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Summary

This report details the most recent applications to the StrettonDale Local Joint Committee Community Chest and provides an update on the projects already awarded funds.

Recommendations

- A It is recommended that the StrettonDale Local Joint Committee allocate funding to those organisations and their projects as set out in Appendix A to this report.
- B It is recommended that the StrettonDale Local Joint Committee note the progress report on organisations and projects which were awarded funds at the 29 September 2009 meeting, set out in Appendix B to this report.
- C It is recommended that StrettonDale Local Joint Committee top up the Community Chest to £5000 and invite applications for over £500 for projects that that fit the adopted LJC priorities

Report

1. At the Implementation Executive on 19 March 2009 it was determined that there will be 28 Local Joint Committees for Shropshire Council. A devolved budget of £22,000 was allocated to the StrettonDale Local Joint Committee based on its electorate (4679).
2. The Constitution governing Local Joint Committees states :
 - a. Each Local Joint Committee (LJC) has a delegated budget which will be confirmed on annual basis.

- b. The LJC must use standard guidelines and application forms when granting funding to third parties
 - c. The LJC budgets will be subject to Shropshire Council's audit procedures.
3. At a meeting of the StrettonDale Local Joint Committee on 9 July 2009, £5,000 of the Committee's devolved budget of £22,000 was allocated to establish a Community Chest. Applications were invited for funding for projects up to a maximum of £500.
 4. At its meeting on 29 September 2009, StrettonDale LJC agreed guidelines for consideration of grant applications to the Community Chest and approved funding totalling £3,080 for seven projects. It was also agreed to top the Community Chest back up to £5,000.
 5. All of the projects in the most recent applications to the Community Chest have been assessed against criteria in the LJC Financial Procedure Notes and the guidelines approved by the Committee. On that basis all of the seven applications listed in Appendix A are recommended for approval.
 6. A progress report on projects awarded funding at the 29 September 2009 meeting is attached at appendix B

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

Locality Working – New ways of Working – Implementation Executive 19 March 2009

StrettonDale Local Joint Committee – Devolved Budget report 9 July 2009

StrettonDale Local Joint Committee - Community Chest Report 29 September 2009

Note of StrettonDale Local Joint Committee 29 September 2009

Human Rights Act Appraisal

The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights act 1998

Environmental Appraisal

Not applicable

Risk Management Appraisal

All funding applications are assessed against agreed criteria which will minimise any risks associated with these projects

Community / Consultations Appraisal

None

Cabinet Member

Councillor Gwilym Butler – Portfolio Holder for Community Working and Customer Services

Local Shropshire Council Members

Councillor David Evans

Councillor James Gibson
Councillor Cecilia Motley

LJC Parish and Town Councillors

Councillor Peter Relph
Councillor Lynne Gray
Councillor Mel McFarland

Appendices

Appendix A - Applications for consideration at 6 January 2010 meeting
Appendix B - Update Report on projects awarded funding by StrettonDale LJC (20)
Community Chest Fund 29 September 2009

APPENDIX A

StrettonDale LJC (20) Grant report form. Date: January 2010

Ref	Organisation and contact	Summary and potential outcomes	Total cost	Requested	Recommended	Notes	Progress report
SD10	Longmynd Arts. Philip Walker	Pycoob Dance Festival - ethnic dance workshops, performances and celebratory events in Church Stretton and All Stretton. Learning experience for local people + attracting visitors from further afield	£5300	£300	£300		
SD11	Church Stretton Tree Group. Hilary Hymas	Church Stretton Tree Group promotion and family events. Knowledge of the value of trees and the Tree Group, its work and benefits extended to a wider audience especially families	£790	£500	£500		
SD12	The Shropshire Children's Scrapstore, R and R Centre. Irene Briscoe	New marketing material for 'Scrappies' as a creative arts/educational centre as well as a valuable recycling point. Designs will focus on the location in Church Stretton as a key feature	£1000	£500	£500		
SD13	All Stretton Village Society. Mrs R Grafton	New seat on safe footpath used by local children and adults and also visitors. More people will use path	£497	£385	£385		
SD14	Church Stretton Play Area Action Group. Zoe Keeling	Drawings and consultation for new play area. Improved consultation and designs in keeping with what potential users want and local residents will find acceptable	£650	£500	£500		
SD15	4 Parishes Youth Group. Sue Pugh	Equipment for developing cookery sessions in Rushbury Village Hall. Good practical experience and activity for young people in rural area	£574	£500	£500		
SD 16	Church Stretton Area Partnership	Area events calendar – compilation, design, printing and promotion	£745	£500	£500		
		Total	£9556	£3185	£3185		

APPENDIX B**Update Report on September 09 applications to StrettonDale LJC (20) Community Chest Fund**

RE F	Project + contact	Summary	Requested £	Approved £	Report as of 30.11.09
SD 1	Rushbury VH Planning for the Future. Mrs Merle Lippitt	Professional review of refurbishment/extension/alteration options + QS and Costings	500	500	Architect engaged and is drawing up an options paper with outline drawings/sketches and indicative costs
SD 2	Developing the sustainability of Church Stretton Sunday Football Club. Alan Spandrzyk	Contribution to registration, insurance, changing facilities while committee develop a funding strategy in lieu of current sponsorship deficit	480	480	Pavilion fee (£280) paid. The League and insurance fees (£200) which were paid upfront by committee members from personal accounts can now be reimbursed. This covers the grant has agreed. The club has changed the fee collection from the players, by collecting match fees on the day. So far this has worked better than asking for a lump sum upfront. On the field results were very good, but a recent spell of injuries & very good opposition has tested the squad, with a run of losses. This is the highest division for the Sunday squad & the expectancy is to consolidate mid table this season.
SD 3	Little Acorns of Rushbury. Camille Riley	New equipment for outdoor/indoor play cookery equipment	500	500	Equipment is being purchased but not all at once as there are some storage challenges which will be resolved when the hall is re-modelled
SD 4	Mayfair Youth Club. Ella Charles	Additional sessional youth worker for Friday evenings + room hire	500	500	The project has been delayed due to staff leaving but a new appointment has been made for January.
SD 5	Church Stretton Area	Room hire and administrative costs to enable participation	400	400	To date the Partnership has spent £107.10 on room hire for Full Partnership, Steering groups

	Partnership. Sue Mabbutt	of a wide range of partnership members			and working group meetings. The Steering Group meetings have been working on a new vision statement to take the Partnership forward. The Full Partnership meetings have been looking at which of the initiatives that were originally identified still required the groups' focus (e.g. sports pavilion, economic development of the town) and which were largely complete (e.g. affordable housing, leisure centre).
SD 6	Church Stretton Carers Support Group. Karen Kennedy	Provision of respite for carers to allow time for themselves and mutual support while the person they care for is looked after. Costs of day care and a meeting room	500	500	The group has now received the money. Due to staff sickness absence the project start in December. Initially the fund will be paying for day care at Mayfair which enables carers to attend meetings and trips and gives respite to both. They will keep the LJC informed of the progress of the group and where the money is being spent.
SD 7	Emergency planning. Church Stretton Health and Social Care Partnership. Sue Mabbutt	Preparation and coordination of local resources + appropriate training (eg groups, volunteers, paid staff and facilities) in the event of an emergency, disaster or pandemic	200	200	£200 was received for help with costs such as room hire, printing and travel costs. To date they have spent £45.20 on room hire for 3 meetings. They will soon be printing a questionnaire to be distributed to volunteers and the data obtained will allow them to match a volunteer to the person 'in need' during an emergency such swine flu, extreme heat or extreme cold.
SD 8	Drawing and Cartoon time out. S Shrops Women's Refuge.	Creative art and craft sessions at the South Shropshire Women's Refuge	480		Application withdrawn. It was considered by the Southern Area Partnership
		Totals	3560	3080	

