

## BUDGET 2010/11 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 5 new applications which have been received and 2 deferred applications 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. 5 new and 2 deferred grant applications have been submitted for the fourth round and an assessment of the applications is set out below.

### Assessment

#### 10/36 - Shifnal Village Hall

2. The purpose of the project is to equip the village hall with stage lighting to complete the technical improvements to the hall.
3. The hall has undergone considerable refurbishment and the Committee have worked hard to raise considerable funds to install new film and sound equipment and improved lighting for the main hall in order to provide wider opportunities for people to use the hall and make it more energy efficient.
4. The total cost of the project is **£2405.68** and the applicant requests **£1935.68** from the LJC.
5. **Recommendation: to approve £1,000 towards the cost of this project on condition that any future applications include up to date accounts.**



### **10/38 – Reminiscences Project – A Living History of Shifnal**

6. The purpose of the project is to work with the Shifnal community, particularly with the residents of the new sheltered scheme at Yew Tree Court and younger people to capture ordinary life stories through a reminiscence programme. The programme will be decided by local people but could consist of workshops, publications, video or text building up a unique “slice of life” archive.
7. The main aims are: to create a unique archive of local people’s personal and social history, to capture peoples memories, to develop a link between old and young, to help build links and integration into the community, to empower residents, to reduce the risk of isolation.
8. The total cost of the project is **£8200** and the applicant requests **£1000** from the LJC.
9. **Recommendation: to approve £1000 towards the cost of this project.**

### **10/41 – Eco Leadership Programme**

10. The purpose of the project is to work with pupils to address the local impacts of climate change within the school grounds and the school community.
11. The Eco Club will take part in activities such as tree planting, litter campaigns, green challenge days, converting the old science quad into an eco quad, product design for bird and bat boxes and an allotment and gardening club. Each term the Eco Club will host a different environmental campaign as part of Session 6 (extra curricular) programme.
12. The total cost of the project is **£975.97** and the applicant is requesting **£975.97** from the LJC.
13. **Recommendation: to approve £975.97 towards the cost of this project.**

### **10/42 – Sheriffhales Village Hall – Kitchen Refurbishment**

14. The purpose of the project is to provide a new village hall and whilst building works are well underway, funding is required towards the costs for refurbishing the kitchen.
15. The current kitchen equipment is many years old and would not be recommended or suitable for relocation into a new kitchen space. Decent onsite catering facilities is what users of the hall have identified as a need.
16. The total cost of the project is **£5436.00** and the applicant is requesting **£4063.00** from the LJC.
17. **Recommendation: to approve £2000 towards the cost of this project.**



### **10/43 – Sheriffhales Play Area Redevelopment**

18. The purpose of the project is to provide a safe area for young people to play in and be physically active in order to promote healthier lifestyles.
19. The current play equipment is outdated and rapidly nearing the end of safe usage and the Parish Council has managed to secure funding from Playbuilder for £25,000 to purchase new play equipment but this does not include clearing the old equipment and preparing the site. Funding is required to clear and dispose of old equipment and make good under foot ready for new installation.
20. The cost of the project is **£26,500** and the applicant is requesting **£1,500** from the LJC.
21. **Recommendation: to approve £1000 towards the cost of this project.**

### **10/44 – MOTIV8 IT Station**

22. The purpose of the project is to provide IT equipment which can be utilised by customers with mental health needs for the purpose of e.g. educational searches, cv and job searching, hobby/craft courses and bidding for houses.
23. The aim is to enhance the lives of people that have enduring mental health diagnosis, both that live temporarily at the Willows project and also within the wider Shifnal area. The equipment would be situated at The Willows and would be accessible from 9am-9pm 7 days a week.
24. The cost of the project is **£774.93** and the applicant is requesting **£774.93** from the LJC.
25. **Recommendation: to approve £250.00 towards the cost of this project from the Community Chest budget.**

### **10/45 - Shifnal and Parent Toddler Group**

25. The purpose of the project is to develop a family learning programme around language and literacy for Children under 5 by providing more opportunities for families to read together and have access to a range of books.
26. The programme aims to motivate parents to read to their children on a regular basis by reinforcing the importance of reading from an early age. Activities will involve story telling songs, rhymes, word play and story sacks. Professional story tellers will lead the 1<sup>st</sup> programme and give volunteers the skills to deliver again and again.
27. The cost of the project is **£1000.00** and the applicant is requesting **£1000.00** from the LJC.
28. **Recommendation: to approve £500.00 towards the cost of this project.**



### **Current Budget Position**

- a. At the meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2010, 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.
- b. These recommendations will commit £250.00 from the Community Chest, leaving £1773.55 and £6475.97 from the main allocation, leaving £8024.03.
- c. A total of £9797.58 will be carried forward into the next financial year.
- d. Bids for future funding are welcomed and should be addressed to:

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