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

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2013/14 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 2013 up until 31st March 2014.
- 1.2 A total of £17310 has been devolved to the committee to fund projects in the local community served by the LJC for 2013/14. An additional £4008 is also available as carry forward from 2012/2013.
- 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 12 applications have been received for this reporting period for consideration at the planning meeting held on 28 May 2013. 1 application was re submitted following a project revision. 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 below. The recommendation is to approve the following funding applications as detailed:

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| 19. | Weston Rhyn Village
Hall- Lift Repair | £1100.00 |
| 1. | St Johns Church – Food bank | £ 444.80 |
| 2 . | Chirk Bank Community Garden &
Allotment | £ 250.00 |
| 3. | 2 nd St Martins Scout Group-Pioneering | £ 500.00 |
| 4 . | 2 nd St Martins Scout Group-Transport | £500.00 |

5.	St Martins Methodist Church	£ 500.00
6.	St Martins Ifton Band	£1120.00
7.	St Martins Brownie- Dig To Eat	£ 500.00
8.	Cricket to School	defer
9.	Preeshenlle UR Church- Roof Repair	£ 1650.00
10.	3PYA – Summer Programme	£ 514.00
Total		£7078.80

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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 LJC's.

5. Background

- 5.1 From 1 April 2009 Shropshire Council created 28 Local Joint Committees (LJC) to operate across the whole of Shropshire. The LJC's are legally constituted decision making Committees of Shropshire Council
- 5.2 The LJC for Gobowen 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 £ 17310 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 £4,008 carryover from this LJC's' 2012/13 budget. The grants recommended value for projects put forward in this round total £7078.80.

- 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.

6. Additional Information

6.1 Weston Rhyn Institute –Lift Repair

- 6.1.2 This project has been submitted by Weston Rhyn Hall Committee in order to repair and re instate the lift which was taken out of use last following an inspection report. This has made it difficult to use the upstairs meeting room and limited the income to the hall. A revised quote is offering the same service at a much reduced cost.

Total cost £1300.00 match funding £200. The grant will cover the cost of repair to the lift shaft.

- 6.1.3 Need and demand –This is one of 2 community venues in the village and there is a definite need and demand to use the first floor facilities. Having the upstairs room out of access to elderly and disabled people has reduced income to the venue.

6.2 St Johns Church – Food Bank Storage

- 6.2.1 This application has been submitted by church committee to enable them to store food from Oswestry Foodbank in order to offer a satellite service offering donated food to those in need on presentation of the required voucher. 2 volunteers will be available to assist with this project on days Oswestry Food bank is not operating.

Total cost £444.80 with £0 match funding.

- 6.2.2 Need and Demand –In the present climate support for people in need is vital in the rural Community. This facility will be a link to the Oswestry Foodbank and operated by volunteers.

6.3 Chirk Bank Community - Community Garden / Allotment

- 6.3.1 This project has been submitted by in order to complete the groundwork and fence a small area canalside at Chirk Bank.

Total cost £3000. Of which £2750.00 has already been applied and spent match funding £0. The grant will cover the cost of enhancing the site.

- 6.3.2 Need and demand –This is a canalside area on the edge of the World Heritage site. Having a showcase community area/ allotment adds to the visitor experience. It will also encourage a community grow your own.

6.4 St Martins Scout Group- Pioneering upgrade

- 6.4.1 This application has been submitted requesting a contribution of 50% for pioneering equipment to be used by the group to train in bridge building, tower and structures using poles and ropes.

Total cost 3200.00 with match funding of £2000.00. The grant will be used towards the cost of purchase ropes and poles.

- 6.4.2 Need and demand – The group has 40 cubs and scouts that will make use of the activities and ages range from 6 to 14. It helps participants to problem solve and work as teams.

6.5 St Martins Scout Group – Outings and Training Transport

- 6.5.1 This application has been submitted to request a 50% contribution to transport cost for the Beavers, Cubs & Scouts to enable them to activities such as camping educational visits and competitions. The group has a collective membership of 70 taking part in a possible 20 events. The funds will also contribute to transport costs for 3 leader training sessions

Total cost £3000 with £1500 match funding available.

- 6.5.2 Need and demand – Being based in a rural area makes affordability for travel difficult. Parents are expected to contribute 50% of transport costs. The trips are a balance of joint activities learning and training.

- 6.5.3 Reason for reduced offer – The committee felt that the group should hold events and other activities to raise funds towards the trips. It was suggested that this reduced offer could contribute towards the summer activities and a further request made giving a detailed breakdown of costs.

6.6 St Martins Methodist Church Hall – Kitchen Wall

- 6.6.1 This application has been submitted by to support the renovation of the kitchen Wall which is showing signs of damp and deterioration. The hall itself hosts a footfall of 100 weekly and is well used by Brownies to senior Citizens coffee mornings. The group wish to commence shared lunches but cannot offer this until the kitchen is improved.

Total cost £900 with £200.00 match funding available. The grant will be used to cover activity costs of materials and repairs.

- 6.6.2 Need and demand – The increased usage of the community room and aspirations of the committee to extend use is deserving of support.

- 6.6.3 Reason for reduced offer – The committee felt that the group should hold events and other activities to raise funds towards the renovation work and look for donation of materials.

6.7 Ifton Colliery Band – National final

- 6.7.1 This application has been submitted by the band to help them with the cost of funding training, practice and transport costs to enter the band which was established in 1916 in a National Competition. The competition taking place in Cheltenham will help promote the Brass band to new members and inspire the group.

Total cost £2240.00 with £1120.00 match funding.

- 6.7.2 Need and Demand – The band has 25 members with up to 5 procession members a youth band in training sessions weekly. Senior team meet twice a week. The training band meets weekly and is recruiting new young people to gain interest in music.

6.8 St Martins Brownies – Dig It and Eat it

- 6.8.1 This application has been submitted by the Brownies who meet at St Martins Methodist Chapel. They would like to encourage a grow and share scheme to encourage a greater appreciation of grow to eat. The group also wish to purchase an outdoor table and bench

Total cost £1191.97 with £191.97 match funding. The grant will cover facility cost of skip hire a bench and table and other tools and equipment.

- 6.8.2 Need and Demand – Promotion of grow to eat is a popular trend and teaching young people will be beneficial and open up intergenerational activities. The provision of seating and benches will extend the opportunity for outside use of the facility.
- 6.8.3 Reason for reduced offer – The committee felt that this offer will help kick start the project and that the group should request materials from local businesses such as Kronospan.

6.9 St Martins Cricket - Equipment Grant

- 6.9.1 This application has been submitted by I to I Cricket School who have engaged with local primary schools to deliver cricket coaching and enjoyable co ordination sports to 7-11 year olds as a school time activity and also afterschool sessions. St Martins Primary, Weston Rhyn Primary and Selattyn Primary will be offered the 6 sessions with a plan to develop after school sessions. This model has worked in Gobowen School and others within the area.

Total cost £6400.00 with £4900 match funding available. The funds will be used to purchase training equipment aimed at making sport fun.

6.9.2 Need and demand – Education based activities attract young people and encourage participation. Extra curricula activity will benefit all young people who have limited access to sport.

6.9.3 Reason for deferral of an offer– The committee felt that this application lacked a firm positioning of the sessions within the local schools and that there was not a specific arrangement in place for the use of the equipment long term in this area. It is suggested that the applicant update the committee prior to the next meeting and look into UnLtd.

6.10 Preeshenlle U R Church- Hall Roof Repair

6.10.1 This application has been submitted by the church minister in order to commence vital repairs to the hall roof. The hall is used by, Girls Brigade, Ladies Fellowship bi weekly lunches and coffee mornings.

Total cost £6830.00 with £3680.00 match funding available.

6.10.2 Need and demand – This rural church hall well supported by community and offering vital facilities for aging congregation as well as local youth.

6.10.3 Reason for reduced offer – The committee felt that the amount offered will demonstrate to other funders that the LJC support and value the work of the church within the community.

6.11 3PYA Summer Activities

6.11.1 This application has been submitted by 3 Parish Youth Association to extend their summer activities with 8 swimming sessions at St Martins School. The 2 active youth clubs in the villages have completed consultation and developed activities that will engage 150 young people over a 2 week period.

Total cost £1580.00 with £1066.00 match funding available.

6.11.2 Need and demand – This group work across area and help to promote The Big Local Trust. Activities are supported by local volunteers and offer local solutions to young people over the summer.

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 22 October 2013 at St Martins Centre Overton Road St Martins SY11 3AY.

Application closing date will be 27 September 2013.

- 8.1 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 th January 2011-07-04

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

Councillor David Lloyd

Appendices

None
