

**2012/13 FINANCE REPORT, INCLUDING UPDATE ON FUNDING REQUESTS
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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 6 applications have been received for this reporting period for consideration at the planning meeting held on 1 October 2013. 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:

11	Chirk Bank Methodist Chapel	£ 250.00
12	Weston Rhyn Good Companions	£ 400.00
13	3PYA Autumn Programme	£ 600.00
14	U3A	£ 100.00
15	Oswestry & District Arts Assoc	£ 200.00
16	Oswestry & District Sports Assoc	£ 800.00
Total		£ 2350.00

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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 £2350.00.
- 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 balance available for future allocation is £13389

6. Additional Information

6.1 Chirk Bank Methodist Church – Schoolroom Garden Project

- 6.1.2 This project has been submitted by the Methodist Church to enhance the recently improved garden. The group wish to encourage families to attend open activities at the venue.

Total cost £498.00 match funding nil. The grant will cover the cost of garden seating, gazebo, bbq and tools.

- 6.1.3 Need and demand –This is the only community venues in Chirk Bank.

- 6.1.4 Reason for reduced offer – The committee felt the group should match fund over the winter.

6.2 Weston Rhyn Good Companions – Talks and Outings

- 6.2.1 This application has been submitted to enable the group to arrange trips and outings and a Christmas lunch.

Total cost £800 with £400 match funding £400.

- 6.2.2 Need and Demand –In the present climate many people are not taking part in activities due to affordability.

6.3 3PYA Autumn Activities

- 6.3.1 This application has been submitted by 3 Parish Youth Association to extend their activities in the autumn at St Martins School. The 2 active youth clubs in the villages have completed consultation and developed activities that will engage young people in of 10 sessions over the half term period.

Total cost £850.00 with £250.00 match funding available.

- 6.3.2 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 during school holidays.

Cluster Bids

6.4 Oswestry Borders U3A – Projector and Equipment

- 6.4.1 This application has been submitted requesting a contribution pro rata contribution of £100. Towards the purchase of new media equipment to support members during meeting preparation and presentations.

Total cost 1253.51 with match funding of nil. Within the LJC3 area 7 members attend meetings. The proportion of grant requested is £100.00. The grant will be used towards the cost of purchase of a projector, screen and associated equipment.

- 6.4.2 Need and demand – The group has 92 members who will benefit from the equipment being available for use within the meetings and the interim period for preparation of presentations etc.

6.5 Oswestry and District Sports Association- Delegated Funding

- 6.5.1 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.

6.6 Oswestry and District Arts Association- Delegated Funding

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

Total funds requested £1310.00.

- 6.6.2 Reason for reduced offer – The committee have awarded arts funding to the value of £1120 within this budget so therefore awarded £200.00 to this request.

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 25th February 2014 at All Saints Church, Old Chirk Road, St Martins SY11 3LL.

Application closing date will be 24 January 2014.

- 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
Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder) Councillor Gwilym Butler
Local Member Councillor Steve Davenport Councillor Robert Macey Councillor David Lloyd
Appendices None