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StrettonDale Local Joint  
Committee

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## StrettonDale LJC grants – **updated 11 October 2012**

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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 18 projects totalling £12,876 have been awarded grants from the LJC budget, **leaving £2,643.80 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 18<sup>th</sup> October.
- C. The Committee are asked to note a potential underspend from the 2010/11 financial year and discuss a policy for this funding.

## 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 £4,791.13.
5. If the Committee are to approve all the grants to their full level, this would exceed the budget by £2147.33
6. In 2010/11 £4,000 was awarded to Church Stretton Town Park (Church Stretton Town Council) as matched funding for a new Multi Use Games Area (MUGA). Matched funding has not been secured for this project which is now unlikely to go ahead by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012. Church Town Council Amenities Committee will meet on 31<sup>st</sup> October to discuss the project and will inform the LJC if they wish to progress this project.

The LJC should consider their policy should this project not go ahead.

**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 Lee Chapman

Councillor Cecilia Motley

Councillor Tim Barker

**LJC Parish and Town Councillors**

Councillor Hilary Clayton Smith

Councillor Lynne Gray

Councillor Mel McFarland

Councillor Paul Harris

Councillor Steve Pennington

Councillor Viv Davies

**Co-opted Members**

John Sumner – StrettonDale Area Partnership

Richard Wilson - Acton Scott Parish Meeting

**Appendices**

Appendix A - Applications for consideration 18<sup>th</sup> October 2012

# APPENDIX A

## StrettonDale LJC (20). Grant applications for LJC meeting, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

Ref	Organisation and contact	Summary and potential outcomes	Total cost	Requested	Match funding confirmed
SD 20.7	Church Stretton Chamber of Trade Christmas Light Committee – 2012 Christmas Lights	<p>The Christmas Lights and Fayre have been a significant attraction to the town, drawing in many visitors and enjoyed by residents, which helps in the economy for the traders.</p> <p>This event is held every year and the lights are switched on this year on 24<sup>th</sup> November. The event starts at about midday and enables people to move around the shops and stalls and to enjoy the festive delights of the various cafes, pubs etc. This event is visited by many people from other parts of Shropshire as well as farther afield and, to maintain the attraction, a reasonable amount of money, time and effort is required to organise and deliver an enjoyable experience. To this end financial help is always sought which proves very difficult every year. The cost of this event is shared by the Chamber of Trade, Christmas Lights Committee and the Town Council plus local businesses.</p> <p>The 2011 event received very positive feedback from visitors and traders and attracted over 1000 people during the day of festivities.</p>	£2,640	£800 (30% of total costs)	£200 from Chamber of Trade; £400 from Town Council and £1240 from Christmas Lights Committee has been secured.
SD 20.8	British Red Cross – Shropshire Young Carers	The British Red Cross Young Carers project was established in 2000 within Shropshire to support young people aged 5-19years. The project supports young people up to the age of 19 who	£5,400	£361.41 (7% of total cost)	The Ludlow area peer sessions cost

		<p>provide a caring role for a family member who is ill, disabled, suffers with mental health difficulties or has alcohol/drug related issues. It is estimated there are more than 900 young carers in Shropshire and their average age is 12.</p> <p>The aim of the British Red Cross Young Carers Project is to give young carers an opportunity to take a break from their responsibilities at home and have some time out to enjoy a variety of activities such as arts, crafts, music, sports activities and trips. Young carers also have access to advice and support.</p> <p>The young carers project is organised into five areas Bridgnorth, Ludlow, Oswestry, Market Drayton and Shrewsbury who meet every month in a variety of settings. These groups meet on a monthly basis in their local towns for a three hour Peer Support session. This provides the opportunity for the Young Carers to; hang out with people who experience similar things to them, have a break from their caring responsibilities enjoying some child time and have the opportunity to share some of their worries, concerns and achievements with each other and the young carers team.</p> <p>Due to the nature of Young Carers and their families, transport and accessibility is often an obstacle that can stop the child from participating in any out of school activity. The British Red Cross Young Carers Project tries to alleviate this problem by providing transport to both the Peer Support Groups and the monthly activities, where there is deemed to be a need.</p>			<p>a total of £5,400 and are met through local fundraising, sponsorship and donations.</p>
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		<p>Within the Strettondale area we have three young carers who regularly attend the monthly peer support meetings. These 3 young carers are often socially isolated due to the nature of their caring role and the rurality of the area that they live in and are therefore dependent on transport being provided.</p> <p>This application is to meet the costs of the venue hire, transport and activity costs for the Peer sessions attended by young people in StrettonDale in 2013.</p>			
SD 20.9	Ley Gardens Community room – New AV equipment	<p>We would like to update the audio visual equipment in our community room to make it easier and more viable to use.</p> <p>The current TV cannot be seen very well, due to the sunlight shining directly on it. People who use the room would like to purchase a 60" LCD TV to mount on the wall so they can start film clubs and continue their Wii clubs. The tv can also be used by businesses and societies to show presentations. The room rental goes back into the service charge income to offset the cost of running the room.</p> <p>Currently there are many loose components that have to be assembled to use the computer, Wii machine, projector, screen, TV, DVD and radio/CD. People who have to rent the room would find this rather clunky and old fashioned and reduces who would be interested in using the room and its functionality.</p> <p>With this funding we would like to rationalise all this equipment reducing the number of loose</p>	£2,500	£1,000 (40% of total project costs)	Matched funding would be secured from the groups own funds and by exchanging old equipment with the AV supplier.

		<p>components. We have a contact with an AV consultant who would swap some of the equipment for a larger and better TV with a bespoke AV system. Thus making it easier for tenants to access, improving on the quality of the sound and picture available enhancing the overall experience.</p> <p>This will provide a better resource, making it more attractive to business and community groups</p>			
SD 20.10	Church Stretton Cricket club – Repair of mower and pitch upgrade	<p>Church Stretton Cricket Club have been based in the town for 92 years, and run three different teams in the town – one senior team and two youth teams.</p> <p>In 2012 15 of their 22 senior matches were cancelled or badly interrupted due to wet conditions, which has impacted on the clubs funds as fewer match fees and fundraising activities occurred. Also during the course of the year significant repairs had to be undertaken on the two mowers used to prepare the cricket pitches, resulting in a bill of over £700. This has taken up almost all of the clubs reserves for 2012.</p> <p>The club is therefore requesting a grant to help them get ready for the 2013 season. The grant will allow them to fully maintain the two mowers and also purchase new soil dressing for the wicket.</p>	£1,039.72	£629.72 (60% of total costs)	<p>Matched funding of £200 has been secured from their own funds, along with £210 from a sponsored walk.</p>

SD 20.11	Brooksby Sensory Garden – Purchase of soil and plants	<p>Church Stretton Play Area Action Group consists of five volunteers from Church Stretton who meet weekly to help improve play facilities for children in the community.</p> <p>The Group successfully secured £50,000 from the Playbuilder Scheme and £30,000 from the Play Partnership for an £80,000 play area for 8-13 year olds. The Group secured land from the local council in a safe location suggested by parents and children which is easily accessible and in the centre of the town.</p> <p><b>Phase 2 of this project is the build of a sensory garden</b> for children of all abilities so that play is all-inclusive. We have already secured a site (approx 200m sq) next to the existing play area for the garden which is flat and easily accessible with adjacent on-street parking. This area is already well used as it is the main recreation site for the town with two football pitches, a play area and a pavilion. Children naturally meet here as it is the main route from the two school to the town centre.</p> <p>Our consultation revealed that children with varying abilities would like to play alongside one another without segregation. The sensory garden has therefore been planned and designed with this in mind. It will feature wide pathways (suitable for wheelchairs) with raised beds and careful seasonal planting to stimulate the senses. There will also be some play equipment which is suitable for all. The landscaping and design is aimed at providing an environment in which children can play safely and yet feel challenged and excited.</p>	£12,870	£2,000 (15% of total cost)	£10,000 matched funding has been secured from The Wooden Spoon Trust and £870 from Shropshire Grassroots Grants
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		We have already secured a £10,000 grant from Wooden Spoon for the materials and build of the garden and funds of £870 for the architect's fees for the design spec. We are now looking to fund the purchase of soil and plants so the project can be completed.			
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