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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 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 up until 31<sup>st</sup> 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 9 applications have been received for this reporting period for consideration at the planning meeting held on 4 February 2014. The recommendations from the planning meeting are listed in this report.

12	Green Room Youth Project – Equipment & Development	£ 1300
13	Gobowen & St Martins Parish Council - Streetscene	£ 2000
14	Fairfield Close – Fairfield Activities	£ 200
15	St Martins Centre- Flagpole / Village News/ECDL	£ 1928
16	Gobowen Scout and Community Hall	£ 2400
17	Shropshire Scouts Jamboree	£ 200
18	Selattyn & Gobowen Playingfield Committee	£ 2000
19	St Martins School – E readers and Science equip	£ 4203
20	Lakelands Academy	Not Funded
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 14231</b>

### **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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### **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.
- 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 Green Room Youth Project- Equipment & Development**

- 6.1.2 This project has been submitted by the group to enable the purchase of equipment for the increasing number of female members. The group would like to arrange 4 nutrition and skincare sessions and also purchase games and art equipment. In addition they would like to offer bike maintenance and issue lights for cycles, National Playday activities and 2 holiday sessions

Total cost £1489.81 match funding £189.81

- 6.1.3 Need and demand – This group provides weekly support for up to 40 young people on a weekly basis. Equipment is shared with the IT group.

### **6.2 Selattyn& Gobowen and St Martins Parish Council - Streetscene**

- 6.2.1 This application has been submitted as a joint venture to provide floral displays in both villages. The flowers will be themed to commemorate World War 1. Local volunteers have come forward to support the project and businesses will be approached to maintain the planted areas on completion of the initial installations.

Total cost £3175. with £1175. match funding.

- 6.2.2 Need and Demand – The villages have a desire to foster and build on community pride.

### **6.3 Fairfield Close Fund- Community Outing**

- 6.3.1 This application has been submitted by the group in order that they can participate in a coach trip to Llandudno. The group has 17 members and meet twice a week. The annual trip to Llandudno is an opportunity to relax and take family and friends out. Places are allotted to members and all contribute £8.00 towards the transport.

Total cost £350.00 with £150.00 match funding available.

- 6.3.2 Need and demand – This group work across area and help to promote companionship. Any spare spaces will be offered to Cedar Close residents in St Martins

#### 6.4 St Martins Centre- Community Flagpole & Village Magazine

- 6.4.1 This application has been submitted funds to enable them to commemorate WW1 by erecting a flagpole and purchasing 4 flags. The St Martins Centre is focusing on new activities and the centre is open daily with different groups meeting. They have a group of people who would like to support a village magazine on a bi monthly basis. The group would like set up cost and initial printing covered to allow time to raise revenue from advertising. In addition the Centre have linked with Qube and through volunteers they are able to offer a ECDL course which will aim to teach 6 unemployed people basic computer skills. The course will take 40 hours to complete.

Total cost £ 1928. With nil match funding not available.

- 6.4.2 Need and demand – The Centre will foster pride in both activities and having a village news will support promotion of Big Local and parish activities.

#### 6.5 Gobowen Scout & Community Hall – Improving the Hall

- 6.5.1 This application has been submitted by the group to enable the purchase of 100 stacking chairs and 10 lightweight tables. The hall entrance is in need of replacement due to recent water damage. The hall is used by the Scouts and they hold fundraising events In addition some community meetings take place.

Total funds required £4971.60 with match funding £2571.60

- 6.5.2 Need and demand – The scout group has an excellent reputation and good membership. Having new equipment will support the group. Changing the entrance will improve security.

#### 6.6 Shropshire Scouts – World Scout Jamboree

- 6.6.1 This application has been submitted by Shropshire Scouts to support 1 scout living in St Martins to undertake training and development associated with attending the World Scout Jubilee in Japan.

Total funds required £334. with £100 match funding

- 6.6.2 Need and demand – The scouts have an opportunity to go to Japan and on return they will facilitate meetings to pass on what they learnt.

#### 6.7 Selattyn& Gobowen Playingfield Committee –Pavilion Improvements

- 6.7.1 Gobowen Pavilion is used as a youth group and community internet facility in addition to sporting uses. The building is in need of repair and replacing the soffits is deemed a priority.

Total cost £4290.00 with £2290 match funding.

- 6.7.2 Need and Demand – The Pavilion is a community asset and is used on a regular basis. The parish council are open to extending the use.

#### 6.8 St Martins School – E Readers/Sports Science and Physics Equipment

- 6.8.1 This application is to support the School in the purchase of 25 E Readers. The aim of this project is to encourage reluctant readers and be promoted through a range of book clubs. The School also plan to further develop their communication with pupils and the community. These devices will be an alternative way of communication. In addition the school would like to purchase sports related science equipment to support pupils and yr 6 feeder junior schools preparing for transition. The equipment is beyond the normal expenditure for the School.

Total cost £4203.00 with nil match funding.

- 6.8.2 Need and Demand – The through school is keen to keep up to date with technology and provision of devices will support this aim.

#### 6.9 Lakelands Academy – Community Technology

- 6.9.1 This project has been submitted by Lakelands School to support a newly built It wing at the academy. In addition to offering pupils a state of the art IT communication equipment. The project build has been funded and the Academy is committed to raising funds for the equipment. They would like to offer students tablet computers, storage areas, and a Smart Screen for group work and interaction with other providers. The aim is to offer the use of the facility to local people, groups and create a community group to safeguard and promote community engagement. Pupils will work with the community as part of Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Total funds requested £39500 with £10757 match funding.

Please note 13.95% of pupils live in LJC 1 area. Proportion requested £1743

- 6.9.2 Need and demand – The project will offer hands technology to students and the possibility of intergenerational skill exchange. Partners in the project have been identified as Ellesmere Medical Practice and Ellesmere IT Group.

## 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 meeting will take place on 24 June 14 at 7.00pm at Weston Rhyn Village Institute, Weston Rhyn, SY10 7RE

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<b>List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)</b>
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Draft Medium Term Financial Plan 2011/12-2012/14, Appendix 5. Report to Cabinet 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2011-07-04
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Locality Working Local joint Committees. Report to Cabinet 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2010
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<b>Appendices</b>
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