



<u>Committee and Date</u> Shifnal and Sheriffhales Local Joint Committee  6 <sup>th</sup> October 2009  7pm	<u>Item</u>  <b>8</b>
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## **BUDGET 2009/10 DECISION REPORT**

### **Summary**

At the first meeting of the Shifnal and Sheriffhales Local Joint Committee it was resolved to establish a £2,500 Community Chest for smaller applications and the remainder of the budget £21500 funding larger applications.

This report details the 7 applications which have been received so far and it is requested that the Committee consider the budget applications and recommendations in this report.

### **Recommendations**

**A.** Members are asked to confirm the budget allocations as set out in this report.

### **REPORT**

1. One organisation has submitted a grant application for the first round of the 2009/2010 'Community Chest' allocation and an assessment of their application is set out below.
2. Six organisations have submitted grant applications for the first round of the 2009/2010 main allocation and an assessment of their applications is set out below.

## Assessment

### 09/01 Shifnal Youth Boxing Club

3. Shifnal Youth Boxing Club is a successful club and has up to 40 members. Members learn techniques, fitness, self control and discipline.
4. The club requires £140.00 for new kit bags and padlocks so they can safely store their equipment. They are asking the Committee for £100 towards the cost and intend to raise the remainder through a cake sale and collection boxes.
5. **The Committee is recommended to approve funding of £140 towards the cost.**

### 09/02 Shropshire Young Carers

6. The British Red Cross Shropshire Young Carers project offers support and fun activities to help make young carers lives easier by providing short breaks, someone to talk to and a chance to meet others in similar situations.
7. Shropshire Young Carers has 10 young carers in the Shifnal and Sheriffhales area, all of whom are active members of the Bridgnorth Young Carers group.
8. Shifnal and Sheriffhales link is a project asking for £300 to help pay for taxis to enable attendance to peer support group meetings and activities in Bridgnorth for six months.
9. **The Committee are recommended to defer this application until the next meeting as funding may be considered via the Partnership.**

### 09/03 Sheriffhales Christmas Tree Electricity Supply

10. In the past two years, a donated Christmas Tree for a community event has been sited next to a residents house with an electricity supply cabled over the ground from the same residents house, who also pays for the electricity.
11. The resident cannot continue with this practice due to safety reasons and a permanent site with a correctly installed unmetered electricity supply connected from the mains and a feeder pillar installed would be the desired outcome.
12. The Parish Council will pay for the electricity used and £937.00 is requested for the installation of a permanent certified installation.
13. **The Committee is recommended to approve funding of 50% £468.50 towards the cost with a condition that the project is completed this year.**

### 09/04 Sheriffhales Playing Field Equipment

14. The playing field is the only play area within a 5 mile radius. The field is used by the village school, playgroups, village festivals, after school and during school holidays by families.
15. The play equipment has not been updated or replaced by any new activity design or type.

16. The "Spring Rocker" has been inspected by ROSPA which states that the equipment has deteriorated and if economic repair cannot be effected they "recommend removal".
17. **The Committee is recommended to defer this application until 2 other quotes can be provided and evidence that other funding sources have been investigated. The Community Regeneration Officer will advise the applicant on other funding opportunities.**

#### **09/05 Sherifhales Parish Church – A Community Room**

18. The purpose of the project is to provide a community centre to meet local demand to conduct local business and social networking.
19. The present village hall is a second hand army hut built 80 years ago and is in high demand by the school and community events.
20. The total project cost is £99,990. £51,000 has been secured and pending applications towards the remainder.
21. The Committee has requested a grant of £1510.00 towards the heating installation element of the project.
22. **The Committee is recommended to approve funding of £1,510 towards the cost.**

#### **09/06 Sherifhales Bowling Club – Indoor Mat**

23. The clubs existing 14 year old mat is in need of replacement owing to the deterioration of the foam backing causing a possibly trip hazard.
24. The club has already replaced one mat at considerable expense and with two mats of higher quality, the standard of bowling would be raised and may encourage new members, resulting in them running an extra evening a week.
25. The club requests £650.00 towards purchasing a second hand bowling mat from the English Short Mat Bowling Association.
26. **The Committee is recommended to approve funding of £650.00 towards the cost with a condition that evidence can be produced of encouragement of inclusiveness.**

#### **09/07 Oasis Link Line**

27. The Oasis Church shop enables members of the community to call in and see a friendly face, have a chat and a coffee with the volunteers. This provides a link to the community and contact for people who may otherwise have no other communication with anyone.
28. Link Line project will offer the same service but over the telephone via regular contact with people who would benefit from a friendly voice.
29. The service would be run from the Oasis premises but currently has no phone line. £972.00 is requested for the 1<sup>st</sup> years set up costs.

30. **The Committee is recommended to approve funding of £972.00 towards the cost with a condition that the project organisers can provide satisfactory evidence that proper procedures are in place with regard to volunteer training and safeguarding clients.**

**Current Budget Position**

31. At the last Local Joint Committee meeting on 14th July 2009, it was agreed that the allocation of £24,000 be split to provide a Community Chest of £2,500 and that the remaining £21,500 be allocated to larger applications adhering to the specified grant criteria.
32. These recommendations will commit £140 from the Community Chest, leaving £2,360 and £3600.50 from the main allocation leaving £17899.50.
33. Bids for future funding are welcomed and should be addressed to:

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<b>List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)</b> Local Joint Committee Constitution and Financial Guidelines
<b>Human Rights Act Appraisal</b> No conflicts with the Human Rights Act have been identified.
<b>Environmental Appraisal</b> Not applicable
<b>Risk Management Appraisal</b> None identified
<b>Community / Consultations Appraisal</b> This decision is subject to approval by the Shifnal & Sheriffhales Local Joint Committee as representatives of the local community.
<b>Cabinet Member</b> Gwilym Butler
<b>Local Member</b> <u>Shropshire Council</u> Gordon Tonkinson – Shifnal North Stuart West – Shifnal South & Cosford
<u>Parish Councils</u> Mrs Rebecca Johnson – Sheriffhales Mrs Janet Jones – Sheriffhales Mrs Eileen Briscoe – Shifnal Mr Les Jones – Shifnal
<b>Appendices</b>