

## Decision Report – Community Fund Round Three

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### Summary

This report considers the devolved funding allocated to the St Oswald and Llanymynech Local Joint Committee (LJC) for 2009/10.

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 this financial year. The first two rounds of the Community Fund have seen 14 successful applications, with the LJC committing £15,079.59 of available budget. This leaves £19,589.70 available for rounds 3 and 4 of the Community Fund.

By the closing date a total of 7 applications had been received requesting funding to the value of £11,189.27.

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 £4,189.27 of funds, leaving a total of £15,400.43 for future use.

## 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 Three):
  - i. £1,400 to Pant Village Hall in Llanymynech & Pant for installation of new electric circuit boards and rewiring in the village hall to meet with current legislation.
  - ii. £819.27 to Llanyblodwel & Porthywaen Institute to install emergency lighting in village hall toilets and manufacture/erection of roadside 'village hall' sign and noticeboard.
- B The following bids are provided with partial funding from the Community Fund (Round Three):
  - i. £970 to Llimeys against an original bid of £1,970 for the costs of reprinting a valued leaflet for the heritage area. The remaining £1,000 applied for will be ring-fenced to the project for the remainder of the financial year and will be made available to the organisation subject to securing the outstanding match funding.
  - ii. £1,000 to Trefonen Jubilee Club against an original bid of £2,000 towards funding for outings for social club for elderly people in Trefonen area.
- C The following bids are deferred for consideration against a further round of the Community Fund:
  - i. £1,000 to Trefonen Parish Mag to fund the production of a village newsletter.
- D The following bids are not allocated funding from the Community Fund:
  - i. Carreghofa Primary School bid for £2,000 for improvements to an outdoor play area.
  - ii. Knockin Church bid for £2,000 to provide a footpath for safe access across the churchyard for visitors to the burial area.

## Report

1. From 1 April 2009 Shropshire Council has created 28 Local Joint Committees to operate across the whole county. These LJC's 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 LJC's 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. Copies, 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 round Four, in addition to the Finance Procedure rules, are:
  - a. Only **one successful application** will be allowed from any one organisation over the financial year
  - b. Applications will be limited to **£2,000**.
  - c. Applications made directly by Parish Councils will not be considered, although Parish Council's 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 Four will be **13 December 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 1<sup>st</sup> February 2011**.

#### **Eligible Bids Recommended for Full Funding**

8. A total of 7 bids were received by the closing date and of these 2 bids are recommended to receive the full funding they applied for. In total these 2 bids amount to £2,219.27. A breakdown of the bids with summary information is attached at Appendix A.

### **Eligible Bids Recommended for Partial Funding**

9. Of the remaining 5 bids that were received by the committee, it is recommended that a further 2 receive partial funding. This approach will allow a greater number of bids to receive funding from the Community Fund than would otherwise be possible. In total the 2 successful bids for partial funding will receive £1,970.00 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. Of the remaining 3 bids received by the closing date, it is recommended that 1 of these is deferred. The bid amounts to 1,000.00 in total and is for a project which the committee feels they may wish to support, but would like further clarification around the costs involved. The application will automatically be carried forward for consideration against the Community Fund Round Four and will not require the organisation to resubmit (unless they wish to amend the bid in any way). A summary of this bid is attached in Appendix C.

### **Eligible Bids Not Recommended for Funding**

11. The final 2 bids received by the Committee are not recommended for funding. A summary of these bids is attached at Appendix D.

### **Funding**

12. The recommendations within this report seek to allocate a further £4,189.27 of the £31,000 budget devolved to the St Oswald and Llanymynech Local Joint Committee leaving a total of £15,400.43 for future use.

<b>List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)</b>
1. Locality Working – Local Joint Committees Supplementary Report – Implementation Executive 19 March 2009. 2. Local Joint Committee Budget – St Oswald and Llanymynech Local Joint Committee 23 July 2009
<b>Human Rights Act Appraisal</b> At this stage the recommendations are unlikely to result in any implications for the Human Rights Act.
<b>Environmental Appraisal</b> Environmental appraisals will be carried out as necessary.
<b>Risk Management Appraisal</b> 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