



<b>Committee and Date</b> Longden, Ford and Rea Valley Local Joint Committee  10 March 20010
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## **LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE (LJC) BUDGET**

### **Summary**

The report provides the Committee with details of funding bids that have been received since its last meeting on 10 December 2009. Members are requested to agree a budget contribution towards projects highlighted in Appendix A.

### **Recommendations**

Members are asked to consider the funding applications outlined in paragraph 3 and to approve budget allocations accordingly.

### **Background**

1. The Committee has a budget of £26,000 for the 2009/10 financial year. This must be spent to improve service standards, support the delivery of parish plans and/or to provide grants to local voluntary organisations. The sum that remains unallocated prior to this meeting is £14,075.00. The Committee has discretion to carry forward unallocated balances to the next financial year.
2. To date members have approved grant funding as follows:

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A Pontesbury Youth Project – Summer Holiday Extended Youth Provision	1,000.00
B Habberley Village Hall Committee – new stage lighting equipment & backdrop curtain	1,000.00
C Pontesbury Sports Association	1,000.00
D Pontesbury Basketball club – new junior equipment	800.00
E Ford Parish Hall – Drop Ceiling and energy efficient lighting	1,000.00
F Ford Bowling Club – Irrigation equipment and chemical toilet	2,500.00
G Hanwood Bowling Club – New mowing equipment	2,500.00
H Shrewsbury Karate Club (Pontesbury) – Purchase of	1,000.00

	competition quality matting	
I	Rea Valley Environment Group – Publicity for water conservation project	325.00
J	Longden Parish Plan – Printing and publicity for final plan and development of new website	800.00
	Total of grants approved to date	<b>11,925</b>

### Applications Received

3. The following applications for funding have been received since the last LJC meeting:

#### a) Minsterley Parish Hall

**Project outline:** Purchase and install new light guards at the village hall to allow for youth activities to take place at the parish hall

**Total project cost:** £652.68

**Amount Requested from LJC:** £652.68

**Recommended grant award:** £500

**Additional Information:** This project is supported by the Shropshire Council Youth Worker for the area, as the installation of the guards will allow Shropshire Youth service to continue to use the hall.

#### b) Minsterley Parish Council

**Project Outline:** The Parish Council would like to purchase and install a new notice board in the village, to allow more parish council and community notices to be displayed. **Total project cost:** £1350.00

**Amount Requested from LJC:** £1,000

**Recommended grant award:** £1,000

**Additional Information:** The new board will be installed while major bridge repairs take place in Minsterley in the spring of 2010

#### c) Shropshire Youth

**Project Outline:** Purchase of equipment for Minsterley Youth Club. Equipment will include badminton nets, quick cricket, football goals and Wii games.

**Total project cost:** £740.33

**Amount Requested from LJC:** £740.33

**Recommended grant award:** £740.33

#### d) Pontesbury Sports Association

**Project Outline:** To purchase, and install, safety netting at Pontesbury Sports Field. This will improve the safety of neighbouring properties from cricket balls etc being hit out of the field.

**Total project cost:** £2217

**Amount Requested from LJC:** £1000 (in addition to £1000 already awarded)

**Recommended grant award:** £1000

**Additional Information:** This organisation applied for LJC funding amounting to £4,800 in September 2009. They were awarded £1000 and advised to apply to

Sport England's Awards for All grant scheme to secure the additional funds needed. Unfortunately the application to Sport England was turned down. The Sport Association have subsequently scaled down the project so that its total cost is now £2217. They have requested that the LJC consider increasing their grant offer to help them meet the cost of the project.

**e) Rea Valley Environmental Network**

**Project Outline:** Funding to support the development of the group's funding application to the Big Lottery SOS Fund. The group has got to the final round of this fund and could potentially secure £ 350,000 of the grant for their project.

**Total project cost:** £10,000

**Amount Requested from LJC:** £2,000

**Recommended grant award:** £2,000 (to be ring fenced pending development of the group's progress in the lottery bid)

**Additional information:** The group's final application to the Big Lottery will be submitted on 3<sup>rd</sup> March. A decision on the grant will be made in early May 2010.

**f) Douglas Swire Memorial Hall - Longden**

**Project Outline:** Installing a new heating system at the hall to improve the quality and efficiency of the hall's heating. This is part of a continuing programme to modernise the hall and make it a more inviting venue for community groups to use.

**Total project cost:** £13,282

**Amount Requested from LJC:** £5000

**Recommended grant award:** This application was submitted subsequently to the planning meeting at which grant applications were initially assessed. Committee members are recommended to review this application on 10<sup>th</sup> March and make a decision on the grant at the LJC meeting

**Additional information:** The hall's management committee are looking at further improvements to the hall. If these were combined into a larger project they could be eligible for funding from the Shropshire Community Fund, which provides capital grants of £10,000 to £50,000 and is open to new applications from March 2010.

**g) Plealey Residents Group**

**Project Outline:** The residents group plan to hold a 2 day community event in June 2010 to bring the community together and celebrate its history. The event would include an exhibition of local crafts, an exhibition of local artefacts, a flower festival and conjurer. As part of the project a book about the history of the village will be produced along with a commemorative mug. These items will be sold to help meet the costs of holding the event

**Total project cost:** £3270.00

**Amount Requested from LJC:** £1070.00

**Proposed grant award:** This application was submitted subsequently to the planning meeting at which grant applications were initially assessed. Committee members are recommended to review this application on 10<sup>th</sup> March and make a decision on the grant at the LJC meeting

## Future Bids

5. Applications for future funding are encouraged throughout the Local Joint Committee area. It is also possible for LJC's to join together and pool budget resources to support projects and schemes that have a collective local area benefit. All funding applications should be addressed to:

Mathew Mead at Shropshire Council, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury SY2 6ND or Tim Smith at Shropshire Council, The Guildhall, Frankwell, Shrewsbury SY3 8HQ

Email: [mathew.mead@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:mathew.mead@shropshire.gov.uk) or  
[tim.smith@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:tim.smith@shropshire.gov.uk)

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

Minsterley Parish Hall Application form  
Minsterley Parish Council Application form  
Shropshire Youth – Minsterley Youth Club Application form  
Pontesbury Sports Association – Application form and updated quote for work  
Douglas Swire Memorial Hall – Application form and quotes  
Plealy Residents group - application form

**Human Rights Act Appraisal**

The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights act 1998.

**Environmental Appraisal**

**Risk Management Appraisal**

**Community / Consultations Appraisal**

**Cabinet Member:**

Gwylim Butler

**Local Members:**

Tudor Bebb, Roger Evans

**Appendix**

a) Funding Spreadsheet