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Committee

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## StrettonDale LJC grants

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## Summary

This report considers the devolved funding allocated to StrettonDale Local Joint Committee (LJC) for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 up until 31st March 2013.

The Committee has a total budget of **£15,920.80** for the year to fund projects in the local community served by the LJC for the 2011/12 year. This budget consists of £14,000 LJC funding, £980 of arts funding and £940.80 carryover from the 2011/12 budget.

In this financial year 13 projects totalling £8,103 have been awarded grants from the LJC budget, **leaving £7,817.80 to be allocated in this financial year.**

Priorities for funding in 2012/13 are youth based projects; support for the development and implementation of parish plans and support for heritage and jubilee events.

## 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 by the committee and a decision on the level of funding awarded to each project is made at the meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

## Report

### Background

The StrettonDale LJC is responsible for the award and expenditure of a devolved budget.

The total amount available to StrettonDale LJC is calculated as follows:

StrettonDale LJC allocation	£14,000.00
Arts grant allocation	£980.00
Carry forward from 2010/11	£940.80

**TOTAL BUDGET 2011/12            £15,920.80**

1. 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
2. All projects have been assessed against criteria in the LJC Financial Procedure Notes and guidelines. On that basis all the applications listed in Appendix A are recommended as eligible for approval but that members may wish to consider the level of support they wish to offer and also certain conditions they wish to apply.
3. The committee is also asked to note that the overall budget is based on the total population of the LJC area
4. 5 applications have been received requesting a total of £5,173.95 and 1 project has been resubmitted, requesting a change to the project details.
5. If the Committee are to approve all the grants to their full level, this would be a total of £5,173.95 and would leave £2,643.85 to be allocated in the remainder of the 2012/13 financial year.

**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 – 2013/14, 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.

LJC application forms for the projects listed

**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 Flourishing Shropshire Communities

**Local Shropshire Council Members**

Councillor David Evans

Councillor James Gibson

Councillor Cecilia Motley

Councillor Tim Barker

**LJC Parish and Town Councillors**

Councillor Lynne Gray

Councillor Paul Harris

Councillor Mel McFarland

Councillor Alan Mcvittie

Councillor Steve Pennington

Councillor Bob Welch

**Co-opted Members**

John Sumner – StrettonDale Area Partnership

Richard Wilson - Acton Scott Parish Meeting

**Appendices**

Appendix A - Applications for consideration 28<sup>th</sup> June 2012

# APPENDIX A

**StrettonDale LJC (20). Grant applications for LJC meeting, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2012. Projects SD 64 – SD 70 to be funded from £4000 ring-fenced for Jubilee applications**

Ref	Organisation and contact	Summary and potential outcomes	Total cost	Requested	Match funding confirmed
SD 77	Church Stretton Tuesday Day Centre	<p>Church Stretton Tuesday Day Centre meets at the United Reformed Church Hall, in Church Stretton each Tuesday. There is a charge of £6 per person for the day. The Day Centre runs from 10am to 3pm approximately and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* transport to and from the Day Centre</li> <li>* tea/coffee/biscuits on arrival</li> <li>* hot two-course lunch</li> <li>* afternoon entertainment and tea/biscuits or scones/cake</li> <li>* annual outing</li> <li>* Christmas celebrations</li> </ul> <p>The group is affiliated to Age UK. It offers companionship and the chance to make friends. The day centre caters for anyone who finds it difficult to get about or who lives alone within Church Stretton and area. There is space for 25 people within the Day Centre but currently only 15 people attend, which means the income of the group has been reduced.</p>	£416	£256 (61% of total cost)	Yes, Matched funding from Tuesday Clubs own funds will be used as matched dfunding

		The aim of this project is to design and print a new promotional leaflet to encourage new members to join the group.			
SD 78	Rushbury Apple Pressers	<p>Overall Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community project to provide access for all to shared resource for production of apple juice.</li> </ul> <p>Aims</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To start an annual village event to mark the Jubilee Year.</li> <li>To support implementation and development of E2 action point of Rushbury Parish Plan 2005.</li> <li>Support relevant areas of revised version of Rushbury Parish Plan currently being undertaken.</li> <li>Support promotion of knowledge of agricultural heritage, the local environment and help to re-kindle interest in traditional apple varieties.</li> <li>Involve young people specifically local families, Rushbury School, young farmers.</li> </ul> <p>After initial set up and purchase of capital equipment project would be self funding through nominal charge for use of equipment. Income would be put back into project to maintain Main Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To organise and run a community apple juicing event on an annual basis over one or two weekends depending on level of demand.</li> </ul>	£2,567.95	£1,517.95 (60% of project costs)	Matched funding is from volunteer time to set up the project and revenue raised from catering at events associated with the community days

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide apple themed lunch and tea at event to generate income and give opportunity for social interaction and community cohesion.</li> <li>To promote apple growing and maintenance of existing orchards.</li> </ul>			
SD 79	Strettons Mayfair Trust – Church Stretton Area Ring and Ride	<p>We are requesting support from the LJC towards the running costs of the vehicles for 9 months, starting July 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2013. This is only part of the actual costs of running the service which altogether comes to approximately £69,750 for the 9 months. This includes fuel, office cost, staffing, training, volunteers expenses and management. Costs for vehicle maintenance, insurance and tyre amount to £11,250 of which we are requesting a contribution of £2,500. We continue to seek support from other sources, although opportunities are limited. Last year we were successful in securing over £6,000 from the Nat West Community Force appeal, thanks to the time taken by local people to vote for our scheme. This together with grants from Shropshire Council, fares and membership fees, fuel rebate, funds paid by the Buzzard for the provision of the helpline, donations, use of Mayfairs Ring and Ride sustainability fund and a grant of £2,500 from the LJC will balance the budget for this year.</p> <p>The Ring and Ride service is an essential part of the infrastructure of the Strettondale</p>	£11,250	£2,500 (22% of total project costs)	Matched funding has been secured from Nat West Community Force fund (£3188) and £5622 from Shropshire Councils Community Transport budget)

		<p>area providing door-to-door transport to get people around the town and rural area providing access to services, including shops and local businesses such as banks, hairdressers and dentists as well as social activities, exercise and activity classes at the GP Practice. The service is used by anyone who does not have access to a car. However, the majority of people we transport need the service for mobility reasons be it that they are physically not able to walk the distance required into town or to a bus stop or that their memory or mental health makes it difficult for them to travel independently.</p> <p>Ring and Ride also provide transport to many activities and for many groups in the town including the Queens Jubilee events, Arts Festival, Walking Festival, sheltered housing, residential homes, the Longmynd Adventure camp, Busy Bees and young peoples groups, Age Concern Day Centre, Senior Citizens Group, St Laurences Church and more. As such it supports a wide range of the population and helps people make use of many community buildings and take part in many other activities supported by the LJC.</p>			
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SD 80		<p>The purpose &amp; aim of the project is to build an extension to the existing playground on Rushbury Millennium Green (RMG) that will have play equipment suitable for children under 5 years old.</p> <p>The current playground was installed on the RMG 12 years ago as an integral part of the RMG project; this project was carried out by local people who volunteered their time &amp; effort to build an area where people could walk, play, sit, chat &amp; congregate amongst trees, grass, flowers and landscaped surroundings.</p> <p>It was decided, due to financial constraints, that the playground would be built in two phases – phase 1 would be suitable for children of 5 years and older (the greater age range) and phase 2 for under 5's would follow later.</p> <p>It is now time, and there is once again the enthusiasm, to build phase 2 of the playground to accommodate the young children and their parents and grandparents in this area.</p> <p>Building the extension will involve moving and extending the existing playground fence to increase the overall size of the play area. This new area will have a covering of play grade bark, similar to the existing play area. This part of the project will be carried out by volunteers. The new equipment will be bought and installed by a specialist company.</p>	£12,696	£500 (4% of total costs)	£10,548 has been secured from the Lottery. The remainder is being raised locally through fund raising
SD 81	Cardington Country Fete	<p>In the past Cardington Fete has been unstructured and organised informally. Our committee, following on from the success of our Jubilee celebrations would like to make our annual fete a sustainable and high quality event that attracts more visitors and begins to cater for the young people and families in our community.</p>	£800	£400 (50% of total costs)	Matched funding will come from income earned at the Fete, but



		<p>We would like to achieve this by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purchasing games equipment</li> <li>• Providing entertainment and attractions</li> <li>• Portaloos</li> <li>• Young people friendly programmes and advertising</li> </ul> <p>After this year's event the committee will retain a reserve of funding towards next year's fete instead of donating all the monies raised to local causes or needs.</p> <p>We are an extremely rurally isolated community that strives to meet the social needs of all, with Flix in the Stix, Kidz Club, Church Activities, Open Gardens and Quizes. Our sense of community cohesion is strengthened by these activities and of course our yearly fete. We anticipate that 50 people will be involved in the preparations and delivery of this year's fete. Last year's fete was attended by 500 people and feedback was very positive. We hope to increase this number this year. We have developed links with both our local primary schools and both head teachers are committed to supporting our event. In order to give out Jubilee mugs we discovered that there are in excess of 80 children residing in our parish.</p>			will be personally underwritten by Committee members if there is a shortfall
SD82	South Shropshire Youth Forum – Mayfair Youth Provision <b>(Request to revise grant awarded in</b>	South Shropshire Youth Forum (SSYF) has been leading on youth provision at the Mayfair centre since January 2010 with the support of Shropshire Youth and volunteers. The main focus has been to develop semi-structured	£7,553.70	£2,446.70 (32% of project costs)	Matched funding has been secured from Stretton Rotary Club

	<p><b>2011/12 financial year)</b> Project will also give a presentation at the LJC on 28<sup>th</sup> June</p>	<p>activities at the Mayfair centre, once a week; encouraging existing users and welcoming new individuals and groups to develop their own ideas and projects. Projects have included residentials, issue-based workshops, personal skills development (such as cooking), peer-led activities and teambuilding sessions.</p> <p>We are currently working with two distinct groups (although these are still open to other young people and are not closed groups);</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Girls group (aged 12-14)</li> <li>2) Younger group (aged 9 - 11)</li> </ol> <p><b>Currently we have a weekly attendances of up to 40 young people and would like to continue to run youth activities at the Mayfair.</b></p> <p><b>Sessions will include:</b> Continuation of weekly youth club sessions at the centre, activities include games, activities and links to projects. Last year a group of girls from the Youth Club participated in a video project for new school attendees at the secondary school.</p> <p>This year we'd also like to incorporate the following project:</p> <p><b>Young Enterprise project</b> We would like to facilitate all age groups in understanding enterprise by a range of workshops that will inspire and introduce the discovery, innovation and creativity of a social enterprise.</p> <p>Workshops will highlight:</p>			<p>(£200); Stretton Town Council (£725); £1,600 has also been requested from the Shropshire Youth Opportunity Fund and £2,000 of volunteer time and donations of free room hire are also contributing to the project.</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities which introduce social enterprises.</li> <li>• Inspiration</li> <li>• Interests and values</li> <li>• Problem Solving</li> <li>• Community economy</li> </ul> <p>The next stage is to build a consensus about the specific problem they want to tackle. The group will be supported by youth workers and assistance from experts in the field, such as Social Enterprise, South Shropshire Furniture Scheme.</p> <p>These support sessions could also include a range of activities to stimulate creativity such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dragons Den Workshops</li> <li>• Art work</li> <li>• Photography</li> <li>• Film</li> <li>• Music</li> </ul> <p>Once the group has it's big idea for a social enterprise, the young people will plan the detail, designing services or products by creating a business plan. There are numerous resources on planning from Social Enterprise London, UnLtd, Thing Big O2 and other organisations that offer young people support and curriculum links where young people can access qualification.</p> <p>The potential for this project is exciting, it could offer a solution to some of the social problems that exist for young people and the wider community. The aim is to raise aspirations by understanding the rights, needs and</p>			
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		<p>responsibilities of others.</p> <p>A number of qualifications will be on offer such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⤴ First Aid Training</li> <li>⤴ Baby Sitting Certificate</li> <li>⤴ Food Safety Certificate</li> <li>⤴ D of E Certificate</li> </ul> <p><b>We'll be delivering 32 sessions with each group. Sessions will primarily be delivered on a Wednesday evening at the Mayfair centre.</b></p>			
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