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COMMUNITY CHEST FUNDING APPLICATIONS 2010/11

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1.0 Summary

- 1.1 The Local Joint Committee has a funding allocation of £49,000 for 2010/11 and the additional underspend of £24,090 carried forward from 2009/10 giving a total allocation of £73,090 for the current financial year.
- 1.2 Following the funding awarded at previous meetings in this funding cycle [£5,578.48, £31,707.41 and £17,612 respectively] the Committee now has a balance of £18,192.11 available for allocation. The Committee has indicated its provisional approval for applications that total £12,314, leaving a balance of £5,878.11 in the current year. If unspent, this amount will be carried forward into the next financial year.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the applications for funding be considered as detailed overleaf and in accordance with the Committee's updated grant awarding criteria which include:
 - Consistency with the aims, objectives and vision set out in the Council's Sustainable Community Strategy, its Corporate Plan and/or Local Neighbourhood or Parish Plans.
 - Demonstrating how the project will use the funding provided to make a difference in the local area.
 - Ensuring that an activity is within the geographical area of the Local Joint Committee.
 - Benefiting the wider community and no funding being used to fund any group that restricts membership based on views, beliefs, etc.
 - Will not be used principally to meet ongoing staffing costs of the organisation/body making the application.

(a) **Young People and Alcohol Peer Education Project**

An application for £3,000 funding was submitted by the Ludlow Community Alcohol Project [L-CAP] for funding towards the Young People and Alcohol Peer Education Project and considered at the last meeting of the Committee on 26 October 2010. The application was deferred pending receipt of additional information and clarification of the project and has subsequently been withdrawn pending the evaluation of the pilot project. A future application may be submitted to the LJC.

(b) **South Shropshire Peer Information Network [SSPIN]**

This application was deferred by the Committee at its last meeting pending clarification of the project costings and the receipt of the requisite number of accompanying quotations.

The project will be youth led and facilitated by a Youth Leader from the South Shropshire Youth Forum. Approximately 15 young people will be selected to design and develop the leaflet ready for the Ludlow Youth Festival in July 2011. Lottery funding in the sum of £2,034.20 for the Youth Leader's wages has been secured.

The SSPIN project, for which funding is being sought, centres on the creation of a database of youth activities in the form of a leaflet that would help young people access 'what's on' in and around Ludlow. The total cost is estimated at £5,642.70 and a grant of £3,608.50 is requested.

The Committee recognises that information is currently available through the Town Council website and through its published leaflet detailing the calendar of events in Ludlow. The Committee also questions the value of a leaflet given the alternative communication avenues used by young people such as Facebook and other social networking sites.

The Committee is minded to refuse this application.

(c) **Ludlow Women's Centre Water Supply**

The Women's Centre is a charity run by Trustees to provide a town centre venue for a range of community activities including choirs, tai chi group, weekly family drop in centre and counselling and a regular country market. During the severely cold weather at the end of 2010 the water supply to the centre had to be turned off as the shared supply pipe started to leak into other properties in Church Street, Ludlow. The Centre cannot operate without a water supply and is losing the essential income necessary for the upkeep of the premises.

A funding application in the sum of £2000 has been received from the Centre to go towards the estimated project cost of £7,800 to reinstate a water supply to the premises.

The Committee is minded approve this application in the sum of £2,000.

(d) **Knowbury Village Memorial Hall – Car Park Maintenance**

Knowbury Village Memorial Hall has submitted an application for the total cost of resurfacing the Hall's car park in the sum of £6,624 plus VAT.

Following the recent severe bad weather the surface of the car park has started to deteriorate and needs some attention. Information has been supplied by the applicant to illustrate that the hall is well used by the local community.

The Committee has previously limited its support to repair or maintenance of the fabric of village halls, rather than for car parking.

The Committee is minded to refuse this application.

(e) **Knowbury Village Memorial Hall - Redecoration**

Knowbury Village Memorial Hall Committee is seeking funding of £500 out of total project cost of £4,975 to redecorate the interior and exterior of the hall.

The Committee considers this application in the same way as an earlier application from Caynham village hall where only the materials were funded.

The Committee is minded to approve a grant of £500 towards the cost of materials for the redecoration.

(f) **Bitterley Village Hall – Energy Efficiency Improvements**

This application is for the full project cost of £1,000 to provide top up loft insulation and a programmable thermostat control for the central heating in the Bitterley Village Hall in order to increase its energy efficiency.

The application has been submitted without the required quotations for the work and is therefore premature at this time.

The Committee is minded to defer this application pending receipt of the three required quotations.

(g) **Grow, Cook and Share Garden Shelter**

Ludlow 21 is seeking funding in the sum of £1,500 out of a total estimated project cost of £2,000 to provide a shelter with the means of collecting rain water [guttering and water butts] to support the four year Big Lottery and Leader funded 'Grow, Cook, Share' project that has been developed in the community garden on the waste ground adjacent to the Rockspring Centre, Ludlow. The project encourages people to grow and cook their own food and to share their skills and their excess garden produce with the local community.

The applicant has now submitted the three necessary quotations these being in the sum of £1,965, £985 plus VAT [£1,182] and £895 plus VAT [£1,074].

Funding towards this project in the sum of £500 has already been secured from Ludlow 21.

The Committee is minded to support funding the remainder of the balance towards the lower estimate for this project in the sum of £574.

(h) **South Shropshire Rounders Development Project**

An application for funding in the sum of £1,000 out of a total project cost of £3,191.50 has been received from South Shropshire Area Rounders League [SSARL] to help towards the cost of running a Rounders umpires' course, together with a series of free Rounders coaching sessions prior to the start of the new season for new teams and individuals wishing to join the league.

SSARL started in 2008 and, last season, attracted 151 ladies ranging in age from 13 to 60 years old to take part in the league. The league is now starting its fourth year and would like to attract more teams to take part but, in order to bring this to fruition, more trained officials to umpire the games and provide coaching are needed.

The Committee is minded to support this project in the sum of £1,000

(i) **Marches Feast of Words Literary Project**

An application for £2,000 funding has been received from Shropshire Libraries towards the total project cost of £4,000 for the Marches Feast of Words Literary Festival. This brings local children's authors, illustrators and storytellers into rural schools and villages in and around Ludlow and Clee Hill and aims to encourage families to read together, listen to stories, meet the writers/illustrators and to develop a new awareness of the importance and value of reading, learning and the visual arts.

The project is additional to the service provided by Shropshire Libraries and was formerly supported by South Shropshire District Council and the Ludlow Assembly Rooms.

The Committee is minded to support this application in the sum of £2,000.

(j) **Ludlow Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations 2012**

An application for funding towards the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations 2012 in Ludlow has been received from a Committee set up locally in Ludlow to co-ordinate the celebrations. However, the application at this stage lacks sufficient, accurate costings to enable a proper evaluation to be made. Further, there is an expectation that monies approved will be committed in the current financial year as far as is practicable, or within six months of approval.

The applicants have been advised to submit a new and fully worked up application to the LJC in the next financial year.

The Committee is minded to defer consideration of this application on the grounds of prematurity.

(k) **Vehicle Activated Signs – Ludlow, Caynham, Richards Castle and Ludford.**

An application has been received from Caynham Parish Council, working in partnership with Ludlow Town Council, Ludford Parish Council and Richards Castle Parish Council, towards the cost of the use of two of Shropshire Council's pooled vehicle activated signs. This equipment can be rotated on various sites through the identified partnership of Parish and Town Councils in the area. The total project funding is £10,240 requires the partner Parish/Town Councils to contribute collectively £4,000 towards the cost, with the LJC finding £6,240.

The signs are not permanent and are rotated on an agreed basis with the service being managed by Shropshire Council. Each individual Parish/Town Council will need to fund the capital cost of £500 for installation on each individual site.

Small, individual Parish Councils cannot afford the annual running costs of vehicle activated signs that amounts to £3,120 per sign. However, by working in partnership, Ludlow Town Council and the other Parishes could obtain two pooled signs for use on identified sites.

Subject to receiving confirmation that the Parish/Town Council partners can proceed, the Committee is minded to support this project in the sum of £6,240.

<p>List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information) LJC application forms</p>
<p>Human Rights Act Appraisal The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights act 1998</p>
<p>Environmental Appraisal Not applicable</p>
<p>Risk Management Appraisal All funding applications are assessed against agreed criteria which will minimise any risks associated with these projects</p>
<p>Community / Consultations Appraisal None</p>
<p>Cabinet Member Councillor G Butler</p>

Local Members

Councillors R Huffer, Mrs T Huffer, M Taylor-Smith and Mrs R Taylor-Smith

Appendices

Nil