



<u>Committee and date</u>
Five Perry Parishes Local Joint Committee
14 th July 2011 Hordley and Bagley Village Hall 7.00pm

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2011/12 FINANCE REPORT, INCLUDING UPDATE ON FUNDING REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION

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1. Summary

This report considers the devolved funding allocated to the Five Perry Parishes Local Joint Committee (LJC) for the period 1st April 2011 up until the 31st March 2012.

A total of £20,129 has been devolved to the committee to fund projects in the local community served by the LJC for 2011/12.

A planning meeting takes place to discuss applications for funding and agree recommendations to be taken to the LJC where decisions will be made.

Seven applications have been received for this reporting period. These were considered at the planning meeting held on the 21st June 2011. The recommendations from the planning meeting are listed in this report.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the LJC considers the applications received, and awards funding to those organisations and their projects as recommended in this report. The recommendation is to approve the following funding applications:

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A. The Feltonians	£200.00
B. Whittington Youth Group- Youth Holiday Activities	£557.00
C. Heritage Forum- Heritage Open Days	£250.00
D. Perry Riding School	£1,198.63
TOTAL	£2,205.63

2.2 The recommendation is to defer and not approve the following applications as detailed:

E. Baschurch Pre- School Lazy Town Healthy Living	Deferred
F. West Felton Parochial Church Council-Arboreal Safety	Not Approved
G. Ruyton Xi Towns Parish Plan Steering Group	Not Approved

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3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

- 3.1 In determining these recommendations the Council has considered reputational risk and the course of action minimises this risk.
- 3.2 The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998.
- 3.3 The proposals under consideration will improve the levels of community based and community driven activity in the LJC area.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The funding devolved to the LJC can be used for a number of different purposes over the year. At the present time, the Committee has not allocated funds to any specific purposes but has indicated that it will receive applications from local organisations for eligible purposes. Funding by the LJC must comply with the general Financial Rules for LJC'S.

5. Background

- 5.1 From 1st of April 2009 Shropshire Council created 28 Local Joint Committees (LJC) to operate across the whole of Shropshire. The LJC's are legally constituted decision making Committees of Shropshire Council.
- 5.2 The LJC for Five Perry Parishes wards has membership from Shropshire Council (2 members) and parish councils (5 members) all with equal voting rights.
- 5.3 One of the responsibilities of the LJC is to determine expenditure of the devolved budget. A budget of £ 20,129 has been made available to the LJC for the current financial year. This is made up of £14,000 from the LJC budget; £1,044 from the arts funding which has been transferred to the LJC and £5,085 carryover from this LJC's 2010/11 budget .The total recommended value for projects put forward in this round total £2205.63 leaving a remaining balance £17,923.37 for future funding requests.
- 5.4 Following full council on the 23rd of June 2011 it is recommended that Community Action Officers are given delegated authority to determine urgent and time sensitive matters in consultation and agreement with the Local Joint Committee Chair and/or Vice Chair. Details in this instance can be circulated with other members of the Committee to obtain a consensus. This will obviate the need for additional meetings and allow for applications to be agreed between meetings if they are urgent.

6. Additional Information

6.1 A summary of applications has been compiled and included below.

6.2 Feltonian's- Activity and Outings

6.2.1 This project has been submitted by the Feltonian's and seeks contribution towards activity that the club provides on a weekly basis. including the hire of the hall and outings. The club provides opportunity for senior citizens ranging from 70-93 years to get out and socialise, encouraging confidence and mobility. The funding requested is to provide support with activities, hire of hall and outings.

Total Project Costs: £500-£1000.

Grant requested from LJC: £500-£1000

6.3 Whittington Youth Holiday Activities- Whittington Youth Group

6.3.1 This project has been submitted by the Whittington Youth Group and seeks contribution towards holiday activities. The club would like to take a 53 seater with young people from across the LJC area. Whittington has 20 young people that have expressed a want and four willing volunteer escorts. The bus trip would be to the Liverpool Docks introducing young people from the area to wider culture and leisure. The visit would included the Albert docks, which is home to the Tate gallery, the award winning Beatles story, Merseyside maritime museum, the international slavery museum and the 60 metre high eco wheel. Running alongside this the group will hold 3 art workshops and engage an artist to support making a collage of the trip. This would involve discussion about where the club visited and sharing information collated. The art workshops will allow up to 36 people to attend 1 three hour session each. Project costs included hire of coach, art tutor, art materials, hire of hall and posters.

Total Project Costs: £1582

Grant Requested from LJC: £557

6.4 Heritage Open Days – Oswestry Heritage Forum

6.4.1 This project has been submitted by a representative of the Oswestry Heritage Forum and seeks support following for Heritage Open Days Event September 2011. Heritage Open Days celebrate England's fantastic architecture and culture by offering free access to properties and events that would usually be closed to the public or normally charge admissions. Every year on four days in September, buildings of every age, style and function throw open their doors. It's a once in a chance opportunity to discover hidden treasures, enjoy events and activities which bring to life local history. Following last year's Oswestry Heritage Days the heritage forum is seeking support for this year's 2011 event. The main items for purchase included leaflets, banners and transport which ensured visitors and local people reached sites outside of the town including Whittington Castle for example. The funding will support with basic activity highlighted as a success following last year's event.

Total Project Costs: £5359

Grant Requested from LJC: £500-£1000/Contribution

6.5 Hippotherapy- Perry Riding School

6.5.1 This project has been submitted by the Perry Riding and Driving Group and seeks contribution towards an organised outing for young volunteers supporting the project. The hippotherapy programme runs throughout the year on Saturday mornings at the Perry Riding and Driving School, a provider of specialist riding services to people with a disability via the Perry RDA Group. There are places for 12 children with cerebral palsy and development delay to attend. The age range of the children who ride are 3 years to 10 years. The children have a wide range of physical, learning and communication difficulties. To enable the children to ride safely and to develop their skills a large team of volunteers are required. The project seeks to reward the dedication and commitment of the 15 young local teenage volunteers. The project will organise a group outing to the Horse of the Year Show at the NEC in Birmingham on the 8th of October. Places will be available for 15 young volunteers supported by group leaders. A project board will be constructed on return by the volunteers with photographs and art work. The Project costs include transport and ticket costs for the volunteers.

Total Project Costs: £1198.63

Grant Requested from LJC: £1198.63

6.6 Lazy Town- Healthy Living and Fitness- Baschurch Pre School

6.6.1 This project has been submitted by the Baschurch Pre School and seeks to provide free active sessions using a qualified instructor under the Lazy Town Fit Kids ethos. The sessions would operate once a week for 38 weeks within the pre-school, this would include one session each term to be delivered to the mums and toddlers group who attend the sure start family centre. The activity would be extended to pre school children and their siblings though the school holidays. This would be delivered in the village hall for an 11 week period and would include craft activities and support the healthy living and fitness theme. Project costs include Lazy Town Fit Kid Instructor, equipment to enable staff to continue with project following pilot, hire of hall and admin.

Total Project Costs: £2364.85

Grant requested from LJC: £2364.85

6.7 Arboreal Safety at St Michael's Church-West Felton Parochial Church Council

6.7.1 This project has been submitted by West Felton Parochial Church Council for St Michael's Church, West Felton and seeks contribution towards tree safety work in the grounds of the churchyard. The church council has been advised that some of the trees in the churchyard may constitute a hazard to those making use of the premises. The PCC has approached a number of experts in forestry to provide advice and cost out the immediate need to improve safety of the area. Project costs are to prune, remove trees within the boundaries of the church. Quotation price includes pruning, reducing three late matures, one mature and one early mature lime trees and also the felling of one late mature sycamore tree heavily covered in ivy and early mature lime tree.

Total Project Costs: £2600

Grant requested from LJC: £ 2600

6.8 Ruyton Xi Towns Parish Plan Steering Group Activity

6.8.1 This project has been submitted by the Ruyton Xi Towns Parish Plan Steering Group and seeks contribution towards the continuation of Parish Planning work being undertaken by the group. The project seeks to continue the work of the parish plan steering committee in responding to public consultation on behalf of the parish council, in particular with regard to the Shropshire Council's Local Development Framework (the core strategy and SAMDev). Project costs include five meetings, two all day public meeting, hire of hall, printing costs for posters and fliers and distribution of supplement.

Total Project Costs: £390

Grant requested from LJC: £ 350

7.0 Conclusions

7.1 The applications recommended were considered to be of benefit to the community, following need, demand and assessment checklist. The LJC considers the applications received, and awards funding to those organisations and their projects as recommended in this report.

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 2011/12-2012/14, Appendix 5. Report to Cabinet 13 th January 2011-07-04

Locality Working Local joint Committees. Report to Cabinet 9 th December 2010
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Amendment to LJC Constitution. Report to Council 23 rd June 2011

Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)
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Councillor Gwilym Butler

Local Members

Councillors Aggie Caesar-Homden and Steve Charmley
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Appendices

None
