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StrettonDale Local Joint  
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 **£18,990.00**, 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, £10.00 carryover from the 2011/12 budget and £4000 from a previously approved project which has not taken place due to insufficient match funding (MUGA – Church Stretton Town Council).

In this financial year 21 projects totalling £16,530.95 have been awarded grants from the LJC budget, **leaving £2,459.05 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.

Please note: the decision at the previous meeting to allocate an initial sum of £1000 this financial year to the StrettonDale Area Partnership to operate a Community Chest small grants scheme is no longer being implemented, so this funding has now been allocated back to the overall budget.

### 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 21<sup>st</sup> February.

## 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 2011/12	£10.00
Unclaimed project funds	£4,000.00
<b>TOTAL BUDGET 2012/13</b>	<b>£18,990.00</b>

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. **4 applications have been received requesting a total of £2732.00.**
5. If the Committee are to approve all the grants to their full level, this would exceed the budget by **£272.95**. The committee will need to consider their approach regarding how to deal with this issue. The committee could consider: a blanket reduction in grants awarded to meet the budget available, or consider provisionally approving, and then carrying projects forward to the next financial year so the grant would come from next year's allocation of funding. This would only be suitable where funding is not required in the next two months.

**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 Allan McVittie

**Co-opted Members**

Nicola McPherson, Richard Hubbard – StrettonDale Area Partnership

Richard Wilson - Acton Scott Parish Meeting

**Appendices**

Appendix A - Applications for consideration 21<sup>st</sup> February 2013

**APPENDIX A****StrettonDale LJC (20). Grant applications for LJC meeting, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2013.****Budget available £2459.05****Projects requesting funding totalling £2732.00**

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Organisation and contact</b>	<b>Summary and potential outcomes</b>	<b>Total cost</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Match funding confirmed</b>
SD 20.12	Church Stretton Heritage Group (Bob Welch)	Heritage Open Days is a national scheme to celebrate England's fantastic architecture and culture by offering free access to places that are usually closed to the public or normally charge for admission. In early September, Church Stretton will be looking at buildings of every age, style and function throw open their doors. It is a once-a-year chance to discover architectural treasures and enjoy a wide range of tours, events and activities that bring local history and culture to life. Current venues for HOD being developed include the local places of worship, the SHI and Library. Over 700 visitors attended last year and it is hoped this will increase again this year. The funding, if approved will be used to produce a promotional leaflet.	£5400	£700 (13% of total costs)	£4600 (85%) From in kind support by Shropshire Council, Town Council and volunteer hours to organise the events
SD 20.13	Scrappies (Irene Briscoe)	The project is to upgrade, renew and redesign public entrance to Scrappies Warehouse in Lutwych Rd. This to include new customer friendly gates and a redesigned courtyard area. The management committee wish to invest	£4000	£1000.00 (25% of total cost)	£1000 (25%) £500 from own funds and £500 in

		in new gates that would still offer security to the business would enable the public to 'see through' to the store, and enhance that area of the Town Centre. Many people, even in Church Stretton, are not aware of the business of 'Scrappies'. A redesigned courtyard area, which it is hoped will be 'colourful' with some planting will make it more user friendly and improve what is, at the moment, an uninteresting area, although still part of the town centre.			volunteer time to carry out labour for courtyard enhancement.
SD 20.14	SY6 Skatepark Group (Helen Chapman)	<p>Sy6 skatepark group are aiming to re instate and develop the Skatepark facility in Church Stretton Park, to benefit a wide age group of young people in Church Stretton and the surrounding areas.</p> <p>In order to progress, this project needs to publicise and promote the development, and to expand the public consultation to raise awareness and encourage funding for the scheme. They are requesting funds for the project development stage which includes; website, banners, stickers, t-shirts, insurance, copying / postage for consultation.</p> <p>The buy in of the whole community is essential to move this project forward, and funders will expect this level of consultation in any large scale funding bid. The group already has plans to visit other sites and carry out various fundraising events in the town such as a bag pack at Co-op.</p>	£1100	£660 (60% of total project costs)	<p>£200 (18%) in room hire from the Town Council</p> <p>An application has been submitted to Co-op for the remainder.</p> <p>Volunteer hours will be considerable, although not included in budget</p>

SD 20.15	South Shropshire First Responders (Eddie Jones)	<p>This group is looking to extend its role and become more self-sufficient by offering First Aid for local events in the South Shropshire area at a very reasonable cost. All profits will be donated back to the local first responders scheme and therefore will help the local groups become less reliant on external grants. The funding is requested towards the purchase of initial kit to set the group up such as; two way radios, folding chairs, tables, blankets, folding beds, first aid signage.</p> <p>The group has already been active in Church Stretton by providing free blood pressure checks at the one of the groups in the town. They have also been booked to provide first aid for one of the many events on the Long Mynd.</p>	£1330	£372 (28% of total project cost)	No match confirmed as yet. Applying to Shropshire RCC and LJC in Bishop's Castle
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>£11830.00</b>	<b>£2732.00</b>	