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Decision Report – Community Fund Round One

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Summary

This report considers the devolved funding allocated to the St Oswald and Llanymynech Local Joint Committee (LJC) for 2010/11

A total of £31,000 has been devolved to the committee to fund projects in the local community served by the LJC. At the St Oswald and Llanymynech LJC Meeting of 29 March 2010 it was agreed to establish a Community Fund for 2010/11 and to request applications from organisations for up to £2,000 within the geographical area of the Local Joint Committee limited to one successful application per organisation in the 2010/11 financial year. An underspend from the devolved budget 2009/10 of £2,669.29 has been brought forward, providing a total devolved budget for 2010/11 of £33,669.29. A sum of £10,000 was notionally allocated for applications to Community Fund Round One.

By the closing date a total of 9 applications had been received requesting funding to the value of £10,767.34.

Using the established criteria used previously, the recommendations below set out the following approach:

- Agree to fund a number of bids to the level of the application
- Fund a number of bids at a reduced level
- Defer a number of bids to a future round of the Community Fund
- Not fund the remaining bids

In agreeing the recommendations, the committee would allocate £6,704.59 of funds, leaving a total of £26,964.70 of devolved funding to be rolled forward to future rounds of the Community Fund and/or other initiatives.

Recommendations

It is recommended to the St Oswald and Llanymynech Local Joint Committee that:

- A The following bids are allocated full funding from the Community Fund (Round One):
- i. £1,000 to Llanymynech Good Companions Committee to cover transport costs associated with monthly social outings for local Senior Citizens
 - ii. £269 to Maesbrook Village Hall in Kinnerley to replace water heaters in hall and improve signage
 - iii. £1,100 to Morton Minors Choir to purchase keyboards, percussion instruments and music for expanding youth music group
 - iv. £489.81 to The Messenger Newsletter in Llanyblodwel to cover printing and postage costs for village newsletter.
 - v. £1,345.78 to Porthywaen Youth & Training Band in Llanyblodwel to replace the current music stands which are no longer 'fit for purpose' and to purchase new instruments.
- B The following bids are provided with partial funding from the Community Fund (Round One):
- i. £1,500 to Cruse Bereavement Care against an original bid of £2,000 towards volunteer training costs, training a supervisor and conference costs.
 - ii. £1,000 to Llanymynech Village Hall against an original bid of £1,562.75 towards the purchase of the Community information Board.
- C The following bids are deferred for consideration against a further round of the Community Fund:
- i. £2,000 to Tanat Valley Light Railway to fund fencing along the side of the railway track. Funding has been deferred pending a site visit and consideration of options, level of funding requested and alternative funding sources.
- D The following bids are not allocated funding from the Community Fund:
- i. £1,000 to All Saints Church to fund a retrospective application for staging purchased by the church.

Report

1. From 1 April 2009 Shropshire Council created 28 Local Joint Committees to operate across the whole county. These LJs are legally constituted decision making committees of Shropshire Council.
2. The LJC for St Oswald and Llanymynech has membership from Shropshire Council (4 members) and the Parishes in the area (6 members) all with equal voting rights.
3. One fundamental responsibility of the LJC is to determine expenditure of the devolved budget. A budget of £31,000 has been made available to the LJC based, fundamentally, on population size. Expenditure against this budget is agreed by the Committee after consideration of decision reports then voting by Committee members. Voting is undertaken by the ten members of the committee as detailed above, all with equal votes, with decisions determined by a simple majority.
4. The funding devolved to the LJC can be used for a number of different purposes over the year. In 2009/10 £28,330.71 was allocated across 28 successful applications received by the LJC.
5. A standard Application Form has been produced for use by all LJs across the County. A front sheet has been added to this form to identify the rules pertinent to the St Oswald and Llanymynech LJC and will be used for applications to the Community Fund. A copy along with the Finance Procedure Rules that must be followed are available at LJC meetings, from the website or by contacting Debbie Marais, the Community Regeneration Officer for this LJC.
6. Specific rules for the Community Fund, in addition to the Finance Procedure rules, are:
 - a. Only **one successful application** will be allowed from any one organisation over the financial year 2010/11.
 - b. Applications will be limited to **£2,000**.
 - c. Applications made directly by Parish Councils will not be considered, although Parish Councils can still act as 'Sponsoring' Organisations for informal groups.
 - d. Retrospective applications will not be considered for funding i.e. where specific expenditure has been incurred by an applicant before a decision has been taken by the LJC to fund that expenditure.

e. The closing date for applications to Round Two will be **14 June 2010**.

7. Applications received by this date will be reviewed for eligibility against the criteria laid down above and a formal decision on which applications to fund will be taken at the next LJC Meeting on **Tuesday 20 July 2010**.

Eligible Bids Recommended for Full Funding

8. A total of 9 bids were received by the closing date and of these 5 bids are recommended to receive the full funding they applied for. In total these 5 bids amount to £4,204.59. A breakdown of the bids with summary information is attached at Appendix A.

Eligible Bids Recommended for Partial Funding

9. Of the remaining 4 bids that were received by the committee, it is recommended that a further 2 receive partial funding. In total the 2 successful bids for partial funding will receive £2,500 between them. A breakdown of the bids with requested and recommended funding against each is attached in Appendix B.

Eligible Bids Recommended for Deferral

10. 1 bid is recommended for deferral and will be automatically carried forward for consideration against the Community Fund 2. A summary is attached at Appendix C.

Eligible Bids Not Recommended for Funding

11. The final bid received by the Committee is not recommended for funding and is attached at Appendix D.

Funding

12. The recommendations within this report seek to allocate £6,704.59 of the £33,669.29 available budget devolved to the St Oswald and Llanymynech Local Joint Committee leaving £26,964.70 available for future rounds of the Community Fund and/or other initiatives.

<p>List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)</p>
<p>1. Locality Working – Local Joint Committees Supplementary Report – Implementation Executive 19 March 2009.</p> <p>2. Local Joint Committee Budget – St Oswald and Llanymynech Local Joint Committee 29 March 2010</p>
<p>Human Rights Act Appraisal</p> <p>At this stage the recommendations are unlikely to result in any implications for the Human Rights Act.</p>

Environmental Appraisal

Environmental appraisals will be carried out as necessary.

Risk Management Appraisal

The County Council needs to address the risk of legal challenge to decisions through procedural or other errors. This has been carefully assessed.

Community / Consultations Appraisal

Consideration has been given to the results of recent consultations and community responses in the St. Oswald and Llanymynech Local Joint Committee area.

Cabinet Member

Gwilym Butler

Local Members

Arthur Walpole, Joyce Barrow, David Lloyd, Trevor Davies.

Appendices

- A Eligible Bids Recommended for Full Funding
- B Eligible Bids Recommended for Partial Funding
- C Eligible Bids Recommended for Deferral
- D Eligible Bids Not Recommended for Funding