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FUNDING REQUESTS

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Summary

This report lists the grants agreed in 2009/10 and submits 8 new applications to be funded from the 2010/11 budget which will become available in April.

Recommendations

1. The Committee are asked to note that a budget of £66,000 has been allocated to the Local Joint Committee for 2010/11.
2. The Committee are recommended to approve the applications shown below:

	2009/10
A. British Red Cross – Shropshire Young Carers	£500
B. West Mercia Police, Diversionary Project – football coaching courses to help engage young people at risk	£540
C. Woore Village Pride – labour costs for tending planted areas within the parish.	£500
E. Shropshire Youth – to ring fence funding for young people’s activities	£6,500
F. Christ Church Little Drayton – kitchen facilities	£3,000
G. Market Drayton Cricket Club – 2 side screens	£2,345

H.	Drayton Sports and Leisure Club – external re-wiring and new floodlighting	£3,200
J.	The Grove School – a Community Garden Club	£3,000
	TOTAL	£19,585

3. This budget must be allocated so as to meet local priorities, improve service standards, support the delivery of parish plans or to provide grants to organisations in support of local projects.
4. The details of the applications are as follows.

Shropshire Young Carers

5. British Red Cross request £500 to provide transport for Shropshire Young Carers to attend Peer Support Group meetings and activities at Market Drayton Youth Club.
6. There are currently 21 young carers in the Market Drayton area, all of whom are active members of the Market Drayton Young Carers Group.
7. The monthly peer support groups and associated activities offer vital respite for the young carers and their families. This includes one to one support and advice and group trips with fellow young carers from across Shropshire.
8. The total cost of these activities amounts to approximately £1,150 and the British Red Cross requests £500 towards this. A breakdown of costs is attached at **Appendix A**.

Youth Inclusion, West Mercia Police

9. West Mercia Police seek £540 towards football coaching courses which will be used as a diversionary activity for young people at risk.
10. Trained officers will offer the activity, free of charge to any young people living in the areas of highest crime and anti-social behaviour. A similar course has been run in Shrewsbury and it was found that young people who are most at risk of being involved in crime and/or anti social behaviour engage well when using football as the intermediary.
11. Improved relationships will assist officers when dealing with young people in an enforcement capacity and for others, will help steer them away from that behaviour in the first place.

12. The funding is requested to train staff to become Level 1 FA Football coaches. The course is part-time over 5 dates and on completion of the course CSO's will be able to run football coaching sessions in their areas.
13. The Committee are recommended to approve this bid. The full application can be found at **Appendix B**.

Woore Village Pride

14. Woore Village Pride seek £500 for the annual labour costs for tasks such as weeding and low level planting.
15. Woore Village Pride is a group of local volunteers who have been providing and tending planted areas in Woore for 20 years.
16. The average age of the group is over 65 and some are finding it increasingly difficult to complete some of the more labour intensive tasks and therefore would like to employ a person to carry these out.
17. It is estimated this will cost £500 per year based on 2 hours every 2 week round. The organisation currently rely on donations from Woore Parish Council and the lottery but this is only sufficient to cover the purchase of plants and bulbs etc.
18. The Committee are recommended to approve this bid. A letter is attached at **Appendix C**.

Shropshire Youth, Shropshire Council

19. Shropshire Youth ask the Committee to ring fence £6,500 to local activities for young people aged between 10 and 19.
20. Shropshire Youth state that young people are often disadvantaged in numerous ways, be it financially, through lack of access to transport or victims of crime. By creating a bespoke fund for groups and individuals, administered by young people, some of this disadvantage can be alleviated.
21. The idea behind the scheme is for a representative group of young people to bid for the funds themselves. This process will not only demonstrate how the council works with young people but the application and evaluation process will help raise the young people's confidence and esteem by giving them a voice in decision making.
22. Shropshire Youth will provide staff, buildings and administration for the projects and ask that £6,500 be made available from Local Joint Committee funding for activities for young people.
23. The Committee are recommended to approve this bid. A full application can be seen at **Appendix D**.

Christ Church Little Drayton

24. Christ Church Little Drayton seek £3,000 towards kitchen facilities as part of a large redevelopment to create a community space within the church building.
25. It is envisioned by the organisers that this community facility will allow many groups to meet in Little Drayton that can not do so already. Due to the recent new builds there has been an increase in the number of young families living in the parish with currently more under 5s in Little Drayton parish than the national or Shropshire average.
26. The group are currently seeking to partner with many organisations such as Homestart, Shropshire Primary Care Trust and Parent Partnership. A survey revealed that the following groups would be welcome in the community building - Debt Management Advice, Toddler Group, Coffee shop, Basic Cookery and Nutritional course, IT accessibility course, Bereavement Counselling and Senior Friendship Group. Resources are available through the congregation and wider church to meet this demand.
27. The first phase of this project, which was completed in January this year, put in place improvements to the access of the building and more accessible toilet facilities. This was funded by the church.
28. Phase two consists of two meeting rooms and kitchen facilities at the rear of the building.
29. The full cost of the kitchen facilities and building work is £24,223 and a full breakdown can be seen at **Appendix E**. The church have raised £21,223 and seek the shortfall of £3,000 from the Local Joint Committee.
30. The Committee are recommended to approve this bid.

Market Drayton Cricket Club

31. Market Drayton Cricket Club seek £2,345 to purchase two side screens which will provide a safe back ground for the junior batsmen to view the ball when it has left the bowler's hand.
32. The Club will be hosting an under 13s girls league tournament in May in which 8 teams will be competing to represent Shropshire in the county championships in Loughborough.
33. The club currently has two screens but in order to facilitate the four games that will be running at once, need to purchase a further two. The screens will also be used by other children on a weekly basis throughout the summer.
34. The club have stated that since receiving funding from the Local Joint Committee in July 2009 it has gone from strength to strength.

The renovations to the club have made a huge impact on the community with the best cricket results since 1993 and many more members joining. A former member of the Girls Ashes winning team of 2005 spoke up at a recent England & Wales Cricket Board meeting that the Girls League should be played at Market Drayton Cricket Club due the excellent facilities and grounds.

35. Six coaches have now been trained, three of whom have also been volunteering their services to coach children at other clubs such as Wrekin College and Wellington Cricket Club, and in so doing, are gaining valuable experience.
36. The full application can be found at **Appendix F**.
37. The Committee are recommended to approve this bid.

Drayton Sports and Leisure Club

38. Drayton Sports and Leisure Club seek £3,200 to renew external wiring and safety floodlighting around the sports club.
39. The Club have recently benefitted from refurbishment to the squash courts and has acquired new equipment in the gym through Local Joint Committee funding and the help of volunteers. This, together with extended opening hours, has meant that the club has become more popular with increased members visiting the club.
40. The club have stated that the exterior lighting is inadequate as members feel that they need better lighting to feel safe when arriving and departing. The local crime prevention officer has also advised that improved lighting will deter vandalism as four of the eight existing lights have been vandalised and are no longer working. The remaining lights are old and do not produce adequate lighting.
41. Several local electrical firms have been invited to tender for the floodlighting job and have advised that, whilst currently satisfying standards of safety, re-wiring should be undertaken in the near future to ensure that the club continues to pass the annual fire regulation tests.
42. As the only multi-sports club in Market Drayton with both indoor and outdoor facilities, it is felt that this would benefit the wider community. The external work can be carried out without the need to close the club which is available to the public 10 hours a day, seven days a week.
43. The full application can be seen at **Appendix G**. The Committee are recommended to approve this bid.

The Grove School

44. The Grove School request £3,000 to assist in the setting up of a Community School Garden Allotment.
45. This is a project that stands outside of the national curriculum and therefore is not funded by the normal school budgetary channels.
46. A survey has highlighted the need for an agricultural club and the desire to learn about the food chain and its impact on society. The project appeals to all ages and parents, carers, relatives and staff have been invited to join the group. With a generation more used to computers and electronic devices, the Grove School feel there is a need to cover basic skills of gardening and cooking.
47. The students have raised £500 towards the sustainable costs and have been collecting supermarket vouchers to purchase seeds and equipment. However, this will not be enough to cover plot preparation, fencing and a shed. The full application and list of costs is attached at **Appendix H**.
48. The Committee are recommended to approve this bid.

The following applications are not recommended for funding.

Cheswardine Community Shop

49. The organisers of Cheswardine Community Shop request £1,760 towards fixtures and fittings, fencing and a disabled ramp.
50. The group have previously been granted £6,000 by the Local Joint committee and £1,000 from Muller towards setting up fees. The Fox and Hounds pub have provided a small building for the shop which has now been refurbished and the remaining funds of £2,000 will be spent on the front wall which is currently unsafe.
51. The next stage is to build a disabled ramp and provide fixtures and fittings together with the stock. This has been costed at a total of £5,029 and a full list can be seen at **Appendix I**.
52. The organisation seek £1,767 from the Local Joint Committee having raised £500 by way of a Disability Access Grant, £2012 from the Parish Council and £750 from villagers purchasing £10 shares to obtain stock.
53. The Committee are recommended to decline this bid given the contribution of £6,000 that has already been made to the same project and the nature of the expenditure.

Drayton Sports and Leisure Club

54. Drayton Sports and Leisure Club seek £1,700 for an additional piece of cross training equipment to meet increasing demands.
55. The need for a second “cross trainer” is a direct result of the increased membership of the gymnasium and the popularity of this piece of equipment. It requires simultaneous effort from both the arms and legs and as such is in high demand, particular at peak times.
56. It is proposed to sell an older bicycle at £100 to offset the cost of the trainer. Details of costs can be found at **Appendix G**.
57. Market Drayton Sports and leisure have made two bids and identified the installation of safety floodlighting to be the priority.
58. The Committee are recommended to decline this bid given that a contribution of £1,330 has already been made to the club for a similar piece of equipment.

59. **Future Bids**
60. Bids for future funding should be addressed to:-
Email: marketdrayton.localmeeting@shropshire-cc.gov.uk or Justine.wase@shropshire.gov.uk
Telephone: 01743 252045
61. Future meetings are: 12th May 2010
7th July 2010
20th October 2010
16th February 2011

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

Human Rights Act Appraisal

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

Environmental Appraisal

Risk Management Appraisal

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

Community / Consultations Appraisal

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

Cabinet Member

N/A

Local Members

Karen Calder

Roger Hughes

Andrew Davies

Brian Gillow OBE

David Minnery

Appendices

Appendix A – British Red Cross for Shropshire Young Carers Application

Appendix B – West Mercia Police – Application

Appendix C – Woore Village Pride – Letter of Application

Appendix D – Shropshire Youth Application

Appendix E – Christ Church Little Drayton Application

Appendix F – Market Drayton Cricket Club Application

Appendix G – Drayton Sports and Leisure Club Application

Appendix H – The Grove School Application

Appendix I – Cheswardine Community Shop Application