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Loton and Tern Local Joint Committee Funding Application

Dear Mr Morgan

Thank you for submitting your application for funding from the Loton and Tern Local Joint Committee for Bicton Village Hall.

The Committee met up to make an initial appraisal of the applications they had received on 4th March. While the Committee supported the basic outline of the application, they would need some additional information to help them make a decision on your application. I wondered if you might be able to provide some answers to the following questions which will help the Committee assess your application.

- Would you be able to provide the Committee with an outline of the current use of Bicton Village hall – ie which groups use the hall, how often they meet and what numbers of people use the hall each week.
- Could you provide details of how the purchase of the new furniture would help to maintain the use of the hall by these groups, and how the new furniture might help attract new users or groups to use the hall?
- In your application you attached a quote from Furniture@work. The Local Joint Committee normally asks for three quotes for any work or equipment that they fund. Would it be possible to get 2 further quotes for the furniture you wish to buy. If you could also give a brief explanation as to why you have chosen this style of furniture that would be helpful.
- The quotation you submitted included the basic cost of the equipment and VAT. Is the Village Hall VAT registered and able to claim back the VAT or would you need a grant of £5145.33?

- Have you looked at any other sources of funding for this project? The Committee are able to fund 100% of the costs of projects, but it does like to see some matched funding added to their grant support. This could be in the form of money from your own funds, or other external grants such as Awards for All. If you have looked at other alternative funds could you let me know what they are? Alternatively if you would like help and advise on what other grants are available I could arrange to come and meet you and talk through some of the funds you can apply too.

I've copied in Sue Llewellyn from Bicton Parish Council into this letter. Sue is a member of the Local Joint Committee and can also advise you on the extra information needed before we can assess your application in full. The Committee meets again on 25th March and if you can get the information to me before this date we can then consider your application at this meeting.

If you have any questions about the above questions, or would like further advise on securing funding for your application please contact me at the above address, or on 01743 252534 or via my email address – mathew.mead@shropshire.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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