

**2012/13 FINANCE REPORT, INCLUDING UPDATE ON FUNDING REQUESTS
FOR CONSIDERATION****Responsible Officer** Corrie Davies

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1. Summary

- 1.1 This report considers the devolved funding allocated to the St Oswald and Llanymynech Local Joint Committee (LJC) for the period 1 April 2012 up until 31 March 2013
- 1.2 A total of £16,931 has been devolved to the committee to fund projects in the local community served by the LJC for 2012/13. This is made up of an annual budget of £15,500, arts funding at £1,151 and budget carried from 2011/12 at £280.
- 1.3 Prior to each LJC, a planning meeting takes place to discuss applications for funding and agree recommendations.
- 1.4 Ten new applications and three deferred applications have been received for this reporting period. These were considered at the planning meeting held on 15th of May 2012. The recommendations from the planning meeting feature in this report, and are put forward to the LJC to be held on the 12th of June 2012.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the LJC considers the applications received, and awards funding to those organisations and their projects as recommended in this report.
- 2.2 In view of the reduced funding available, that the LJC considers whether it wishes in future to prioritise and or invite project proposals which address particular themes or know priorities in the LJC area.
- 2.3 That the LJC delegates any art specific funding it receives as part of its 2012/2013 budget to Oswestry and District Arts Association, to enable it to continue to run its arts grants programme in the Oswestry area.

- 2.4 That the LJC delegates 5% of its 2012/2013 budget to Oswestry and District Sports Council to enable it to continue to run its sports grants programme in the Oswestry area.
- 2.5 That the LJC adopts a mechanism for approving applications between LJC meetings by using the Community Action Officer's delegated authority and where all members of the Committee are in approval. This is not designed to replace decision making at meetings, but to be used when it is in the interest of an applicant to receive a decision between meetings.
- 2.6 Applications for funding were considered at the planning meeting 15th of May and recommendations totalling £2756 are now put forward to the St Oswald LJC for consideration. These are as follows:

D1	Llimeys- Friends of Llanymynech Limeworks Heritage	£171
D2	West Mercia Police Oswestry Ramped Project	£600
D3	Llanymynech Good Companions	£500
D4	Morda Queens Jubilee English Cream Tea	£300
D5	Oswestry Rural Parish Council	£600
D6	Kinnerley Dragons Football Club	Defer
D7	Dial a Ride	Defer
D8	St Mary's PCC Knockin	Defer
D9	Oswestry Access Group	Defer
D10	Rhydycroesau Village Hall	Not Approved
D11	Border Holiday Club	Not Approved
D12	Qube Olympic Torch Workshops	Not Approved
D13	Bryn Offa Parents Association	Withdrawn
TOTAL		£2,171.00

- 2.7 One application received had been approved under delegated authority due to the urgency of the project timescales. This application is as follows:

D14	Friends of Montgomery Canal	£500
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TOTAL SPEND	£2671.00
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	2012/13 budget	£ 15,500
	2011/12 budget carried	£280
	Total of recommendations 12/06/12	£ 2,171.00
	Spend to date in 2012/13 (delegated applications)	£ 500
	Delegation of arts funding to Oswestry & District Arts Association	£1,151
	Delegation of funding to Oswestry & District Sports Association- 5% of 2012/13 budget	£775
	Balance remaining	£11,183

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3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

- 3.1 In determining this recommendation the Council has considered reputational risk and the course of action minimises this risk.
- 3.2 The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998.
- 3.3 The proposals under consideration will improve the levels of community based and community driven activity in the LJC area.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The funding devolved to the LJC can be used for a number of different purposes over the year. At the present time, the Committee has not allocated funds to any specific purposes but has indicated that it will receive applications from local organisations for eligible purposes. Funding by the LJC must comply with the general Financial Rules for LJC's.

5. Background

- 5.1 From 1 April 2009 Shropshire Council created 28 Local Joint Committees (LJC) to operate across the whole of Shropshire. The LJC's are legally constituted decision making Committees of Shropshire Council
- 5.2 The LJC for St Oswald and Llanymynech wards has membership from Shropshire Council (2 members) and parish councils (6 members) all with equal voting rights.
- 5.3 The St Oswald and Llanymynech LJC are responsible for the award and expenditure of the devolved budget. The amount available to the LJC in 2011/12 was reduced as a result of Shropshire Council budget decisions, and a review of locality working in Shropshire. The amount was however supplemented by the transfer of funding previously available for community arts projects in to the LJC budgets, and some under spend carried forward. The 2012/13 budget remains the same at £15,500, with additional arts funding and small amount of carry forward from 2011/12.
- 5.4 Following full council on the 23rd of June 2011 it is recommended that Community Action Officers are given delegated authority to determine urgent and time sensitive matters in consultation and agreement with the Local Joint Committee Chair and/or Vice Chair. Details in this instance can be circulated with other members of the panel to obtain a consensus. This will obviate the need for additional meetings and allow for applications to be agreed between meetings if they are urgent
- 5.5 The total amount available to St Oswald and Llanymynech LJC is calculated as follows:

Total LJC electorate as at August 2010:	6,757
Budget based on this electorate	£15,500
Plus apportioned allocation of community arts budget	£1,151
Plus carry forward of under spend returned grant	£280
TOTAL budget for 2012/13	£ 16,931

- 5.6 The value of recommended projects put forward in this current round total £3256.75 leaving a remaining balance of 10,617.25 for future rounds.

6. Additional Information

- 6.1 A summary of applications received has been compiled and included below.

6.2 Llimeys- Friends of Llanymynech Limeworks Heritage Area

- 6.2.1 'Oswestry & Beyond' is a part of The National Heritage Open Day events - an annual nationwide series of events and open days giving the general public opportunities to explore and experience in new ways heritage sites and places of historic interest across the UK for free. The Llanymynech Limeworks Heritage Project have been involved in 'Oswestry & Beyond' since its inception in 2010 – offering tours, practical demonstrations and talks about the Hoffman Kiln and the Limeworks Heritage Centre. In 2011 they invited local artist, Freya Evans, to create a light installation within the Hoffman Kiln as part of the event and this year they would like to extend the notion of how visitors can experience this heritage site in new ways by working in collaboration with local film programmers, kinokulture, to screen a programme of archive film accompanied by a live improvised sound track by Oswestry based musician Barry Edwards. This extraordinary one off event would act as finale to the 'Oswestry & Beyond' attractions giving visitors a new insight and perspective on both the visual nature and the acoustics of the Hoffman kiln. **Total project costs £641, LJC request £171 with match funding £250 PRS music fund, £100 awards for all, £120 ODAA secured.**

- 6.2.2 Need and Demand – The 2011 'Oswestry & Beyond' events attracted over 1000 visitors with 300 visitors to The Limeworks Heritage Centre and Hoffman Kiln in Llanymynech. Visitors to these events were a mix of local residents, cross border visitors as well as a substantial number of people visiting from across the county and the West Midlands region. Feedback from visitors over the past two years to these events has indicated that the 'Oswestry & Beyond' events are extremely well organised with coordinated transport between events and attractions and are highly interesting, informative and entertaining and are a great family day out. Response to the lightworks event in the Hoffman Kiln last year was extremely positive and the archive film screenings that kinokulture have screened over the past two years in the Attfield Theatre have proven to be very popular and a much appreciated aspect to National Heritage Open Days that doesn't occur in other communities. Last year's visitors to Llanymynech expressed their desire for another innovative event this year. The evening performance at Llanymynech provides a suitable finale to 'Oswestry & Beyond'. All the organisations that have been involved in developing activities and events for 'Oswestry & Beyond' over the past two years have worked extremely hard to establish these events as a regional benchmark increasing tourism to the local area and extending each year on

the creative possibilities in encouraging visitors and residents to appreciate the local heritage in new ways

6.3 West Mercia Police- Ramped Project

6.3.1 The funding will be used to pay for the hire of the “Ramped Project”. This provides youth workers, skate ramps and skate programme including health and safety advice and competitions for example. The project will act as diversionary engagement for the young people of Llanymynech and Morda and surrounding areas. The project will build and strengthen relationships between Police/Youth service/other agencies and the young people who will benefit from this event. The activity will help promote fitness, health and wellbeing. The young people during summer holidays often comment that there is nothing to do around these two areas and their boredom leads to perceived anti-social behaviour, i.e. hanging around in public places trying to have fun. **Total project costs £1,000, LJC request £600 and match funding £200 PMCG and £200 ASB being processed.**

6.3.2 Need and demand – The skate park was used last year during the summer holidays in Llanymynech and proved very successful, with the majority of young people requesting that it returned. Llanymynech had the largest turn of young people over the northern area with over 35 young people attending demonstrating its popularity with young people in the area. Morda has not yet had the skatepark but a more permanent skatepark has been requested in the area. There are a large percentage of young people between 8 -18years which have an interest in BMX stunts, biking, rollerblading/skating. As there are limited resources in Llanymynech and Morda for young people to practise or perform their tricks they tend to use local property such as park benches, steps, curbs etc. The youth service already works with young people in Morda and voluntary youth project in Llanymynech and helps divert behaviours in a positive way. Following consultation between the youth workers and West Mercia Police, it is felt that this activity will aid the young people taking part in positive activities. Ramped is a very clear project programme that teaches young people health and safety, provides safe competitions, 3 youth workers for a full day from 10-4, the day allows non skaters to come along and learn and teach tricks with bikes and equipment provided. The programme will provide information on the maintenance of bikes and light refreshments throughout the day. There are some great links here with police initiatives particularly in providing advice to young people about safety on bikes during summer holidays as well as an opportunity for the police to build relations.

6.4 Rhydygroesau Village Hall

6.4.1 The purpose of this project is to enable the Village Hall Management Committee to meet its obligations under the Disability Act to provide protection from the weather for disabled people as they enter the building (and also to help the many elderly and inform Hall users as well as the general public). The existing electric power door has never worked properly and it manufacturer has been unable to correct the faults. The malfunction of this equipment results in significant heat loss from the building, so the porch solution is also therefore, seen as delivering an energy efficiency bonus. As such the project will support all the many and varied uses of this busy community building, including the Community Shop, outreach Post Office and the usual mix of cultural and social activities. Feedback from users of the Hall has strongly reinforced the observations of Members of the Management

Committee that action is required to resolve the problem at the entrance to the building. **Total project costs £3,550, LJC request £2000 and match funding £1550 Maintenance Reserve Fund secured.**

- 6.4.2 Need and demand – Feedback from users of the Hall has strongly reinforced the observations of Members of the Management Committee that action is required to resolve the problem at the entrance to the building. Although the legal obligation of the Committee is skewed towards the needs of disabled people, the project will deliver benefits for the community shop and all other organisations delivering goods and materials to the building in support of the activities undertaken there. The annual footfall at the hall is estimated at 2000. The percentage of users with disabilities is unknown but significant. The project will provide improved comfort for disabled people, the elderly and access for the community, and improved energy efficiency.

6.5 Llanymynech Good Companions

- 6.5.1 The aim of the project is to offer social activities to members of the club, by drawing them together and encouraging members to take part in the varied activities that they strive to provide for them. It is a club for elderly members of the community and has meetings once a month at the church hall, at which they arrange speakers who speak on a variety of issues including charity work & slides shown as they speak. Refreshments are made available at each meeting and mostly prepared by the members of the club. The club arrange outings at various times during the year. As members of the Oswestry and District Association for the elderly, the club support them at the annual carol service and any other get together that they arrange. Members have all enjoyed activities that are provided for them and seem to appreciate the companionship and friendship that they experience. The group believe that the activities that they provide go in some way to improving their quality of life. **Total project Costs £1,500, LJC request £1000 and match funding £ 300 request to Powys CC and £150 applied for to Carreghofa CC.**

- 6.5.2 Need and demand – The membership numbers at present are approximately 45. Members attend from Llanymynech and Pant and have three members who attend from Oswestry and have been members for some years. Each member pays a subscription of £5 annually. The group hold a raffle at each meeting- prizes are donated by the members. They also have an annual harvest thanksgiving service followed by an auction. The above mentioned is the members contribution to boost club funds. On outings the group encourage members to bring along a friend or neighbour when seats are available. Receiving grants allows the group to provide a free coach trip whenever possible and at the same time it cuts down the cost for the day by approx 50% for members leaving them to pay only for their meals for the day and are pleased to be able to do this.

6.6 Llanymynech Pre School- Border Holiday Club

- 6.6.1 To provide summer holiday club care for up to 24 children ages 3-11 years for children in the village and surrounding areas to access a safe playscheme whilst parents are at work. Fully qualified staff will supervise children and provide fun activities with themed weeks. Children will play games, take part in craft activities and learn about healthy eating. The pre-school are fully inclusive and open to all. Staff are fully trained in first aid, child protection and

special education needs. The setting is OFSTED inspected having 5 outcomes of outstanding at their last inspection. They are registered with Shropshire Council and insured with royal sun alliance. They wish for parents and carers to benefit from local affordable childcare without the expense of traveling into towns. **Total project costs £5038.27, LJC request estimated at £1,379.77 with match funding £200 Surestart and £98.50 coffee morning fundraiser secured to date.**

- 6.6.2 Need and demand – For the past 5 years the pre-school have had a holiday club running at the village hall. However due to the recession numbers have fallen. The pre-school are a non for profit making organisation but cannot afford to run at a loss. Through promotion they would like to achieve more take up of families within this area. They strive to keep fees at a reasonable rate to that low income families can afford to come to us. A new housing estate in Shropshire includes a number of housing association homes which has attracted new families to the area, where support is necessary. The pre-school would like to sustain reasonable childcare for these families. During the Easter holidays the pre-school had to close on one day due to low numbers as our costs would not have been met. The pre-school need at least 12 children to meet their costs daily. If the pre-school can promote the activity and bring in more families this in turn will promote the village hall and the rent will help sustain the village hall income and other activities taking place at the hall.

6.7 Morda Queen's Jubilee Cream Tea

- 6.7.1 Morda Golden Garden Association are looking to hold a community event at Morda to celebrate the Queens Jubilee, to bring the village together to enjoy an afternoon out, with an old fashioned cream tea with old English games. The aim is to bring everybody together to celebrate a very important year for our Queen, whilst uniting all ages through fancy dress, gardening, crafts and picnicking! **Total project costs: £765, LJC request at £300 with match funding £100 craft events, Shropshire Community Fund CCS £215, £150 diamond jubilee being investigated.**

- 6.7.2 Need and demand-The project activity is to celebrate a national event. The project is needed as Morda is considered a deprived area through national statistics and has youth related issues. Providing a community event of this nature helps the local community and local people to network both socially and amongst business, encouraging a sense of belonging. The group have consulted with the community, school, pre-school, pub and shop- all of whom are on board and agree there is a need for this type of celebration in Morda. Demand for this event is highest within the youth sector where housing with little or no outside recreational space is available to them. The project will act as an intergenerational project for the older generation to teach the youngsters how to play many games that they did when they were at school. This is a special one off event with the Queens Jubilee for the community.

6.8 Kinnerley Dragons Football Club

- 6.8.1 Kinnerley are seeking funds to set up and establish Kinnerley Dragons Football Club, a club that will provide local players from Kinnerley and the surrounding areas an opportunity to play club football under the guidance of fully trained and FA certified coaches. A team would be entered into the

Shropshire F.A Junior league where they would play games each week. The club would also have a weekly training session to teach the players new skills and prepare for the next game. The club hope that the formation of the football club will offer children an environment that not only teaches them the skills required to become better sports people but will help their fitness levels and general discipline. **Total project costs £2,282, LJC request at £1,881.60 and match funding £100 fundraising, £300 shirt sponsorship secured.**

- 6.8.2 Need and demand-Having spoken on numerous occasions to parents it was apparent that their children wanted to play football on a more regular basis but due to over subscription and local football clubs were finding it difficult. It was decided that Kinnerley would set up a local team to cater for these children and any other children in surrounding areas in the same situation. Upon consultation with the Shropshire F.A, it was noted that a team from the Kinnerley area would be encouraged as it had been identified that the area had a lack of registered children playing for teams. Upon reading the Parish plan for Kinnerley it was noted that when local people within the parish were asked what new activities they would like, 30 people said a new youth football team. It also quotes " There is already an area of the playing field suitable for football; in addition there is the all-weather tennis court which doubles up as a five a side football pitch in the winter months". It also noted the need to "establish more after school activities for children aged 5-16 and encourage local people with skills in such activities as sports. "Initially the club aim to submit 1 team in the under 11's league but hope that with the setting up of a committee and club constitution, parents of children in other age categories would be encouraged to set up teams that would fall under the clubs umbrella as is the case in other clubs such as Llanymynech and Oswestry boys.

6.9 Oswestry Rural Parish Council

- 6.9.1 The parish council look at each planning application both at their planning sub committee meeting and monthly council meetings. The Parish Council need to project images of the planning applications for councillors and the public. Up to the 31st of March 2012 Shropshire Council provided paper copies to parish clerks but due to cuts have ceased to do so hence their request for this aid. **Total project costs £600, LJC request at £600 and currently no match funding available.**

- 6.9.2 Need and demand-Consultation was undertaken with Ian Kilby, Head of Development of Shropshire Council who informed the Chair of the sub committee for planning at Oswestry Rural PC that the Parish Council were in the top 23 councils in terms of volume of planning applications received. If a projector is used members of the public who are not computer literate can view plans and maps during the meeting. At present the clerk has to print copies off the on-line planning pages and this is expensive and time consuming. The impact of not receiving support for this project would mean that the parish council over spend on their equipment budget that is set aside for renewal/ repairs of the Parish Council laptop that is indispensable. This application if supported would help long term sustainability.

6.10 Qube – Olympic Torch Workshops

- 6.10.1 For this project Qube will be working in partnership with four Primary schools from the LJC area:Kinnerley CE Primary, Maesbury Primary School, Bryn Offa

CE, Trefonen Primary School and Morda Primary School. The project will be based around the theme of the Olympics and sports and will consist of a number of arts activities designed to encourage involvement in significant events occurring in the area in 2012. The particular events to be celebrated in 2012 are the Olympic Torch procession, Oswestry Games and Olympic Games. The project will facilitate workshops to design and create an Olympic torch. The workshops aim to broaden understanding of ways artists produce initial designs, encourage the development of ideas by making notes, drawings and photographs and lastly discuss how objects or available media will influence the final design. Each school will be provided with a local arts facilitator for the equivalent of one day. The facilitator will help the children to develop a design for an Olympic torch and then, using a broad range of media and recycled materials the children will create the torch, reflecting their initial design. Materials will be provided for the workshops. However participants will be encouraged to supplement those provided with additional elements if needed. This will make sure the young people have access to the right tools- and give the opportunity to try different media without significant outlay. Once the torches are created they will have a number of uses. School children and community participants, with their torches, will line the Olympic torch route through Morda and Llanymynech on the 30th May to cheer the Olympic torch through the town. A selection of torches and their developmental designs will form part of the Olympic and sports exhibition at Qube Gallery running from 6th July to 4th August and lastly will be available for use to support the opening of the Oswestry Games on the 6th July. **Total project costs £2,692.50, LJC request £1430 and match funding in kind contribution of £1,162.50 (150 hours at £7.75) and Qube £100 secured.**

6.10.2 Need and Demand- All the schools contacted are very enthusiastic to be a part of this exciting project and, in discussions, have identified benefits both to teachers and young people. Projects that facilitate artists going into schools can contribute at many levels to young people learning in, through and about the arts, and help to identify for young people the role of the arts in cultural events. Working with professional artists helps young people to recognise that there is a process behind finished pieces of art. Young people can learn how artists gain inspiration from a variety of sources, including their own experiences and environment; their own and other cultures and historical and contemporary sources. Young people can find out about the importance of research in helping artists to develop their own work. The project provides opportunities for pupils to share their work with each other, with their teachers, with parents and with the wider community through supporting the torch relay and the exhibition of selected pieces at Qube gallery. An artist's presence in a school can be a catalyst for pupils being more open about their own interest in the arts. Many pupils find that artists encourage experimentation, and that this helps to build up confidence

6.11. Oswestry Access Group

6.11.1 The Oswestry Access Group are looking to produce an up to date guide for the Oswestry Area, giving specific information on local business, attractions, restaurants for example. The group would like to ensure a good quality so that the guide lasts. **Total project costs estimated at £ 3000-£4000, LJC request at approximately £500 and match funding being investigated from OTC, Chamber of Commerce, LJC Clusters to be approached. Details currently unconfirmed.**

6.11.2 Need and Demand- A full application has not been submitted to date but is expected. The project will provide guidance and advice through a new brochure for the whole area. Further information requested to guide the committee decision.

6.12 Bryn Offa Parents Association (Deferred Application)

6.12.1 This application has been submitted by Bryn Offa Parents Association. The project costs are to support in taking 112 school pupils to Theatre Severn. The trip would provide a trip for young people to look forward to and also support with new children potentially joining from Maesbury (currently estimated at 15 pupils). It has come to the attention of the PA that there are a number of parents who are unable to afford such events especially those who have more than one child in school. The children would be unable to attend this or something similar events as a whole. This project aims to develop and embed a culture of music and theatre in and around the school by providing real theatre opportunity, outside the limits of the National Curriculum and encouraging talented young people and inspire their peers. The project will enable young people from a rurally isolated and economically deprived area to experience the thrill of live theatre, the exhilaration attached to seeing a performance and gain an insight which could potentially lead to further educational interest and confidence. **Total project costs £ 1700- £1900, LJC funding request £1500 with fundraising to be put in place to secure match funding.**

6.12.2 Need and demand- The project would benefit all children from the area attending the school; currently including Llanymynech, Pant, Llynclys, Llanyblodwel and soon Maesbury for example. This would be a cultural leisure event that some children would not necessarily otherwise be able to access without this funding. The community is made up of small, remote villages, geographically isolated and rurally situated, making opportunities to access theatre for young people limited and hard to access. **This project application has now been withdrawn based on possible future applications.**

6.13 St Marys PCC, Knockin (Deferred Application)

6.13.1 This application is submitted by the PCC of St Mary's, Knockin. The culvert that runs behind St Mary's Church, Knockin has started to collapse into the brook. The Parochial Church Council has been forced to implement initial emergency work to the east wall and windows from potential serious erosion. Frost has got behind the stone work of the river bank and has resulted in pushing sandstone into the water. Whilst the PCC are ultimately responsible for maintaining the perimeter of the churchyard adjacent to the stream, the congregation is small and is continually being asked for funds to maintain the church. The last quinquennial survey identified some £35,000 of work to the building required in a 5 year period; this did not include work to the sincam bank. The PCC has already funded approximately £1300 to halt erosion to the wall nearest the east windows. Ecclesiastical insurance deny any liability. **Total project costs £3000, LJC funding request £1,700 with £1300 match funding secured.**

6.13.2 Need and demand - The area is recognised in the parish plan as being a local point of the community and indicates that its availability is valued by 72% of parish resident's. The church being a grade 2 listed building is also a public

asset and will eventually have to be maintained by the Parish Council - when the churchyard is closed. In order to ensure the long term preservation of the building it is necessary to restore the training wall. The project will improve safety around the church for the foreseeable future. The church is a visitor attraction and plays a large part in the heritage connected to Knockin Castle. The area as a whole is linked to walking routes and parish paths, an area the group are keen to encourage to support, ensuring benefit for local tourism and businesses in the area. **The application following the last round is being investigated through the Conservation Team regarding Scheduled Monument Area and links through English Heritage. Based on current information the committee is recommending further deferral until information confirmed via the conservation team.**

6.14 Oswestry Dial a Ride (Deferred Application)

6.14.1 This application has been submitted by Oswestry Dial a Ride to support the cost of installing new computer software to improve the service offered to clients. The group currently serve 18 % of local people from the area that have transport needs in the St Oswald and Llanymynech area. Oswestry Community Action currently run 6 minibuses on a community transport scheme and 6 community cars. They run a well established Dial a Ride service covering Oswestry and surrounding areas. In addition the charity run trips further afield for local community groups and nursing homes, plus Qube's Trip Club at weekends. Over the last 18 months the service has expanded dramatically and they expect to cover over 100,000km this year, this is an estimated increase of 10,000km on last years's mileage. A lot more people now have a need for our service and as a result the Dial a Ride memberships and journeys have increased. In order to expand and provide a service for more people they would like to install a new software package for Dial a ride. **Total project cost £11,260.00, LJC funding requested £585.75 with match funding of £10,674 secured. Further £1171.5 secured from Ellesmere LJC and Gobowen, St Martins & Selattyn LJC.**

6.14.2 Need and demand- Due to the increase in clients in the last year the current computer system does not in any way aid the transport department. A new system would improve the efficiencies of the Dial a Ride service and improve the standard and flexibility of the service currently provided to our clients. The Shropshire Community Transport Consortium is backing this software and Shrewsbury Dial a Ride has already received funding for the package from two local LJC's. The benefits of having the same system across the county will allow the transfer of work if crossing boundaries and a more flexible service for the client. This is replacement software and therefore is intended to enhance and improve the service to our clients. The current software was installed over 11 years ago and due to the high demand for our service is now not fit for purpose. The current system is very limited and is not web based.

6.15 Friends of Montgomery Canal

6.15.1 For the first time an event that will use the whole 35 miles of the Montgomery Canal towpath is planned. The project will draw attention to the provision of a cycle- way from Newtown, the restored canal in Wales and the current restoration of the Dry Section and the restored canal in Shropshire. For 26 years a Dinghy Dawdle has been held over different section of the canal originally to draw attention to the dropped bridges that required re-instating,

but this event has been limited to 6 miles. By involving entrants with different disciplines, cycling, walking as well as canoeing and covering 35 miles in one day, the event will have a much wider appeal, and a much wider impact. It is being supported by Sustrans, Canoe Wales, Paddlesports, the Inland Waterways Association, Welshpool Town Council and British Waterways.

- 6.15.2 Need and Demand- The restoration of the canal started in 1969, and nearly 20 miles of the 35 miles have been restored. The current aim is to complete the dry section to the border which would make Llanymynech a destination for boaters, and greatly enhance the Heritage Site there. The project will encourage tourism and canal use in the area, increasing visitor spend and stay in the area as a whole.

7.0 Conclusions

- 7.1 The applications are recommended, not approved or deferred following consideration of benefit to the community, following need, demand and assessment checklist. The LJC considers the applications received, and awards funding to those organisations and their projects as recommended in this report.

8.0 Future Funding

- 8.1 In view of the reduced funding available, the LJC will consider future applications and project proposals with the following themes in mind: economic development, activities for young people and older people, building capacity and supporting sustainable development, improving the local environment- built and natural, celebrating local heritage, arts and culture and sports development
- 8.2 The next LJC meeting is scheduled to take place at 7.00 pm on the 2nd October 2012 Trefonen Village Hall. Application closing date will be 28th of August 2012.
- 8.3 For information about applying for an LJC grant and to receive an application form, contact Corrie Davies, Community Action Officer as follows:

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

Draft Medium Term Financial Plan 2011/12-2012/14, Appendix 5. Report to Cabinet 13 th January 2011 Locality Working Local joint Committees. Report to Cabinet 9 th December 2010 Amendment to LJC Constitution. Report to Council 23 rd June 2011 LJC Applications forms for projects listed
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Report on the delegation of funding to Oswestry & District Sports Association 4th October 2011
Report on the delegation of funding to Oswestry Arts Association 4th October 2011

Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)

Councillor Gwilym Butler Flourishing Shropshire Communities

Local Member

Councillors Arthur Walpole, Joyce Barrow, David G Lloyd and Trevor Davies

Appendices

None