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LOTON AND TERN LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE
FUNDING APPLICATIONS REPORT 7TH JULY 2011

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1. Summary

In 2011/12 the Local Joint Committee has a total budget of £21,598 available to spend. This is made up of £17,000 from the LJC budget; £1,118 from the arts funding which has been transferred to the LJC and £3,480 carryover from this LJC's 2010/11 budget.

The LJC Committee will normally only consider funding upto a maximum of £2000 per project, and for projects of over £350 the Committee will give priority to applications that have 50% or more of matched funding. Projects of less than £350 can be 100% funded.

2. Recommendations

A. Members are asked to support the grant awards recommended for applications a-e

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3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

3.1 All of the funding applications have been assessed against agreed criteria which will minimise any risks associated with these projects.

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

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There are sufficient funds in the LJC budget to fund all the projects contained in the report at their requested levels of funding

a) Bomere Heath Parish Council – Charlotte Lloyd Memorial pump renovation

Total project costs: £400

Grant requested from LJC: £400

Recommended grant award: £350 ring fenced on condition that legal ownership of the memorial is confirmed by the parish council

Project outline: The Charlotte Lloyd Memorial was gifted to the hamlet of Dunnsheath at least 150 years ago by the Lloyd family. Prior to this the local people did not have access to water; it made a dramatic change to their daily lives as they were able to bring their jugs to fill up on a daily basis. The people in the hamlet of Dunnsheath are very proud of this feature and are extremely concerned that if work is not carried out soon that the memorial pump will fall into disrepair.

This project will repair the sandstone base of the memorial, which has been damaged.

b) Bicton Explorer Scouts – 2011 Summer camp

Total project costs: £5950

Total grant requested from LJC: £500

Recommended grant award: £400

Project outline: Bicton Explorer Scouts is run for 13 – 18 year olds in the Bicton area. The unit has an over riding theme of adventure and as such offer the 25 young people who attend a mountaineering (walking, Climbing or Caving) experiences monthly, together with a week at Glencoe at Easter (Winter mountaineering), a caving/gorge walking weekend in September, and a summer camp. This application is to help meet the costs of transporting 15 young people to the summer camp in July.

The total cost of attending sending 15 young people and leaders to the camp is £5950 and includes transport costs, food, travel and activity costs. Parents contributions and fundraising has secured £1950 of funding; and the leaders own time accounts for £3500 of in kind funding. The group are requesting a grant of £500 from the LJC to meet the costs of transport to the camp. This includes the hire of a minibus and fuel for the minibus and support vehicle which will cover a total of 500 miles during the course of the summer camp

c) Bomere Heath Cricket Club – New cricket nets

Total project costs: £26,202

Grant requested from LJC: £2,000

Recommended grant award: £2000 on condition that matched funding is secured and the project is completed by March 2012

Project outline: Bomere Heath cricket club serves the local community and has a membership of over 80. This includes 25 junior players aged from 8 upwards. The club runs 3 Saturday teams and 2 midweek teams and an under 13 team. The club are registered as an ECB Focus Cricket club and are listed as a high priority for development by the Shropshire cricket board.

This project is focused on installing a new two bay practice net at the cricket club, as the current nets are old and of poor quality. This will allow the senior and junior sections of the club to practise in a quality facility, thereby allowing them to improve the standard of their cricket.

The new nets will be installed by Dura Sport who are the recommended suppliers of Notts Sport pitches and equipment by the English Cricket Board. The total cost of the nets are £26,202 including VAT.

The club plans to pay for this work a variety of funding sources. £2,202 will be raised through club funds; £10,000 from National Lottery Awards for All scheme and £2000 from the LJC. Once these funds are secured the club can apply for an interest free loan from the English Cricket Board for the remainder of the funding.

The club has received outline support for their application to Awards for All, and a full bid will be made in September 2011 once planning permission for the nets has been secured. Securing £2000 from the LJC would also increase the likelihood of the Awards for All application being successful

The project is supported by the Shropshire Cricket Board and a number of letters of support for the project have been submitted by members of the club showing the importance of the new nets to the future development of the club.

d) Westbury and Yockleton parish council – Play area at Yockleton

Total project costs: £23,400

Grant requested from LJC: £1,400

Recommended grant award: £1,400

Project outline: Westbury Parish Council have been awarded £22,000 from Shropshire Council's Playbuilder fund. They are proposing to build a natural play area with some fixed play equipment for the children of the village to use on the recreation ground in Yockleton. After much consultation with residents it was found that the original location of the bottom field would cause too much upset to surrounding neighbours of the field. Therefore, it was agreed through a site meeting with parish councillors and residents to site the play area on the top field.

However, this has caused problems in terms of access to the top site and means a bridge is needed for people to access the site of the play equipment. This project would see a bridge installed over a small brook to facilitate access to the new play area. Playbuilder funding can't be used to provide access to the play area so additional funding to allow this project to go ahead is required.

In addition to installing new play equipment in the village, the overall project aims to create a space for the entire community to go and socialise thus improving the social cohesion of the village. There is currently no place where informal gatherings like this can take place meaning people often feel isolated and lonely.

The quote for the bridge has come from Shropshire Council's Countryside Access Team who have experience of installing similar bridges at other sites. The cost includes the purchase and installation of the new bridge.

e) Nesscliffe parish council – Maintaining Nesscliffe youth club

Total project costs: £4,130

Grant requested from the LJC: £1,350

Recommended grant award: £1,350

Project outline: Great Ness and Little Ness Parish Council have identified the importance of Nesscliffe Youth Club and the need to keep the provision running. In order to ensure that the club continues they have agreed to enter into a partnership agreement with Shropshire Council whereby the Parish Council will help with the day to day management of the club and its financial accounts as well as providing a volunteer to help run the club. Shropshire Council has agreed to continue to provide a youth worker and use of the minibus for transport.

A committee to oversee the running of the club and to help with fundraising has also been established. The only changes to be made to the club will be the introduction of a voluntary admission fee of 50p and that a tuck shop will be set up to provide some income. The Parish Council will be responsible for banking and ring fencing this income and any income raised from fundraising events.

The decision to close the club was made by Shropshire Council partway through the financial year, without any prior warning. The Parish Council have therefore been unable to budget for any finances to help support the running of the club which is why an LJC application has been submitted in order to secure the club for the academic year 2011-12. The Parish Council have agreed to cover hall hire costs in the short term between May 2011 and July 2011 to ensure that the group can continue to meet until the end of July 2011.

Funds are needed to cover hall hire and to provide some activities for young people of the parish during the holidays. These activities may include the organisation of trips or sports based projects. This is something that has not been carried out before and it will enhance the existing provision in the area.

In the long term the Parish Council and the youth club plan to make the club more sustainable by focusing on local fundraising initiatives and the Parish Council will

consider whether they will be able to commit additional long term financial support to the youth group when they set their precept for 2012-13 in February 2012

The main costs of the project are the hire of Nesscliffe village hall (£340), Hire of Shropshire Council Youth Worker (£1680) and £1000 to provide additional activities and trips during school holiday periods.

The project is supported by the Shropshire Council Positive Activities Officer for the Youth Service, Helena Williams.

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 – 2013/14, Appendix 5. Report to Cabinet 13th January 2011.

Locality Working Local Joint Committees. Report to Cabinet 9th December 2010.

LJC application forms for the projects listed.

Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)

Gwilym Butler

Local Member

David Roberts, John Everall

Appendices

None