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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 2013 up until 31st March 2014.

The Committee has a total budget of **£15,042.00**, 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, £62.00 carryover from the 2012/13 budget. **In addition, a further £1750 is to be added to the budget from the Town Council in relation to the project to fund CCTV, which has now been scaled down.**

Priorities for funding in 2013/14 are youth based projects; support for the development and implementation of parish plans; support for community buildings and support for heritage events.

**13** applications have been submitted for this round requesting a total of **£17,139**.

## 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 7<sup>th</sup> November 2013.
- C. It is recommended that the committee considers and agrees its priorities for LJC funding at the meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2013
- D. It is recommended that the committee considers implementing a project sponsor for each project, which would be a member of the committee who would keep in touch with projects to ensure they are developing well and meeting timescales.

## 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 2012/13	£62.00
Underspend from previous grant	£1750.00

**TOTAL BUDGET 2013/14            £16,792.00**

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 members may wish to consider the level of support to offer and whether there are any conditions they would like 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. **Thirteen** applications have been received requesting a total of **£17,139.00**
5. There is not sufficient budget to fund all of the applications to their requested amounts (requests exceed budget by £7697.00). The committee will need to consider how they approach grant awards in this round which may involve blanket reduction in grants at a lower intervention rate. It is unlikely that any funding will be available for the remainder of the 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 – to be confirmed**

**Local Shropshire Council Members**

Councillor David Evans

Councillor Lee Chapman

Councillor Cecilia Motley

Councillor Tim Barker

**LJC Parish and Town Councillors**

Councillor Hilary Claytonsmith

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 7 November 2013

# APPENDIX A

StrettonDale LJC (20). Grant applications for LJC meeting, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2013.

Budget available £9442.00

Projects requesting funding totalling £17,139.00

Ref	Organisation, contact and priority	Summary and potential outcomes	Total cost	Requested	Match funding confirmed	Notes
SD 20.23	Rushbury Millennium Green Trust (Sarah Madeley)  <b>YOUTH</b>	The trust are seeking funding to contribute towards the costs of a strong oak bench to withstand the long term use and being placed in a public area. The bench is required to finish the recently extended play area which now has activities for the under 5's. This has seen the use of the area significantly increase, and this has led to feedback from parents and grandparents about a lack of seating.	£615	£369 (60% total project costs)	None as yet. Christmas Funday planned for 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Balance of £2083 in account at the end of March 2012 (latest accounts)
SD 20.24	2 <sup>nd</sup> Church Stretton Guides (Ana Ireland)  <b>YOUTH</b>	The Guides group wishes to purchase outdoor equipment to enable them to learn and develop their outdoor skills. The group meets weekly in the town and is for girls aged 10 – 16. There are currently 16 guides and 4 volunteer leaders in the group. Funding is requested to support their outdoor activities, training and camping expeditions through purchasing; OS maps, Rucksacks, fleece jackets.	£4059.80	£2139.80 (53% of total project costs)	£1920.00 (47%)	Balance of £673.00 in account at the end of July 13. Cheapest quotes reduce total cost to £1782.70
SD 20.25	Church Stretton Samurai Rugby Football Club (Mike Betts)  <b>YOUTH</b>	Church Stretton RFC is a newly formed club serving the StrettonDale area. Local schools have been playing tag rugby for a number of years with very good results, and through the secondary school teacher, the idea of a senior club to continue the sport was developed. There are over 50 adults in the squad currently. This year will be a series of friendlies before joining a league next	£4250	£2500 (59% of total costs)	£1750 (41%) Fundraising, sponsorship	In process of opening bank account and starting fundraising

		year. The first game attracted over 250 spectators! There are also plans for a junior teams for boys and girls. Funding is requested towards the initial equipment and storage.				
SD 20.26	Hope Bowdler Village Hall (David Freeman)  <b>COMMUNITY BUILDINGS</b>	This well used village hall wishes to replace three rotten windows to upgrade to UPVC and to replace two faulty room heaters. Also they wish to purchase two hotwater heaters for the toilets. Without upgraded windows and heating the hall is in danger of losing bookings and not being sustainable, but also losing valuable locally based activities for the residents of the area.	£1625	£975 (60% of total cost)	£650 (40%) From own funds	£10,957 in savings ringfenced for a new kitchen
SD 20.27	St Michael and All Angels Church (Adam Lofthouse)  <b>COMMUNITY BUILDINGS</b>	All Stretton Church wishes to upgrade their facilities to include; accessible toilet and refurbish vestry to allow for refreshments and wider community use. The Church is a very usable space but due to the lack of basic facilities, its benefit to the community can not be maximised. It is an ecumenical partnership which welcomes all denominations. Consultation has been undertaken will 100% support for the proposals. The Church is open for visitors every day and takes part in wider community events such as the scarecrow trail. The church gardens are maintained by local volunteers as a community asset.	£24,000	£1000 (4% total project costs)	£18,000 (77%) Own fundraising, Church Fabric Fund	Balance of £21,817 at Dec 2012. £10,192 unspecified purposes, £11,622 for specified purposes
SD 20.28	Longnor Village Hall (Wendy Farlow)  <b>COMMUNITY BUILDINGS</b>	Funding is requested from Longnor Village Hall towards resurfacing the stone chippings on the car park for the hall. The hall receives a lot of complaints about the state of the car park, so they would like to carry out this low cost improvement, whilst they are fundraising for their long term aim of a new hall. The car park is used by hall users, the church, and the school and is a vital asset to that area of the village.	£1192	£715.20 (60% total project costs)	£476.80 (32%) Fundraising, school, village hall	Savings of £12718 towards new hall costs. Under £1000 in current account.
SD 20.29	Long Mynd Gliding Club (David	The gliding club wishes to enhance its fleet of gliders by sitting collision avoidance equipment on all of its planes, to ensure the good safety record is maintained. The club	£4200	£2500 (60% of total	£1700 (40%) From own	Surplus to carry forward of £205,410,

	Wedlock)	has around 7000 glider launches per year and has 135 members, of which 35% are Shropshire based. It also provides employment for 4 people. Events and club user bring in additional income to the local area.		costs)	funds	built up over many years. Currently operating on break even basis without sale of equipment
SD 20.30	Strettons Area Wildlife Group (Graham Wenman)	The group brings together people with an interest in wildlife to carry out surveys, learn, promote conservation and educate the wider community. The group was set up using Leader funding and has 70+ members Funding is requested towards the costs of producing the annual report, costs of the AGM and some training on identification for the volunteers.	£550	£250 (55% of total project costs)	£100 (18%) Leader	Currently Shropshire Council as accountable body. Would need to adopt a constitution and open a bank account
SD 20.31	St Lawrence's Church (Suzan Williams)	The purpose of the project is to provide emergency food parcels and short term support for individuals and families in need. From research undertaken at local foodbanks, 1 – 2 clients per week are accessing food banks in other areas such as Ludlow, Craven Arms and Shrewsbury. The plan is to open the food bank twice a week for people referred via health visitors, medical centre, Shropshire Council, schools, Housing Associations etc. Funding is towards the costs of setting up the food bank and food parcels.	£8520	£2000 (23% of total project cost)	None as yet	Balance of £455,931 in unrestricted reserved Dec 2012 (1.5 years operating budget)
SD 20.32	All Stretton Village Society (David Williets)	The purpose of this project is to provide a public access community defibrillator, also known as an automated external defibrillator (AED) to serve the needs of the residents of All Stretton. The equipment will be mounted externally on the village hall as a central point in the village. It will be in a lockable cabinet and access ill be code locked which will be hold by 999 services to any	£1545.60	£350 (23% of total project costs)	£1035.00 (67%) Own fundraising	Balance of £549.84 in bank

		given out to any caller reporting possible cardiac arrest. 22 residents have already completed emergency life support training and a further course for paediatric life support is scheduled for October. A course in use of a defibrillator will be arranged before the end of the year.				
SD 20.33	Long Mynd Camera Club (David Kennedy)	The camera club are requesting funding towards the costs of a laptop for their activities. Almost all members of the club use digital cameras and we are able to support members to improve their digital skills through our activities. The club does have a need for training in this area. The club has a varied programme including presentations, competitions and training. The current equipment is used at 60-70% of the meetings. There are 31 group members currently from Church Stretton and further afield.	£400	£240 (60% of total project costs)	£160 (40%) Own fundraising	Balance of £1357.60 including reserves (April 13)
SD 20.34	Church Stretton Town Council (Christine Harvey)	The Town Council has been working with Shropshire Council since 2011 to implement part night lighting for street lights in areas of the town. The Town Council with the support of Shropshire Council would now like to upgrade the other suitable street lights in the town to be part night lighting to enable a reduction in energy costs and carbon savings. Any savings made would be used to upgrade and replace whole lights where they are too old to be easily converted.	£4000	£1600 (40% total project costs)	£2400 (60%) From own funds	£4997.74 budget in new works fund as match and £4300 in routine and non-routine maintenance
SD 20.35	Mayfair Community Centre – Ring and Ride (Nicola McPherson)	The ring and ride scheme covers the whole StrettonDale LJC area and beyond. It provides a vital lifeline to residents to access local services, shops, appointments etc. It also provides support to community events and activities including the arts festival, walking festival, Church, Day Centre etc. Funding is requested towards the ongoing running costs of the scheme, which has 3 members of staff and 42 volunteer drivers. Membership is currently at 309 with around 400 journeys made per week.	£11,667	£2500 (21% total project costs)	£9167 (79%) From passenger fares and donations	Balance of £203,775, 17% below their target, following charity commission guidance to retain 6 months

						operating costs
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>£66,624.40</b>	<b>£17,139.00</b>		