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COMMUNITY CHEST

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Summary

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

Recommendations

- A It is recommended that the applications from those organisations and their projects as detailed in Appendix A to this report are eligible to be awarded funding.
- B. It is recommended that the applications be considered following brief presentations by the applicants and their responses to questions from LJC members and members of the public, such questions being subject to the Chair's approval.
- C . It is recommended that the progress report on organisations and projects that were awarded funds at the 25th January 2010 meeting, be noted as detailed in Appendix B to this report.
- D . It is recommended that, subject to confirmation by Shropshire Council, any surplus funding from the year 2009/2010 be carried forward and spent in the year 2010/2011.

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. At its meeting on January 25th 2010, StrettonDale LJC approved funding totalling £3,185 for seven projects. It was also agreed to invite applications for Larger Schemes, sums over £500, providing they matched at least one of the priorities agreed at that meeting, in addition to Community Chest applications for grants under £500.
6. All of the projects in the most recent applications to the Community Chest and Larger Schemes Fund have been assessed against criteria in the LJC Financial Procedure Notes and the guidelines approved by the Committee. On that basis, all of the nine applications listed in Appendix A are recommended as eligible for approval.
7. A progress report on projects awarded funding at the 25th January 2010 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

StrettonDale Local Joint Committee - Community Chest Report 25th January 2010

Note of StrettonDale Local Joint Committee 29 September 2009

Note of StrettonDale Local Joint Committee 25th January 2010

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 18th March 2010 meeting
Appendix B - Update Report on projects awarded funding by StrettonDale LJC (20) Community Chest Fund 25th January 2010

APPENDIX A

StrettonDale LJC (20) Grant applications. Date: March 2010 - £15375 available

Ref	Organisation + contact	Summary and potential outcomes	Total cost	Requested	Recommended as eligible for approval	Notes
SD17	Little Stretton Village Hall Improvements. Dr David Haigh	Signage and maintenance work – door treatment, replace two broken windows, clear ivy, re-point east wall. Increased use of hall and better quality provision.	£690	£500	£500	
SD18	Church Stretton Arts Festival. Richard Carter	Performance arts coaching workshops over 4 days for 60 young people + public young people's show based on workshops at festival conclusion.	£2980	£820	£820	
SD19	Stretton Climate Care. Michael Hymas	Develop awareness (leaflets designed, produced and distributed), energy efficiency surveys, advice to households to access grants. Causes of climate change will be reduced and its effects limited by local action which will play its part in a global solution	£1500	£500	£500	
SD21	Church Stretton Area Ring and Ride (Stretton's Mayfair Trust). Nicola McPherson	Support for running costs (insurance, maintenance, tyres etc) for one of the four vehicles used by Ring and Ride. This will enhance to scheme ability to cope with demand and cater for needs of the client group + contribute to longer term sustainability	£5350	£4700	£4700	
SD22	St Laurence Church. Rev Richard Hill	New seating (40 stacking chairs) to enable community uses of church. Church will be available for exhibitions, concerts, public meetings as the largest public venue in the centre of the town.	£2400	£600	£600	

SD23	Church Stretton Town Council (with CS Area Partnership and Shrops Hills Sustainable Tourism Network. Christine Harvey	Production and installation of 18 small and 3 large heritage panels; design, production and installation of illustrated timeline (8 panels) following visitor surveys. Improved visitor attraction and visitor satisfaction resulting in extended stay and repeat visits as well as greater understanding of the significance of the town	£15065	£1500	£1500	
SD24	Church Stretton Community Group. John Woolmer	Community celebration event to mark opening of Leisure Centre and in particular a Kite Festival as colourful and exiting visual display which will promote the event and attract visitors and participants. Increased numbers attracted to event and strong possibility that the Kite Festival with creative workshops will become a regular annual event with local participants.	£3840	£600	£600	
SD26	Church Stretton and District Chamber of Trade - Summerfest. John Gott	Contribution to cost of re-useable items of equipment and material for the Stretton Summerfest in June. The event will be sustainable in future years and thus able contribute to showcasing the town, attracting visitors and offering variety to local residents including local younger people for whom an evening event is planned.	£12800	£3000	£3000	
SD27	Shropshire Cat + Kitten Rescue	Purchase and installation of hospitalization and immunisation facility + small equipment. Will reduce stray cat population and make it easier for vulnerable old people to part with their dearly loved pet when they go into nursing/residential homes	£670	£500	£500	
		NB SD 20 and SD 25 were withdrawn				
		Total	£45295.00	£12720.00	£12720	

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

Ref	Organisation and contact	Summary and potential outcomes	Total cost	Requested	Approved	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	Additional funding to be confirmed. Event to go ahead as planned in April
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	Project to progress as per programme from April
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	Marketing materials to be purchased as agreed
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	Bench to be purchased as agreed. VAT costs (omitted from application) to be met from the Society's own funds

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	Invoice submitted by designer and due to be paid
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	Equipment to be purchased as agreed
SD 16	Church Stretton Area Partnership	Area events calendar – compilation, design, printing and promotion	£745	£500	£500	Events calendar has been compiled and is being printed
		Total	£9556	£3185	£3185	