the Oswestry area.
- 2.3 That the LJC delegates 5% of its 2012/2013 budget to Oswestry & District Sports Council to enable it to continue to run its sports grants programme in the Oswestry area.

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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 £ 17403 has been made available to the LJC for the current financial year. This is made up of £16,000 from the LJC budget; £1,310 from the arts funding which has been transferred to the LJC and £93. Carryover from this LJC's 2011/12 budget .The total recommended value for projects put forward in this round total £ 6432.

- 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 17th July 2012 will have a budget of £5801. There will be no carry forward to 2013-2014.

6. Additional Information

6.1 Ifton Meadows Jubilee Picnic

- 6.1.2 This project has been submitted by Ifton Meadows Management Committee and the Friends of Ifton Meadows. An event is planned to celebrate the Queens Jubilee and will include the majority of local groups. The group will host a bring and share picnic and host party games and activities. The group are planning to purchase wild daffodil bulbs as a permanent way of marking the event. Due to the location a portaloos will be required. Total funds required £400. with £200 match funding available. The grant will cover the cost of portaloos hire, bunting and daffodil bulbs

- 6.2.2 Need and Demand – This is an area that is within the Big Local Project and it will be an opportunity to bring the community groups and local people together. The proposed planting of wild daffodils will create a lasting a lasting display.

6.2 Bronygarth Children's Diamond Jubilee Party

- 6.2.1 This project has been submitted by Bronygarth Social Committee on behalf of 2 local ladies that have planned a Jubilee Party aimed at children and their family members. The ladies have worked children to design a picture to be transferred to a mug to celebrate the jubilee. The mugs will be presented to the children as a lasting souvenir. The event is being held on a field in the hamlet to avoid a road closure. A bring and share picnic will be hosted at the event. A donation box will be in place and surplus mugs will be offered for sale. Income raised will be used to purchase wild daffodil bulbs and seeds to create a lasting memory of the Queens Jubilee. The Bronygarth Social Committee have supported the event and will cover the cost of the hire of a Bouncy Castle.

The total cost £337.00 match funding £100. The grant will cover the cost of 30 souvenir mugs, table covers, decorations and art materials.

- 6.2.2 Need and demand – The community atmosphere will support and encourage interaction within the community. The celebration will link people in the hamlet that do not usually engage. The proposed planting of wild daffodils will create a lasting a lasting display in the hamlet.

6.3 Weston Rhyn Village Institute Queens Jubilee Celebration

- 6.3.1 This project has been submitted by Weston Rhyn Hall Committee. The group will be hosting a bring and share lunch, Bouncy Castle, Coconut shy and other games. The event is linking with St Johns Church, Weston Rhyn Youth Group and Weston Rhyn Residents Group. Representatives from Big Local will be promoting the progress and opportunity relating to the project investment in the area.

Total funds required £145.00 match funding £35. The grant will cover the cost of bunting, tableware, flags, coconuts and prizes.

- 6.3.2 Need and demand –This request is part of an aspiration to improve intergenerational activities and improve companionship. It will allow the groups to support Big Local and support partnership working.

6.4 Hengoed Jubilee Street Party

- 6.4.1 This application has been submitted by local resident Mr Bick who along with other residents has formulated a street party in City Lane to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee on 4th June. The event will be for the residents of Lower, Middle and Upper Hengoed. Shropshire Council have granted us a road closure licence for the date. The area of City Lane will be dressed with Buntings, Garlands and Balloons (buntings which are coloured In design only, will be donated to Sellatyn church for future use by the local Community. The organisers will purchase wild daffodil bulbs and plant these strategically in City Lane as a lasting memory of the event.

Total funds required £250. with match funding of £100 from donations already made. The grant will be used to purchase bunting, tableware, garlands, balloons and Wild daffodil bulbs for planting

- 6.4.2 Need and demand – This request is part of an aspiration to improve intergenerational activities and improve companionship. It will bring people together and allow a sense of community in the hamlet.

6.5 Ifton Heath Primary School – Improve IT for Children

- 6.5.1 This application has been submitted by Ifton Heath Primary School to enable them to purchase 6 electronic notepads, 2 Laptops and software. The equipment will be offered to pupils to enhance their learning abilities and improve their IT skills. It will be transferred to the new through school and be offered as shared use in parent pupil drop in sessions.

- 6.5.2 Need and demand – The school currently have a computer suite and are not able to offer portable equipment to pupils. Having this flexibility will enhance the learning experience. The project will offer pupils with mixed ability to offers an opportunity to work with their peers.

Total funds required £2000 with £0 match funding available.

6.6 Oswestry & District Community First Responders - Mobility and Kit Project

- 6.6.1 This application has been submitted by St Martins Community First Responders on behalf of the area group. The project will cover the general running costs of 2 vehicles. I is based in Oswestry and I at Stans Store St Martins. It will also cover uniform and kit for 6 new volunteer responders that have joined the group to extend the services of the team which respond to 999 calls prior to the arrival of emergency services. The St Martins based volunteers responded to 214 calls in quarter 1 2012 and can demonstrate that 50% of callouts were for the LJC1 area. (30% Oswestry area and 20% Ellesmere.) The project costs are £5200 and they would like a 50% contribution from LJC 1.

Total funds required £2000. with £1200. match funding available. (£1250. requested from Oswestry LJC and £750.00 from Ellesmere LJC.

6.6.2 Need and demand – The Community First Responders give 365 days a year cover as an enhancement to the Ambulance service. They are an essential service in the community and can demonstrate not only assisting in saving lives but also re assuring clients until the emergency services arrive. In addition to this the members of the group fundraise within the community. This grant will provide them with more time to be available on offer piece of mind that the essential needs are covered this year.

6.7 Oswestry and District Sports Association- Delegated Funding

6.7.1 This application has been submitted by Oswestry & District Sports Association in support of their area funding.

Total funds required £800.00 5% of LJC1 budget.

Oswestry and District Arts Association- Delegated Funding

6.8.1 This application has been submitted by Oswestry and District Arts Association in support of their area funding.

Total funds requested £1310.00.

Conclusions

7. 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. The next LJC next LJC meeting is scheduled to take place at 7.00pm on 20th November 2012 – St Martins Centre, St Martins.

Application closing date will be 14th October 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
13th January 2011-07-04

Locality Working Local joint Committees. Report to Cabinet 9th December 2010

Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)

Councillor Gwilym Butler

Local Member

Councillor Steve Davenport

Councillor Trevor Davies

Councillor David Lloyd

Appendices

None