

SHIFNAL & SHERIFFHALES LJC – 2013/14 - SUMMARY OF GRANT APPLICATIONS

First round (July) Total available = £13,258

Applications for consideration from the large grant budget

| No. | Project Title / Organisation | Summary | Amount Requested £ | Recommendation | Committee Decision |
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| 17.20 | Shifnal Theatrical and Repertory Society (STARS) | <p>A project to help to increase publicity, raise profile by competing in local festivals and increasing production value.</p> <p>All of these areas are intended to increase the profile and audience numbers which will place the group on a firm financial footing enabling S.T.A.R.S. to become financially self sufficient for years to come.</p> <p>They currently have over 20 active and average audience figures of just under 200 per production and, unfortunately on these numbers they make a small loss. Obviously this eats into their funds and eventually they will dwindle to zero. Their aim is to start by pushing audience numbers to around 250 people which will help them to be self-sufficient and more people will be enjoying local arts.</p> <p>Increasing publicity by producing leaflets to be distributed by hand and also included with the Telford Journal will also increase audience numbers. Leaflets are professionally designed to make a big impression and they also intend to invest in a banner which will be placed in the centre of Shifnal for two weeks prior to our production.</p> <p>Secondly our profile was raised a huge amount by competing in the local comedy festival in Bridgnorth and they gained</p> | 1000.00 | That a grant of £1000 be awarded. | |

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| | | <p>audience from attending and winning. They intend to do the same this year but there are costs involved. We would need £50 for the application plus license to perform which would be £150 (total £200).</p> <p>Finally they wish to purchase black backdrop curtains for the stage area of Shifnal village hall as they currently perform in front of a plain brick wall. This works for some productions and not others so a neutral backdrop would be more professional. The material to do this will cost £100</p> <p>STARS was formed 2 ½ years ago as a new adult theatre group in Shifnal, which at the time had no adult theatre at all. The membership has varied and currently stands at around 20 all from Shifnal and other local villages. It was partially formed to perform at the Shifnal Arts Festival but it has done far more than that and become a critically acclaimed part of the theatre landscape in the Bridgnorth district and in Shropshire.</p> <p>The total project costs are £5,795 and they are requesting a grant of £1000, the remaining balance being met by £1110 already secured from sponsorship, their own fundraising and proposed ticket sales.</p> | | | |
| 17.21 | Shifnal (St Andrew's) Youth Club | <p>A project to replace the old inefficient boiler to comply with the latest safety regulations.</p> <p>The present boiler is unreliable and costly to run, so the aim of the project is to provide an up-to-date, economic heating system for this well used building for the community.</p> <p>The room is used daily by a variety of local groups within the community, so this project will benefit a range of users. The project will ensure that the building is suitable for purpose as a new heating system is essential for its continued use and sustainability.</p> <p>The total project costs are £2,985 and they are requesting a grant of £1,000 with £985 being funded from their own funds and £1000 being sought from Shifnal Town Council grant.</p> | 1000.00 | That consideration of this grant be deferred until information on the future of the building is established. | |

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| 17.22 | Shifnal (St Andrew's) Youth Club | <p>A project to replace the curtains at the youth club that are over 30 years old.</p> <p>The existing curtains are over 30 years old and need to be replaced. They will be replaced with materials that comply with regulations for fire safety etc. The curtains are falling apart and not made of fire retardant material. Curtaining is essential for the building which is used by groups of all ages in the community and which is a vital facility for the town.</p> <p>The total project costs are £1153. They are requesting a contribution from the LJC of £600, with £300 of their own funds being used and fund raising in hand to raise the remaining £252.74.</p> | 600.00 | That consideration of this grant be deferred until information on the future of the building is established. | |
| 17.23 | Shifnal Millennium Sensory Garden | <p>A project to remove the loose chippings from under and around the benches and to replace these with concrete.</p> <p>The aim is to provide a better and safer surface for user of the area by removing the chippings that make a mess and cause hazards for people walking and playing. The existing chippings will be used to mix with the concrete but will create a neater and safer surface.</p> <p>Many users will benefit from this improvement as it has been causing concern for some time. It will increase safety in the area and make it a more pleasant place to be.</p> <p>The project will be finishing touch to the multi award winning garden following the completion of the woodland walk pathway.</p> <p>The total cost of the project is £602 and they are seeking a grant for the full amount as they now have no funds of their own.</p> | £602 | That a grant of £602 be awarded. | |
| 17.24 | Sheriffhales Parish Council | <p>A project to update and improve the bench on the existing play and sports site.</p> <p>The current bench has now rotted and is falling to bits and needs to be replaced. Also the goal posts have badly rusted</p> | £500 | That a grant of £500 be awarded. | |

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| | | <p>and need to be shot blasted and refurbished.</p> <p>The total cost of the project is £500 and they are requesting the full amount.</p> | | | |
| 17.25 | Sheriffhales Village Hall Committee | <p>A project to install a security alarm system for the village hall.</p> <p>This project is to provide an alarm system that meets the necessary regulations and insurance requirements and enhances the overall building security.</p> <p>This is a valuable building which is to some degree, isolated at night next to the church, the school and the cemetery. The equipment will reduce its vulnerability to intrusion and provide additional visual deterrence.</p> <p>The total cost of the project is £565 with £215 being met by their own funds, so a grant of £350 is requested.</p> | £350 | That a grant of £350 be awarded. | |
| 17.26 | Shifnal 1 st Scout Group | <p>To provide additional camping equipment.</p> <p>The scout group has grown from strength to strength over the past couple of years and the number of members has risen to around 75. Many take part on a weekly basis.</p> <p>There is a continuing need to provide equipment for camping as this is by far the most popular activity but unfortunately participation is limited due to the numbers wishing to attend and the equipment available. The application is for a variety of equipment but the priority being provision of five additional tents. This would greatly help the camp to accommodate higher numbers.</p> <p>The total project costs are £1,149 and the group would be grateful for any contribution, fund raising and other routes for funding will be explored to cover the remaining costs.</p> | Any donation requested | That a grant of £560 be awarded to cover the cost of the 5 new tents required. | |
| | | <p>TOTAL BUDGET IN LARGE POT AS AT JULY 2013</p> <p>Total recommended at this meeting</p> <p>BALANCE REMAINING</p> | <p>£10758</p> <p>£3012</p> <p>£7746</p> | Total recommended at this meeting £3012 | |

Applications for consideration from the Community Chest balance £2500 (up to £250)

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| 17.27 | Shifnal Cricket Club | <p>A project to provide security fencing around the oil storage tank at the cricket club.</p> <p>Due the isolated position of the pavilion, high oil prices and the increase in oil theft in rural locations, we are being advised that preventative measures are essential. The beneficiaries of the project, in addition to the sports community (cricket, tennis, bowls, junior football) and Live at Home, will be the Shifnal community at large as the pavilion develops into a principal location within the area for community based functions.</p> <p>Once the fence has been installed the club will be doing some “defensive planning” in and around the compound.</p> <p>The total project costs are £864 and they are requesting a grant of £664 from the LJC, with the remaining balance being contributions in-kind being offered.</p> | 664.00 | <p>That this application be considered as a community chest application given the number of applications awarded to the club over the years and that a grant of £250 be awarded subject to receipt of accounts proving need.</p> | |
| 17.28 | Shifnal Swimming Pool Committee | <p>A project to provide the Committee with a banner for fundraising purposes.</p> <p>The aim of this project is to help to increase the visual appearance of the fund raising events. The banner will be generic and re-usable for ongoing occasions as necessary.</p> <p>The total project costs are £400 for 2 banners but the committee would be grateful for any contribution.</p> | £400 | <p>That a grant of £200 be awarded to cover the cost of a banner.</p> | |
| 17.29 | Shifnal 1 st Scout Group | <p>A project to fund additional camping equipment for the scouts groups</p> <p>The group has expanded at such a rate that they now have 3 different groups, beavers, cubs and scouts</p> | Any donation | <p>That a grant of £560 be awarded to cover the cost of 5 additional tents.</p> | |

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| | | <p>which means that they desperately need additional camping equipment.</p> <p>They have in excess of 75 members now who regularly attend one of the sessions each week. Currently they are unable to take all of the groups out together because of the high demand, so events have to be on a first come first served basis.</p> <p>The total project costs are £1,149.00 and they are applying to the Town Council for some support later in the year, however, they would appreciate any grant that the LJC feels would be appropriate to help towards the overall project.</p> | | | |
| | | <p>TOTAL BUDGET AS AT JULY 2013</p> <p>Total recommended at this meeting</p> <p>BALANCE REMAINING</p> | <p>£2500.00</p> <p>450.00</p> <p>£2050.00</p> | <p>Total recommended at this meeting £450</p> | |