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Shrewsbury Wide
Local Joint Committee

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FUNDING REQUESTS TO SHREWSBURY WIDE LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

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1. Summary

This report considers the devolved funding allocated to the Shrewsbury Wide Local Joint Committee (LJC) for the period 1st April 2013 up until 31st March 2014.

A total of £32,400 has been devolved to the Committee to fund projects in the local community served by the LJC for the 2013/14 year. In addition, there was a carry forward of £4,077 uncommitted funding from 2012/13. The total budget available to the LJC is therefore £36,477.

The Committee has previously agreed to limit the total amount of grant made to any one project to a maximum of £2,000.

2. Recommendations

To consider the funding applications received and agree levels of support or otherwise, in accordance with the funding guidelines previously agreed, and the delegated powers approved by Council on 23rd June 2011.

3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

In determining these recommendations the LJC has considered reputational risk and the course of action proposed minimises this risk. The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998.

The proposals under consideration will improve the levels of community based and community driven activity in the LJC area. Comments made in this report include those received as a result of consulting with stakeholders including Shrewsbury Town Council, Destination Shrewsbury, and Shropshire Council Arts Officers.

4. Financial Implications

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 LJs.

The amount allocated per year to the Shrewsbury Wide Local Joint Committee is calculated based on a 30% top-slice of the Shrewsbury neighbourhood LJC budgets, as agreed by Council on 9th December 2010, and totals £32,400.

5. Additional Information

To date five applications for funding have been received for consideration at this meeting. The Chairman dealt with an application from the Shrewsbury Food Festival for £1,000 under his delegated authority on 28.3.13.

A summary of applications received is provided below. Further details are contained at Appendix A to this report.

	Project	Project cost £	Amount requested £	Proposed grant £
A	Senior Moments holidays at Home.	2,726.50	322.50	322.50
B	Community production of Noye's Fludde	17,920	1,500	1,500
C	Rainbow Film Festival 2013	5,300	1,000	1,000
D	Beacon Cricket Club wicket covers at Frankwell ground	4,500	2,250	2,000
E	Benbow Statute Group	3,480	2,000	2,000
Total		33,926.50	7,072.5	6,822.50

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

5 x LJC applications as detailed in Appendix A of this report

Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)

Gwilym Butler

Local Member All Shropshire County Councillors for Shrewsbury and all Shrewsbury Town Council Councillors.

Appendices

Appendix A – Project application details

APPENDIX A

A.Senior Moments Holidays at Home.

This is the third year that Crowmoor Baptist Church has run this project which aims to give the elderly, infirm, “shut-ins” etc. the opportunity to take part, with others in a range of activities. It is run at a time of year when day centres may be closed and a number of friends and relatives may well be away.

Activities that are planned, which have been successful in previous year’s include board games, speakers, a sing-song, general conversation and being in each other’s company. The activity that is the most popular is the trip out on the second day. Refreshments are provided as is the large amount of volunteer support (11 people) which organise and support the project from its inception to delivery including one medical professional due to the age of the group. The project is widely advertised and open to all. This year they hope to help 55 elderly people from across the Town.

The volunteers strive to make the project self-funding and this has been achieved in the previous two years, however this year as a one off excursion they have organised a canal trip which has increased the costs. The cost of the trip is normally subsidised due to the financial circumstances of some of the participants.

A project which happens due to the significant volunteer support and benefits 55 isolated elderly people across the Town.

TOTAL PROJECT COST	£2,726.50
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AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM LJC	£322.50
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B.Community Production of Noye’s Fludde-Benjamin Britten

It is Benjamin Britten’s Centenary in 2013. Shrewsbury Abbey is providing the venue free of charge for a week in October. The project will run from Shrewsbury High School which will provide the core of the children’s orchestra and senior soloists. The school will provide the musical director responsible for rehearsing all sections including participating junior schools. It will be produced and directed by another Town resident. The performance will involve large screen projection of live images in performance from the orchestra, choir and performers. The screen will also show archive material of Shrewsbury, the Abbey and footage of local floods within the production. In addition the performance project will involve; 200 local junior school children from the Town, Shrewsbury Handbell Team, orchestral players from local schools, team of professional musicians drawn from the County, Shrewsbury High School and local instrumental teachers performing and coaching orchestral musicians, media students from SCAT trained by and working alongside the digital projection light and sound professionals, Design students from SCAT involved in set design, costume designer running workshops in participating schools to construct costumes.

Shrewsbury High School will provide all musical direction, rehearsal venues/caretaking, transport, staging, printing, publicity, stands and lights.

A matinee performance will be given (without charge) for 260 children from local participating schools. The digital media artist will also design a screen projection for the congregation at Sunday Services in the Abbey during the week of the production. The project will directly involve 280 adults, students and children from Shrewsbury. Three evening performances will be given for a minimum 600 paying attendees.

It is intended for the project to bring to Shrewsbury a memorable and quality cultural experience of British music theatre, in which local heritage is showcased through the latest digital techniques.

TOTAL PROJECT COST	£17,920
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AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM LJC	£1,500
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C.Rainbow Film Festival 2013

The overall purpose of the Festival is in accord with their vision and aims;
Entertain-through an annual programme of film and one off events they want their audiences to experience the pride of lesbians, gay men, bisexual and trans people.
Educate-with stories from all over the globe, they portray a range of experiences, offering fascinating insights in to other worlds.
Challenge-how others perceive and behave towards us and how we feel about ourselves.

This year the festival will be over the weekend 11th to 13th of October and proposes to show seven feature films at the Old Market Hall and a morning of short films at the Hive. Prior to this on 7.9.13 they will put on a pre-festival film at the Hive. They again intend to have a Q and A session after at least one of the films with a key person involved in the making of the film. This year this will be Peter Tatchell.

The Festival makes a huge difference to the lives of LGBT people, their families and friends in Shrewsbury because it provides a public space where people, of whatever sexuality come together in a safe environment and enjoy each other's company and learn from one another.

TOTAL PROJECT COST	£5,300
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AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM LJC	£1,000
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D.Procurement of Covers for Frankwell County Cricket Ground.

Beacon Cricket Club has achieved promotion in 5 of the last 6 seasons and currently plays in division two of the Shropshire County Cricket leagues. The Club is expanding and has gone from one team to now considering developing a third team. They have over 50 members from across the Town from 16 to 60 years of age.

Covers for the wicket play an integral part in preparing a quality playing surface. They enable ground staff to have some control over the moisture content of the pitch, helping to ensure an even and consistent surface. Additionally, they may be used during matches to protect the wicket during showery periods and thus maximise playing opportunities. The ground staff at Frankwell work wonders to produce the best playing surface possible, but are handicapped by the lack of covers. The aim of this project is to provide covers to

assist the ground staff to produce the best possible playing surface and to minimise the time lost to rain interruptions on match days.

Many Town cricket teams use the Frankwell facility. Beacon Cricket Club would take responsibility for the procurement and stewardship of the covers, all teams using the Frankwell ground would benefit from the improved playing surface and reduced loss of playing time resulting from having a covered wicket.

TOTAL PROJECT COST	£4,500
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AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM LJC	£2,250
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E.The Benbow Statute Group

Admiral Benbow is one of Shrewsbury's famous citizens however he is not commemorated by a statue in the town. The aim of the Benbow Statute Group, which is to have a 7 feet tall statue of Admiral Benbow located in the town, will not be realised for three to four years. A Shropshire sculptor has been appointed; she sculpted the statue of Darwin which stands in front of Shrewsbury School.

In order to sculpt the full size statue it is necessary to create a metal model known as a maquette which will be approximately three feet tall. This will be used also for demonstrating the statue at fund raising events and, when the full size statue is eventually erected the maquette will be donated to the Shrewsbury Museum which already has a number of Benbow artefacts, including the well-known portrait of the Admiral.

TOTAL PROJECT COST	£3,480
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AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM LJC	£2,000
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