

**2012/13 FINANCE REPORT, INCLUDING UPDATE ON FUNDING REQUESTS  
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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 Seven new applications and three deferred applications have been received for this reporting period. These were considered at the planning meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> of September 2012. The recommendations from the planning meeting feature in this report, and are put forward to the LJC to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October 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 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.

- 2.4 That the LJC contributes £1,500 for the installation of Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) within the LJC area at Pant as recommended in this report.
- 2.5 Applications for funding were considered at the planning meeting 11<sup>th</sup> of September and recommendations totalling £ 5,650 are now put forward to the St Oswald LJC for consideration. These are as follows:

8.17	Pant Memorial Institute- Jubilee Garden	Defer
8.18	St Michael's Llanyblodwel- Community Events Project	£600
8.19	Llanyblodwel & Porthywaen Memorial Hall- Widening of vehicle entrance	£800
8.20	Oswestry Rural Parish- Morda Play Area/ Equipment	£1000
8.21	Dovaston United Reform- Church Hall Heating	£750
8.22	Knockin Amenity Area	£ 1000
8.23	Oswestry Sibling Group	Not Approved
8.24	Vehicle Activated Signs	£1500
8.7	Dial a Ride	Complete
8.12	Oswestry Access Group	Deferred
8.13	St Mary's PCC Knockin	Deferred
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£5,650</b>

	2012/13 budget	£ 15,500
	2011/12 budget carried	£280
	Spend to date in 2012/13	£5,497
	Round 2 request total	£8,695
	Total recommendation Round 2	£ 5,650
	<b>Current balance remaining</b>	<b>£5,784</b>

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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 (4 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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
<b>TOTAL budget for 2012/13</b>	<b>£ 16,931</b>

- 5.6 The value of recommended projects put forward in this current round total **£5,650** leaving a remaining balance of **£5,784** for future rounds.

#### **6. Additional Information**

- 6.1 A summary of applications received has been compiled and included below.
- 6.2 Pant Memorial Hall- Jubilee Garden

6.2.1 Pant Memorial Hall would like to convert a small area of garden adjacent to the Memorial Hall into a jubilee garden. The project would contribute to the community life at the heart of the village, being opposite to the shop and Post Office where there is currently a seat and red phone box. The Village Hall would like to commemorate the year of Queen Elizabeth II for future generations to remember. It is a small project with a long term goal. **Total project costs £433 (£145 Plants, general clearance and £288 labour), LJC request £433 with no match funding currently available through the Village Hall Committee.**

6.2.2 Need and Demand –The stone wall bounding one side of the garden is in need of repair to meet safety standards. There is no other place for anyone to sit and rest in this part of the village. The jubilee garden would be there for all members of the community, young and elderly to sit and use. Currently the area is not very attractive and Pant Memorial Hall Committee feels they could increase their visitor welcome by having a nice green and clean area. The project has come to the attention through discussion as a hall committee at the AGM in March and through working with the PC to make the area look nice for the Olympic Torch procession in May. Even though the Olympic torch has now visited, the village hall committee still feel this is an important project. The hall is on the A483 main trunk road. Many hundreds of vehicles pass the hall each day and a garden would add to the appearance of the hall and village. Tourism is a key feature in Llanymynech and Pant area with visitors driving through Pant to visit the Limekiln Heritage Area and wildlife areas. The appearance of the area is important to the visitor experience in Shropshire and provides a better welcome.

### 6.3 St Michael's Llanyblodwel- Community Church Events Project

6.3.1 The aim of the project is to provide the local community with facilities which enable refreshments and buffets to be served at community events. Purpose includes the purchase of a hot water boiler and folding tables to encourage the local community to use Llanyblodwel Church for community events. Llanyblodwel Village no longer has a public house that is open at regular times to serve the community needs; the church is the only community space available for both local people and visitors to access. Llanyblodwel Church has responded to this gap in provision by making the local church more accessible for community events. A calendar of events is held at the Church year round and open to the community. These include mothers union meetings; one off concerts and live music events; afternoon tea for walkers; photography exhibitions; craft fares; village garden open days; and as a base for local sponsored events. At present, refreshments for events are available for community events sporadically based on volunteer capacity. But the church is struggling to respond to local demand for facilities to serve hot drinks and light snacks, as they do not have the facilities to serve hot water safely or tables fit for serving buffet food on. The tea and coffee making facilities currently consist of a free standing boiler placed when required on a workshop adjacent to the sink and manually filled through the top via a loose fitting lid. The PCC are concerned and have been for some time based on the boilers age, length of time it takes to boil and health and safety. A resolution was put to the PCC on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May 2012 to replace the current boiler with an up to date model that would be plumbed in and self- filling, to eliminate safety issues. The resolution was approved unanimously. **Total project costs £ 1200.02( 3 6ft folding go-pack tables at £377.43 and 2 4ft folding**

**go-pack tables at £208.59, boiler at £444, installation materials £100) LJC request £ 1130.02 and match funding included with installation costs and labour covered by members in kind at a total of £70.00**

- 6.3.2 Need and demand –The church is the only organisation within the Llanyblodwel village actively trying to re-create a sense of social community spirit within the village and if this can be achieved with the volunteers and limited resources then it will provide a tremendous boost to the community living there as a whole. The events held at the church attract audiences from throughout the community and beyond and are aware from feedback from attendees that refreshments following events would be appreciated and attract more people to future occasions. To offer refreshments to all, following activities, would definitely increase numbers attending, resulting in larger community gatherings which the church is attempting to achieve especially as the village has no shop or school and the local public house has limited opening hours. The new facilities would enable the church volunteers to offer more refreshments quicker and safer. Whilst the church hosts many community events, they would like to host more. They are currently unable to respond to current demand which goes unmet. It will enable the church to reach the older demographic in the community for organised events, where hot drinks are preferred. The Llanyblodwel Parish Plan stipulates that some 283 people attend place of worship in the area, with many respondents saying they would like to see more mid-week groups meeting and utilising the church space. 186 people said they would help in organising such activities. Provision for both young people and the older generations were considered important to the area.

#### 6.4 Llanyblodwel & Porthywaen Memorial Institute

- 6.4.1 Llanyblodwel and Porthywaen Memorial Hall are applying to the LJC for funding to widen the entrance to the vehicle access road, leading to Institute. The present entrance at the institute is too narrow for coaches, refuge collection vehicles and all large vehicles that use the hall. They either cannot manoeuvre the entrance with the safety for their vehicles or to the traffic on the main road; especially in light of traffic approaching and coming over the bridge from the Oswestry direction which is upon the entrance to the institute. Some of the coaches do not try to engage the entrance and load up on the main road, causing severe risk to those getting on or off the coach. To widen the entrance would be of benefit to everyone with convenience and safety to the general public as a priority concern. **Total project costs £ 1000 (£475 materials and £325 labour, £200 land), LJC request £ 800 and match funding £200 in kind costs of land acquired and secured.**

- 6.4.2 Need and demand –.There is a need by user groups to access the lane to the institute easily so they can load up their passengers on the car park with safety. This is a key priority for the Institute which is a popular hall for parties and events by the village and neighbouring parishes. The hall is keen to continue to engage new user groups for the institute's future sustainability and to ensure that users should not be placed in an unsafe position, at no fault of their own. Easier access to the hall would mean the larger functions such as charity and social events held at the hall could hire coaches and the like for their transport, mindful of drink and drive regulations after social events. The road from the bottom of Blodwel Bank to the Institute is identified within the Parish Plan as unsafe and for the Institute this provides a solution to their problem.

## 6.5 Oswestry Rural PC- Morda Play Area-Exercise Equipment

6.5.1 Oswestry Rural Parish Council applies to the committee on behalf of the community for two or three pieces of exercise equipment for the use of older children and adults in the existing play area in Morda. The aim of the project is to encourage young adults and older generation to take up exercise in the outdoors. The parish council were approached by a 12 year old girl and a signed petition from 116 residents with this request. At present there is no alternative group for the application to be submitted from, so whilst the project is fronted by the Parish Council it is in fact a project for the community and the residents who have made this specific request. **Total project Costs £ 3998 (3 pieces of equipment plus grass matting and installation), LJC request £ 1998 and match funding £ 2000 from underspend on project at Trefonen.**

6.5.2 Need and demand – The project is evidenced through a petition signed by 116 residents in Morda, which was handed into a recent Oswestry Rural Parish Council meeting. A 12 year old girl had walked around the village collecting the signatures after seeing the equipment in Cae Glas Park in Oswestry, which has been recently been renewed. The commitment demonstrated by the 12 year old was impressive. Health demographics show that there is a need for more active participation by all ages within the area, highlighted as a deprived area. Within the Active Oswestry- Community Engagement in Oswestry June 2010 Report a young mum of 23 from Morda stipulates “As a low income family, we just can’t afford it (leisure activities)” The aim of the project is to provide simple equipment that encourages a more healthy active lifestyle in an area that is known and recorded as having a strong need.

## 6.6 Dovaston United Reform – Church Hall Heating

6.6.1 The church hall project aim is to replace the out of date, inefficient heating system in the hall, toilets and kitchen which is now failing on a regular basis. The church hall which is used for church based purposes and also as outreach into the community plays a key role in the village of Dovaston as well as the surrounding villages and hamlets. Generally there is no rental charge of any user group at the hall but the various groups do from time to time make voluntary donations. **Total project costs £ 1917.50 (£1067.50 for a 4heat store 3w ceramic heaters £600 installation and £250 re-decoration), LJC request estimated at £ 1500 with match funding confirmed at £417.50 from Dovaston URC.**

6.6.2 Need and demand- At present the wall mounted bar heaters have become unreliable in use (installed 17 years ago). The hall is used regularly by church groups including the junior church and also the local youth group. The hall has 16 young people aged 2-14 years of age in the junior church group and 14 young people aged 12-16 in the youth group. In addition the hall is used regularly by the Luncheon Club which has members from Dovaston, Kinnerley, Maesbrook, Crew Green, Edgerley and Knockin. Similarly the Good Companions act as a senior citizens friendship and social group, engaging with similar neighbouring parishes. The hall is used by the Scottish Dancers Group which is a mixed age group, consisting of members from Dovaston, Molverley, Pant, Llanymynech and Pen-y-Bont. The hall is also home to a Mums and Toddler Group with young up to the age of four attending from

Dovaston, Knockin Heath and Kinnerley area. The Luncheon Club has 35 members, the Good Companions 32, Scottish Dancers 12 and Moms and Toddlers 7-10 currently. A non-combat group also meets at the hall and this has members aged between 16-40 years of age and again adds to the array of use made by the community. A new heating system will ensure that all of the above community groups can continue to use the facilities and have dependable heating particularly through winter months. This is particularly important to the senior citizens group and toddlers who use the hall regularly.

## 6.7 Knockin Amenity Area

6.7.1 To purchase Knockin Amenity Area- Knockin Parish Council has leased the Amenity Area which is directly behind Knockin Assembly Rooms from the Edwards family for the past 20 years, during this time the Parish Council have maintained the area to enable local people to use it as an amenity area. Following the death of both Mr and Mrs Edwards the land has come up for sale and in order to ensure that the land continues to be an amenity area the Parish Council would now like to buy it. This would support a number of community users groups as described in the following detail. **Total project costs: £11,000 (£10,000 costs of purchase of land, £1000 legal fees), LJC request at £ 2000 with match funding from the PC at £ 1000, Fundraising £1000 (events planned by the assembly) Grants to be applied for £5000 and £4000 loan (amount dependent on grants received)**

6.7.2 Need and demand- The field which is less than 1 acre in size is the only amenity area in the parish, it is located directly behind the Assembly Rooms car park and provides a safe location for the young people in the parish to play. Currently there is a netball post and football goal on the field. Whilst the project is being fronted by the Parish Council it is in fact a joint project including Knockin Assembly Rooms Committee, Sup Club (a church group for 5-12 year olds) and Knockin Youth Group (is it possible to state here how many members and age range). All these groups regularly use the hall for outside activities and if the amenity area was to be sold to a private individual it would not be possible for the youth group to continue during the warmer months, as they use the area throughout the summer. In addition to this the Supa clubs runs an annual week long holiday club when the amenity area is used heavily. In a recent survey of all residents of the parish which was undertaken as part of the SAMDEV consultation a high number of respondents wished to see the development of a play area in the village as the number of young families moving into Knockin is growing. If the Parish Council were able to purchase the land then they would be able to develop plans to put play equipment on the area (this is something that was not allowed under the terms of the lease) In addition to this the Parish Plan highlighted the value of the amenity area to the community. 68% stated they would like to see a properly equipped play area. The purchase of the amenity area will ensure that the land is secure for the use of future generations. It is anticipated that one of the conditions of the sale of the land will be a covenant that the land must be used for recreational purposes only. Knockin is a very small parish and the opportunity to purchase this land has seen various community groups come together to ensure that the land is secure for the future.

## 6.8 Oswestry Sibling Group

6.8.1 The Oswestry Sibling Group is a monthly support group for 8-12 year old children who have a brother or sister with a disability or additional needs. The group was set up to provide a fun and safe setting for siblings of disabled children to meet with other children that live in similar situations, with an aim to enhance their lives by providing them with information, support and fun opportunities. Siblings have specific needs that require attention at different stages of their lives, including relief of isolation, information, and strategies for coping with the situations they find themselves in. The age range of the group was decided through discussions with the national charity 'Sibs' as only 1 group would be set up in different areas of the county. We needed to ensure we set up each group for an age range that would be most beneficial. At about age 7 or 8 children start to notice and question the differences between their own families and those of their friends. This is an ideal time to get them attending a sibling group. To ensure the group was manageable and the age range not too large it was decided to go up to age 12 when children will have started secondary school. Each monthly meeting is different from the last and the sessions range from incorporating discussions relating to being a sibling to just having fun doing various activities together as a group. Sessions that have been done for example include:

- Creative, Arts & Crafts – discussing stressful situations and making 'stress balls'; looking at their individual support networks and designing a useful reminder.
- Learning – introductory session on Makaton signs & symbols; cooking; quiz.
- Activities & Trips – tenpin bowling; visit to a small holding; outdoor activities that include climbing, archery, zip wire and go-karting.

Some of the sessions provide the siblings the opportunity to take part in something they have never done before and to share their experiences with other children who have similar life situations. The creative sessions have shown the siblings that they are not alone in issues that they are concerned about and how they feel whilst the activities and trips have helped improve their self-esteem and confidence. Siblings of disabled children are first and foremost children, and they want to be able to live ordinary lives and have positive relationships with their disabled brothers and sisters and with their parents. However, some of the challenges they face on a daily basis make this difficult. For example, they often experience restrictions on family and social activities and on their own behavior at home, unfairness about their brother or sister getting more attention and resources than them, and having to do caring tasks or cope with environmental issues such as persistent noise. Whilst it is recognised that their parents and disabled brothers and sisters need a break, it is rarely acknowledged that siblings need a break too. The current split for the Oswestry group is:

- x3 Morda
- x1 West Felton
- x1 Baschurch
- x1 Oswestry
- x1 Molverley

However the group is open to referrals for all areas surrounding Oswestry and the group will take up to 15 children. **Total project costs £1674, LJC request at £ 834 (£140 venue costs, £300 refreshments, £324 payment for trips/activities £70 additional resources) and match funding secured**



**£600 staffing and £240 work undertaken by group leader to visit referred children and organise and gain resources for each session.**

- 6.8.2 Need and demand- There are no firm figures regarding the amount of disabled children in Shropshire and therefore no information regarding how many siblings of disabled children there are. However, taking into account children who have a statement of special educational needs and those being provided with services it is estimated that there are between 1500-2000 disabled children or children with additional needs living in Shropshire. According to the National Statistics Online (NSO) the average number of children per family is 1.8 which would give approximate figures for siblings of disabled children in Shropshire as 1200-1600. The three Shropshire Sibling Groups that are currently running have worked with and helped 38 individual children aged 8-12 years since the first group started in June 2010. The Oswestry Sibling Group is currently supporting 8 children and will continue to gain referrals to work with up to 15 children at any one time. Peter Burke, in Siblings of Disabled Children, 2004, asserts that "It is evident that attending a siblings group is of benefit to the siblings involved because siblings are, perhaps for the first time, in a group where they are not different from others...siblings gain a voice by attending a group, which enables them to be honest about themselves, to express their fears, anxieties and wishes for the future with other young people who understand." Please also see the enclosed letters from families that attend the Oswestry Sibling Group. Hope House Children's Hospice near Oswestry run a sibling support group but unfortunately children can only attend if their disabled brother or sister is receiving support from them. The British Red Cross Young Carers do accept siblings to their support groups if they carry out some form of caring for their disabled brother or sister but the groups are not sibling specific. Currently for siblings of disabled children in the Oswestry area the 'Oswestry Sibling Group' is the only support group that is specifically for sibling children and open to referrals for any child aged 8-12 years who have a disabled brother or sister. This group fills a gap for those siblings unable to access the Hope House group or who find the British Red Cross Young Carers too generic or not specific to their needs.

6.9 Oswestry Access Group

- 6.9.1 The Oswestry Access Group are looking to produce an up to date guide for the Oswestry Area, giving specific information on local business, attractions, and 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. The group is still currently unable to submit full application.**

- 6.9.2 Need and Demand- A full application has not been submitted to date. The project will provide guidance and advice through a new brochure for the whole area. **Relevant CAO has been out to speak to group and they are still not in a position to submit a full application.**

6.10 St Marys PCC, Knockin (Deferred Application)

- 6.10.1 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.**

6.10.2 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.**

#### 6.11 Oswestry Dial a Ride (Deferred Application)

6.11.1 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.**

6.11.2 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.

**LJC committee signposted to the Baker Fund for further investigation of alternative sources of funding.**

#### 6.12. Vehicle Activated Signs

6.12.1 Following discussions held at the Highways meetings on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July, the St Oswald and Llanymynech LJC agree to recommend support for Vehicle Activated Signs on the A483 in Pant. The vehicle activated signs would be installed within the 30mph speed limit on the A483 in Pant. Works to install the VAS's have recently been taking place. The VAS at the northern end has been installed and is working. The VAS at the southern end has been installed and Shropshire Council are currently awaiting power company to connect an electricity supply. A request for long term support of the project was requested. The committee recommend a contribution of £1500 towards the project with the proposal that a further request could be made for support at a later date based on budgets remaining in the last round.

#### 6.12.2 Need and demand

Long standing problems on the A483 to Pant highlighted through Special Highways meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup> 2011 and regular highways meetings during 2012. More recent discussions with MP Owen Paterson, Councillor Arthur Walpole and Pant Bypass Action Group took place on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July 2012 with Shropshire Council Officers. Solution evidenced through work undertaken by Pant Bypass Group and Shropshire officers. Two years after their installation a review of the effectiveness of the signs will be carried out to ascertain whether there has been a reduction in speeding in these areas.

### 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 19<sup>th</sup> February 2013 Trefonen Village Hall. Application closing date will be 8<sup>th</sup> of January 2013.

- 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<sup>th</sup> January 2011

Locality Working Local joint Committees. Report to Cabinet 9<sup>th</sup> December 2010

Amendment to LJC Constitution. Report to Council 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2011

LJC Applications forms for projects listed

Report on the delegation of funding to Oswestry & District Sports Association 4<sup>th</sup> October 2011

Report on the delegation of funding to Oswestry Arts Association 4<sup>th</sup> October 2011

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**Appendices**

None