



Committee and date
Much Wenlock and Shipton
Local Joint Committee

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Item No

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Public

2012/13 FINANCE REPORT, INCLUDING UPDATE ON FUNDING REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION

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1. Summary

- 1.1 This report considers the devolved funding allocated to the Much Wenlock and Shipton Local Joint Committee (LJC) for the period 1st April 2012 up until 31st March 2013.

A total of £7500 has been devolved to the Committee to fund projects in the local community served by the LJC for the 2012/13 financial year. In addition £515.00 has been allocated to the Committee from the apportionment of the Shropshire Community Arts Budget and a sum of £40.00 was carried over from 11/12 making a total budget of £8055.00 for the 12/13 financial year.

- 1.2 Members are asked to note that during 11/12 one application was dealt with under delegated powers and an amount of £250.00 was approved for Much Wenlock Events Group.
- 1.3 Prior to each LJC, a planning meeting takes place to consider applications for funding already received and agree recommendations for the main meeting.

Six applications have been received for this reporting period. One application was approved under delegated powers and details are below. Five applications were considered at the planning meeting held on 27 June 2012. The recommendations from the planning meeting feature in this report, and are put forward to the LJC to be held on 18 July 2012.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the LJC considers the applications received, and awards funding to those organisations and their projects at its discretion based on the recommendations made.

3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

- 3.1 In determining these recommendations the LJC has considered reputational risk and the course of action minimises this risk.
- 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

- 4.1 The funding devolved to the LJC can be used for a number of different purposes over the year to address local priorities. Funding by the LJC must comply with the general Financial Rules for LJC's.

5. Background

- 5.1 One application was received and an amount of £300.00 was approved under delegated powers.

Ref	Organisation/Project	£
18	Much Wenlock Poetry Parnassus	300.00

- 5.2 A total of five further applications have been received for consideration at the July 18 meeting with a combined funding request of £4315.00. Applications were considered at the LJC planning meeting on 28 June and details of the individual applications are listed on the attached Appendix 1 to this report. Recommendations are now put forward to the Much Wenlock and Shipton LJC and are summarised below as follows:

Ref	Organisation/Project	£
19	Much Wenlock and Baby Toddler Group	324.00
20	Much Wenlock Cricket Club	1500.00
21	Brockton-Pre School	295.00
22	Much Wenlock Town Council	616.00
23	Much Wenlock Walkers are Welcome	300.00
Total Funding Recommended		3035.00
Original Budget		8055.00
Spend to Date		300.00
Balance Remaining		4720.00

6. Future Funding

All bids for future funding should be addressed to:

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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

Human Rights Act Appraisal

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

Environmental Appraisal

None.

Risk Management Appraisal

In determining these recommendations the 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.

Local Member

Shropshire Councillors – Milner Whiteman and Jean Jones

Appendices

1. Summary of Grant Applications

MUCH WENLOCK AND SHIPTON LJC – 2012/13 - SUMMARY OF GRANT APPLICATIONS

Applications for consideration at 18 July 2012 from the budget of £8055				
No.	Project Title / Organisation	Summary	Amount Requested	Recommendation
18	Wenlock Poetry Parnassus	<p>Poetry Parnassus – London Cultural Olympiad Event</p> <p>The poets will perform to a paying audience and will be compered by the acclaimed poet Imtiaz Dharker. One or more of the poets will spend some time working with students at William Brookes School.</p> <p>The total cost is £1100.00 and they are requesting funding of £300.00</p>	£300.00	Due to the event taking place prior to the meeting it was recommended that this funding be approved under delegated powers.
19	Much Wenlock Baby and Toddler Group	<p>Improvement of Book area and Singing Circle</p> <p>The group would like to buy equipment in order to improve access to books and interaction during reading and singing time.</p> <p>More books, storage, cushions and non-slip mats will improve the book area, enabling all children to enjoy the books while also being encouraged to respect them. Reading and singing time is a key part of each meeting, encouraging both adults and children to sit on the floor cushions rather than chairs which improves engagement in the activity.</p>	£324.00	That a grant be awarded of £324.00
20	Much Wenlock Cricket Club	<p>Purchase of Bowling Machine</p> <p>The club would like to purchase a bowling machine and associated ball feed to be used during the weekly coaching sessions held by the club.</p> <p>The use of the equipment during sessions enables coaches to accurately control the ball delivery, speed, frequency faced by the batsman and so provides a more focussed and intense coaching, compared with</p>	£2280.00	That a grant be awarded of £1500.00

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		the varied bowling provided by other players at the nets.			
21	Brockton Pre-School	<p>Operation Outdoor Play The group would like to make essential repairs to the outdoor area at Shipton Village Hall where the pre-school meet.</p> <p>The funding would repair the roof on the wendy house and treat/stain/paint other essential storage and playsheds, treat the wooden decked area and purchase and fit anti-slip matting to the decked area as it is too slippery for the children. These works will prevent the equipment falling into a state of disrepair and having to buy replacements which is far more costly.</p>	£295.00	That a grant be awarded of £295.00	
22	Much Wenlock Town Council	<p>Information Exchange Project The Town Council would like to purchase IT equipment, i.e. a laptop, projector and screen in order that planning applications can be viewed on-line during Planning Committee meetings and by members of the public, as detailed papers are no longer sent out via post.</p>	£1116	That a grant be awarded of £616.00	
23	Much Wenlock Walkers are Welcome	<p>Promoting Walking in Wenlock The aim of the project is to promote walking in Wenlock and the surrounding Shropshire hills AONB. Having achieved "Walkers are Welcome" status in 2011, the aim is to further encourage walkers to the region from other parts of the country so that they can come and enjoy not only walks but the town itself. The group is also linking in with four other "Walkers are Welcome" towns to encourage walking on a regional basis.</p>	£300.00	That a grant be awarded of £300.00	

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	TOTAL BUDGET as at Jul 2012	£ 8055.00	
	Total Awarded to date	£300.00	
	BALANCE REMAINING	£7,755.00	
	Total recommended at this meeting	£3035.00	
	Balance	£4720.00	