

LOTON AND TERN LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE - FUNDING REPORT

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1. Summary

In 2013/14 this Local Joint Committee has a total budget of **£18,389** available to spend. This is made up of £17,000 from the LJC budget, £1,120 from the arts funding and £269 carryover from 2012/13 budget.

So far in this financial year £11,964.96 has been spent by the Committee, leaving **£6,424.04** to be committed in this financial year.

The basic grant criteria of the LJC is that projects can apply for grants of up to £350 without needing matched funding; or grants of between £351 and £2,000 provided a minimum of 50% matched funding is secured. The maximum grant available from the LJC is normally restricted to £2,000.

Where matched funding is required for a project this must be in the form of cash, as in kind support is not accepted as matched funding

At the time of writing any unspent LJC funding cannot be carried forward to the next financial year, and there will not be an LJC funding budget in 2014/15.

2. Recommendations

- A. Members are asked to support the recommendation that projects LJC10.39 to LJC10.48 are awarded 69% of the grant requested. This allows the LJC to support all of the projects from the remaining grant fund available.
- B. Members are asked to note there is insufficient funding to support all the projects in the report to their full extent.

3. REPORT

All the applications listed below have undergone a basic appraisal and meet the LJC requirements regarding having their own bank account, constitution and have submitted sufficient quotes with their applications.

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10.39	Alberbury and Cardeston Parish Council – New Notice Boards	<p>The Council wishes to provide display boards – 5 in all eventually – at key points in the parish. They will show rights of way, local points of interest, amenities and a pictorial of the surrounding area. We are starting with two boards to trial them out and check whether the content is liked by visitors and locals. The boards will be freestanding if no suitable wall is available.</p> <p>In a rural area it is difficult for visitors (and recent incomers) to appreciate the rich diversity of walks and amenities available. It is hoped that this initiative will encourage more healthy walking</p>	£1,500	<p>£750</p> <p>Recommended Grant Award: £517.20</p>	Matched funding for the project would be from the Parish Council's own funds.
10.40	Withington Parochial Church Council – Upgrade of Church Path	To upgrade the Main Footpath and Gated Entrance from Road to Main Entrance Door of The Church. The work is required to comply with various Acts of Parliament in particular the Disability Discrimination Act 1995; and Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974; and <u>The Building Regulations 2010: Part M - Disabled</u>	£9,205 (excluding vat)	<p>£2,000</p> <p>Recommended Grant Award: £1379.20</p>	Matched funding for the project will be from a range of sources. £2,250 has been secured from church

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		<p><u>Access and the Building (Approved Inspectors etc.) Regulations 2010</u> - to ensure as far as is reasonable practical safe entrance and egress for all.</p> <p>To facilitate the movement of wheeled trolleys and wheel chairs etc from the road /lane outside the church to the church entrance and gain easy access to the Church – this will require close attention to the final slopes ‘rise and falls’ of the footpath, services and drainage levels to the path and at the entrance into the church.</p> <p>The current path is made of loose stone chippings making passage along the path exceedingly difficult for the elderly, those using wheel chairs and push chairs and equipment for funeral services. The current path does not comply with any of the current legislation and regulations.</p> <p>The Church has an active small congregation and is in use with regular services at least weekly together with special events on the Religious Calendar plus christenings, weddings and funerals. It is also used as a venue for concerts.</p>			<p>funds; £1,000 has been applied for from Shropshire Historic Churches; and we anticipate raising a further £3,000 locally.</p>

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		<p>Some of these events are held in poor weather conditions and the essential safe entrance and egress to the church is maintained at all times. On many occasions those attending the church are under emotional strain and therefore safe walk ways are very important.</p> <p>The PCC has funded (with grants and fund raising) the re-roofing of the Church and the installation of a new heating system. The Churchyard is maintained on a regular basis by a small group of volunteers. There are rotas for cleaning and arranging flowers etc. A lot of effort is put into raising finance within a small community to maintain and run the church these include such things as Fetes and other events on the Village Green, Coffee mornings, quiz nights, Supper parties e.t.c</p>			
10.41	Bomere Heath AED scheme	<p>Access to heart defibrillators is a government initiative to provide early access to defibrillation. In partnership with the British Heart Foundation and West Midlands Ambulance Service, a number of community led schemes have been set up and AED units located within communities. In cardiac arrest situations the first few minutes are critical, and in order to save</p>	£518.00	<p>£250</p> <p>Recommended Grant Award: £172.40</p>	<p>£118.80 (Parish Council secured); £150 community fundraising (unsecured)</p>

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		<p>lives early treatment of the condition is needed.</p> <p>Automated External Defibrillators (AED) are easy to use and talk the user step by step through the process. Along with simple training and knowledge of CPR peoples chances of surviving a cardiac incident are greatly improved.</p> <p>In a rural community like Bomere Heath the response times for paramedics is reduced which could mean people's lives are put at risk. By setting up this volunteer group we aim to offer the community and ambulance service a better chance of survival during a cardiac arrest.</p> <p>The scheme will offer a single point of contact to the ambulance service through an automated telephone system which will contact volunteers who are able to assist with a cardiac arrest emergency whilst the ambulance is on its way.</p> <p>Bomere Heath has a coordinator and volunteers for their scheme, but needs some support for the initial set up of the telephone system needed to support the</p>			

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		scheme. This includes initial set up of the telephone system; service charges for the phones; first aid consumables; hall charges for training events and admin charges.			
10.42	Westbury and Alberbury Parish Councils – New dog litter bins	<p>This project will provide either purpose built dog waste collection bins at three playing areas, in light of the new dog control orders.</p> <p>There is evidence in all three locations where that dog waste is an issue, and is regularly reported to the parish council. By providing bins we hope this will encourage dog owners to clear up waste from their dogs, and be more responsible for dog litter. The grant would be used to pay for the bin purchase and installation, the parish councils will meet the revenue costs of emptying the bins.</p>	£1,430	£715 Recommended Grant Award: £493.06	£515 from Westbury Parish Council; £200 Alberbury PC
10.44	Bicton Parish Council – New community bench	To replace the seat on Shepherd’s Lane which was removed some 18 months ago for health and safety reasons due to its state of repair. With many walkers throughout the parish, and people passing through, we have had comments as to where the old seat has gone. We feel it would be good to replace the seat with a new one. The village pool is	£500	£250 Recommended Grant Award: £172.40	£250 Bicton Parish Council

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		<p>adjacent to the Severn Way which attracts many walkers and it is felt a seat sited here would also benefit walkers using this long distance path as well as local people.</p> <p>Walkers and local residents in the parish have made comments to the parish council that they miss the seat being located at the pool, and that replacing it with a new seat would be of benefit to the community.</p> <p>The location of seat is also on the Severn Way route so will provide a good stopping off point in the village for walkers using this long distance route.</p>			
10.45	Vron Gate Show – New gazebos	<p>To purchase two heavy duty instant shelter 3m x 3m gazebos with side walls for use at the annual Vron Gate Show near Westbury.</p> <p>The annual show attracts around 400 visitors, but we are trying to widen the appeal of the show by inviting other local groups to put on small displays at the show, and need a covered area for these groups to use. The new gazebos will</p>	£375	<p>£350</p> <p>Recommended Grant Award: £241.36</p>	<p>£25 matched funding from Vron Gate Show Committee</p>

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		replace heavier tents which are now becoming worn and difficult to put up. The modern replacements are much easier to handle and, being easy to erect and collapse with only two people.			
10.46	Upton Magna Parish Council – New School Car Park	<p>We would like to create a new car park and access road to alleviate parking issues outside Upton Magna Primary school. The project has 6 aims)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To allow school children to get into school safely 2. Remove all school traffic from our small road system 3. Remove cars from the pub car park 4. Allow large vehicles and farm equipment through the village without risk of collision 5. Allow access to private driveways that become blocked by school traffic 6. Make a larger playing field <p>The Primary school in Upton Magna is on a single lane road, which becomes heavily congested when school children are dropped off and collected from school. Significant concerns have been raised over the safety of children. The project will see the creation of a new off road car</p>	£20,000	<p>£2,000</p> <p>Recommended Grant Award: £1379.20</p>	<p>Matched funding for the project would come from local fundraising; in-kind support from local landowners, and from Parish Council funds, possibly in the form of a Public Works Loan.</p>

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		<p>park, and off road walkway to the school, making for a much safer environment. In addition the works will allow the creation of a larger playing field.</p> <p>Consultations with Shropshire Council, local landowners and the school have been productive and the project can be achieved for a small annual peppercorn rent. However capital needs to be raised for the work to create a new parking area at the rear of the school. Workings include creating a new road junction; laying a parking surface; fencing the walkway and creating a new playing field. Costs are so far based on estimates from Shropshire Council based on similar projects.</p>			
10.47	Montford Parish Hall – Upgrade of Car Park	<p>The purpose and aim of this project is to extend the available parking area for users of the hall by about 470 square metres to help us accommodate another 20 – 30 vehicles.</p> <p>The intention is to remove topsoil from the area adjacent to the existing parking area and back fill with graded stone up to the appropriate level. With the hall now being used by larger numbers of people on a regular basis we are finding the existing</p>	£3,400	£1,000 Recommended Grant Award: £689.60	Matched funding would be from the Parish halls own funds (£2,100) and £300 in-kind support (removal of soil from the site)

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		<p>parking area not sufficient.</p> <p>The grassed area has always been our overspill area but with the continued wet weather this area has become unusable for parking. The extension will put some of the grass to good use but still leave us with an area of grass in excess of 1000 square metres for games e.t.c. at our summer events.</p> <p>With the increased usage of our hall by larger numbers on a regular basis the need for more permanent parking has become a priority.</p> <p>The extreme weather we are having and seem to continue to have has made our usual overspill area on the grass alongside our car park totally unusable until a prolonged dry spell.</p> <p>The committee have therefore come to the decision that we will have to give up some of this area to make more space for permanent parking and the use of a stoned surface seems to be the most cost effective option available. This area will still leave us with sufficient grass for our</p>			

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		other activities during the summer should we get one.			
10.48	Bicton Play Area – Repairs and upgrade of equipment	<p>The village hall committee are looking to upgrade the children’s play area to ensure that those accessing the facilities at the play area have a safe, fun environment to play in. The play park was installed in 2005 and now needs some general updating to ensure that the play area remains in use. The play area is used by those hiring the village hall facilities including toddlers groups and also by the local community. The repairs needed include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Replacing 2 new handles on a the spring rider - Replacing 2 new flat swing seats - Replacing new cradle swing seats - Replacing 8 new swing shackle bushes - Replacing 14 new fence pails - Providing 45 cubic metres play grade wood chip <p>The village hall plays a vital role in the village of Bicton, bringing local people together. The hall is situated in its own grounds with a large car parking area and</p>	£3,312.00	<p>£2,000</p> <p>Recommended Grant Award: £1379.20</p>	

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		<p>is an excellent venue for businesses to hold meetings, private parties, children's parties, clubs and other activities. The village hall provides an excellent indoor space for children to enjoy activities and the play park is a great additional resource for outdoor play.</p> <p>A survey sent out to local villagers showed that the village hall and its facilities are a fantastic local resource and is valued by the local community.</p>			

4. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

Risk Management Appraisal

In determining these recommendations, Shropshire Council has considered reputational risk and the course of action minimises this risk.

Human Rights

The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the Human Rights Act 1998

Community and other Consultation

Consideration has been given to the public opinion expressed at the previous Local meetings

5. Financial Implications

The LJC has a remaining budget of **£6,424.04** available to spend in 2013/14. The projects listed in this report amount to a total of **£9,315** so there is insufficient funding in the budget to support the grants 10.39 to 10.48 to their full extent.

All applications in this report have been subject to an initial officer appraisal to check they meet the basic LJC funding criteria and that suitable quotes and bank details have been submitted with the applications.

6. Background

NA

7. Additional Information

NA

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

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Appendices

None
