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GRANTS 2009/10 DECISION REPORT

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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 1 deferred application and 10 new applications which have been received 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. 1 application is being resubmitted to the second round following deferment.
2. 10 new grant applications have been submitted for the second round and an assessment of their application is set out below.

Assessment

09/01 Shropshire Young Carers – Transport Costs

3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. The total cost of the project is £600 and the applicant requests **£300** from the LJC.
7. **As this project does not have a direct benefit to the wider community, it is recommended that this application be submitted to the Community Chest fund and that the Committee approve funding of £300.**

09/07 Shifnal Harriers Junior Football Club – New Goals/Training Equipment

8. The Football club is at a new venue, expanding rapidly and requires up to date quality standard goals and training equipment.
9. The club used to use Idsall Sports Centre who supplied goals and they do have temporary plastic goals but are now looking to replace these with goals that can be firmly placed in the ground.
10. The new training equipment will enable the club to meet the needs of the Under 7's and Under 10's teams and allow them to take new members. The club already has nearly 200 members.
11. The total cost of the project is **£922.00** and the applicant requests the full amount from the LJC.
12. **The application mostly satisfies the grant criteria, however, further information has been requested. It is recommended that the application be deferred until the next meeting. The applicant should endeavour to submit further information by the next funding deadline date of 18th February 2010.**

09/08 Shifnal Harriers Junior Football Club – Wolves Trip

13. The purpose of the project is to take the crèche 4 & 5 year olds and Under 7's on a trip to tour Wolves Football Club. The trip will give them an insight to what they may want to achieve and also meet the professionals and take part in a training session with the coaches.

14. The total cost of the project is **£480.00** and the applicant requests the full amount from the LJC.
15. **As this project does not have a direct benefit to the wider community, it is recommended that this application be submitted to the Community Chest fund and that the Committee approve funding of £100.**

09/09 Shifnal Cricket Club – Safety Net

16. The purpose of the project is to provide safety netting to prevent danger from cricket balls. Due to the increasing occurrence of dangerous events due to modern equipment and the style of play at cricket, this equipment is urgently needed.
17. The Cricket grounds are used by a number of other organisations e.g. football club, bowls club and tennis club, hence a significant group of people are affected by the benefits of the application.
18. The objective of the club is to ensure a duty of care to all members of the club by adopting and implementing the ECB “safe hands – crickets policy for safeguarding children” and to ensure a duty of care to all members of the club by adopting and implementing the ECB cricket equity police. This extra equipment will enhance the health and safety and security of all of our users.
19. The total project cost is £2740.00 and the applicant is requesting **£2240.00** from the LJC.
20. **The Committee is recommended to approve funding of £1,000 towards the cost of this project. The applicant is advised to contact the CRO for help and advice on funding for the shortfall.**

09/10 Shifnal Harriers Junior Football Club – Training

21. The purpose of the project is to give more parents the opportunity to take part in an FA course that relates specifically to junior football.
22. The course will include level 1 football, coaching, first aid and safeguarding children. They are also looking to include referee courses.
23. The training will enable parents to volunteer for the club, take part in activities with their children and with more qualified volunteers, the club can take on more members and meet the demand.
24. There are 6 parents willing to undertake football coaching and 2 the referee course.
25. The total cost of the project is **£660.00** and the applicant requests the full amount from the LJC.
26. **The application mostly satisfies the grant criteria, however, further information has been requested. It is recommended that the application**

be deferred until the next meeting. The applicant should endeavour to submit further information by the next funding deadline date of 18th February 2010.

09/11 Shifnal Festival

27. The purpose of the project is to develop an annual festival of arts and music in Shifnal. The first will be in September 2010 but the Committee need to start booking venues and artists well in advance which all require deposits immediately.
28. Shifnal is rich with artists of all types and the aim is to use the festival to showcase local talent and draw from the resources of the local community. Events during the festival week will include dance, music, poetry, drama, arts, crafts, exhibitions etc.. Workshops in all aspects will be available.
29. The demand for a festival in Shifnal was highlighted by the research done in compiling the Town Plan. Item 13 states "establish an annual arts and entertainment week". A further questionnaire was circulated and a consultation evening was held in May 2009. Response in support was overwhelming.
30. The total cost of the project is £17,500 and the applicant is requesting **£2,000** from the LJC.
31. **The Committee is recommended to approve £2,000 towards the cost.**

09/12 Shifnal and Sheriffhales Live at Home Scheme

32. The purpose of the project is to provide practical and moral support to older vulnerable people who live in their own homes.
33. The project offers social activities, transport, recruitment and training of volunteers, a befriending service, friendship groups, buddy scheme, hospital visiting, lunch clubs and extend exercise classes.
34. The scheme is fully subscribed and there is a waiting list with new referrals every week. It is anticipated that requests for assistance will only increase and not decrease due to the ever increasing aged population.
35. The total cost of the project is £40,798 and the applicant is requesting **£3,574** from the LJC.
36. **The application mostly satisfies the grant criteria, however, there may be alternative funding available within the Council. The Committee are recommended to defer this application until the next meeting.**

09/13 Shifnal CCTV

37. The purpose of the project is to replace the recorder unit in the monitoring room with an up to date one.

38. The monitoring equipment will handle up to 16 cameras. At present there are 7 cameras with plans to add 1 and given conclusion of the addition, the recorder will be using all of its 8 available channels, so leaving no opportunity for further expansion.
39. The up to date unit will have more channels and more storage. The present unit only holds 1 months data whereas a new system will hold up to 90 days.
40. The total cost of the project is **£3,500** and the applicant is requesting the full amount from the LJC.
41. **The application mostly satisfies the criteria, however, funding for the additional camera has not yet been secured. The Committee are recommended to defer this application until the next meeting.**

09/14 Walled Garden Project – Shifnal

42. The purpose of the project is to offer community courses in rural and heritage crafts, giving an opportunity for the local community to get actively and socially involved, get creative and learn new skills.
43. The project aims to encourage socially excluded groups e.g. young mothers, the elderly, people with disabilities who may not wish to follow an educational route to learning but would benefit greatly from group and social activities.
44. The funding will enable the purchase of much needed tools, equipment and resources necessary to delivery the courses.
45. The total cost of the project is £1850.00 and the applicant is requesting **£1500** from the LJC.
46. **The Committee are recommended to approve funding of £1,000 towards the cost.**

09/15 Shifnal Village Hall – Extra Chairs

47. The purpose of the project is to purchase 100 extra chairs which are essential for everybody to be seated to full capacity.
48. The hall is currently undergoing considerable refurbishment and has secured funding for the purchase of stage lighting, sound and projection equipment. It is anticipated that more people will be using the hall at any one time.
49. The village hall is regularly used by many groups in Shifnal and it has also been block booked for Shifnal's festival in September 2010. It is not always possible to give the different groups their 1st choice of day and time when a clash of dates occurs simply because there is not enough seating for every room in the building to be used simultaneously.

50. The total cost of the project is **£3432.75** and the applicant is requesting the full amount.
51. **The Committee is recommended to approve funding of £1,000 towards the cost. The applicant is advised to contact the CRO for help and advice on funding for the shortfall.**

09/16 Shropshire East Trefoil Guild – Tall Ships Race 2010

52. The purpose of the application is to enable the organisation to donate towards the cost of 6 young girl guides to participate in the Tall Ships race from Sweden to Norway to England in July/August 2010.
53. The organisation support local rainbows, brownies, guides and young leaders either with time or financially from their own funds.
54. At the time of submission, the applicant was advised that the application should come from the young leaders themselves, however due to time constraints it was agreed to include the original request letter from them as supporting information. Upon receipt of this letter it appears that the 6 young leaders are actually from Albrighton, however they do attend Idsall School.
55. The applicant is requesting **£300.00**.
56. **The Committee is recommended to reject this application as it would be more appropriate for the applicant to apply to the Albrighton LJC.**

Current Budget Position

57. At the 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.
58. These recommendations will commit £400 from the Community Chest, leaving £1960.00 and £5,000 from the main allocation, leaving £12899.50.
59. Bids for future funding are welcomed and 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)

Human Rights Act Appraisal

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

Environmental Appraisal

Risk Management Appraisal

Community / Consultations Appraisal

Cabinet Member

Gwilym Butler

Local Member

Gordon Tonkinson, Stuart West

Appendices