

2012/13 FINANCE REPORT, DELEGATED FUNDING REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION**Responsible Officer** Corrie Davies

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1. Summary

- 1.1 This report considers the devolved funding allocated to the Five Perry Parishes Local Joint Committee (LJC) for the period 1 April 2012 up until 31 March 2013.
- 1.2 A total of £19,030 has been devolved to the committee to fund projects in the local community served by the LJC for 2012/13.
- 1.3 Prior to each LJC, a planning meeting takes place to discuss applications for funding and agree recommendations.
- 1.4 Nine applications have been received for this reporting period. These were considered at the planning meeting held on 28th of February 2013. The recommendations from the planning meeting feature in this report, and are put forward to the LJC committee for agreement.

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 under delegated authority.
- 2.2 That the LJC allocates any underspend in its 2012/13 budget towards the agreed priorities and ring fence the funding towards two youth projects- Whittington Skatepark and Baschurch Skatepark projects.
- 2.3 That the LJC adopts a mechanism for approving applications between LJC meetings by using the Community Action Manager's delegated authority and where all members of the Committee are in approval. This is not designed to replace decision making at meetings, but to be used when it is in the interest of an applicant to receive a decision between meetings.

- 2.4 Applications for funding were considered at the planning meeting 28th of February and recommendations totalling £3,371 are now put forward to the Five Perry Parishes LJC for agreement, with a further application (7.26) to be agreed on the evening. The recommendations are as follows:

7.18	Ruyton Xi Towns Broadplace	£500
7.19	Baschurch Heartbeat Scheme Phase 2	£1084
7.20	Ruyton Xi Towns Village Hall	£500
7.21	Baschurch Creaky Chairs Group	£302.70
7.22	Perry Riding School	£485
7.23	Heritage Open Days (Cluster Application)	£500
7.24	Geodesic Dome for 'HeartWork' Enterprise	Not Approved
7.25	Oswestry & Surrounding Area Association for the Elderly – Tea Dances (Cluster application)	Not Approved
7.26	The Corbet Secondary- Safety & Signage Project	Recommendation to be confirmed at the meeting.

TOTAL SPEND

£ 3,371.70

	2012/13 budget	£ 14,000
	2011/12 budget carried	£ 3,992
	Delegation of arts funding to Oswestry & District Arts Association	£1,040
	Delegation of funding to Oswestry & District Sports Association- 5% of 2012/13 budget	£700
	Round 3 request total	£9,817.70
	Round 3 recommendation total (without 7.26)	£ 3,371
	Remaining balance ring-fenced for: Whittington Skatepark Baschurch Skate & BMX track £1050 for Baschurch Heartbeat	£ 4,637
	Balance remaining after round 2	£8,008

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3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

- 3.1 In determining this recommendation 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 1 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 have membership from Shropshire Council (2 members) and parish councils (6 members) all with equal voting rights.

5.3 The Five Perry Parishes LJC is responsible for the award and expenditure of the devolved budget. The amount available to the LJC in 2011/12 was reduced as a result of Shropshire Council budget decisions, and a review of locality working in Shropshire. The amount was however been supplemented by the transfer of funding previously available for community arts projects in to the LJC budgets, and some under spend carried forward. This is the final year that any carry forward of under spend will be permitted and must be ring-fenced for local priorities.

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 panel 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.

5.5 The total amount available to Five Perry Parishes LJC is calculated as follows:

Total LJC electorate as at August 2010:	6,127
Budget based on this electorate	£14,000
Plus apportioned allocation of community arts budget	£1,040
Plus carry forward of under spend	£3,992
TOTAL budget for 2012/13	£ 19,030

5.6 The value of recommended projects put forward in this current round total £3,371 with the exception of application 7.26 to be confirmed at the committee meeting on the 21st of March. This will leave a remaining balance to be ring-

fenced for youth related projects Whittington Skatepark and Baschurch Skatepark. A further ring-fence for Baschurch Heartbeat of £1050 recommended based on further feedback on Phase 1 to the committee when complete.

6. Additional Information

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

6.2 Ruyton- Xi- Towns Broadplace- Windows 8 Package

6.2.1 The aim of the project is to introduce laptops employing the latest version of Microsoft Windows known as Windows 8. This Operating System is designed to facilitate the use of touch-screens, so part of this application is to purchase new laptops with touch-screens with Windows 8. The Broadplace laptops can demonstrate every version of Windows introduced since original Windows XP laptops. This includes Vista and, more recently, Windows 7 laptops. The technology has now moved on to Windows 8 and the broadplace feel they need to be able to demonstrate the latest version. The intention of the group is to purchase two new laptops (one touch-screen and one not) with Windows 8 installed as their operating system from new. The group also intend to upgrade two of the older Windows XP laptops to Windows 8, partly to ensure that they are able to demonstrate the feasibility of the upgrade process and partly to have more Windows 8 laptops to demonstrate this latest operating system. **Total project costs £ 1190 (£300 Win8 non touch-screen laptop, Win8 touch-screen laptop £800 and 2 off XP to Win8 upgrade packs at £45 each). LJC request at £1000. £190 from own funds confirmed match.**

6.2.2 Need and Demand -The Broadplace opened 5 years ago, in response to a demand demonstrated by the Parish Plan of 2008. The original suite of 6 laptops was provided by the 'Switch on Shropshire Project', and since then the group have found ways to add a further 4 WinXP laptops, convert one of the original XP laptops to Vista and obtain two newer laptops running Win7. Over the 5 year period the group have provided support services to the community, based on the experience gained in the Broadplace. This has ranged from helping with the changeover to Digital TV, adding visitors to the Organ Donation Programme for kidneys for example, specifying and purchasing laptops, broadband providers, various other computer equipment, including large-screen computer monitors and other specialised equipment for one of their regulars who is partially-sighted and many other activities in the field of technology. The group have been able to assist parishioners with applying for a bus pass to compiling a CV and applying for a new job. More recently, the Job Centre in Shrewsbury has started referring people to the Broadplace to look for jobs on-line. The group are able to assist villagers in responding to Shropshire Council Consultations that are available online and online planning Portal.

The visitors come from all around the parish, and from the neighbouring parishes of Baschurch, Ness and West Felton. They are from all walks of life and every age group. The group recently helped a couple in their 80s purchase a six-week cruise of Australia and China. The facilities are the computer "after school club" for a dozen or so of Ruyton Xi Towns Primary School Children – and every age in between.

The group supported with the BT Race to Infinity for superfast Broadband, and have since received extended wireless distribution system to include the Church and the Village Hall. Technology is constantly evolving and the group need to progress to the latest Operating System so that they can demonstrate it to users who either want to upgrade, want to buy a new laptop or need the skills in new system – Win8 is the current standard for new laptops, and it is vital that the group are able to keep up-to-date.

- 6.2.3 Reason for reduced offer- the committee felt that a touch screen was expensive and extravagant and that for long term sustainability the group should consider a larger financial contribution the project as match funding.

6.3 Baschurch Heartbeat (AED) Scheme Phase 2

- 6.3.1 The group was set up late last year to provide assistance when a resident in the Baschurch area suffered a cardiac arrest. The group have been able to obtain one defibrillator (AED) which is located at the Corbett School, in the entrance porch. This is available to any trained member of the scheme at any time of day or night. So far 30 people have volunteered to be trained by the NHS Ambulance Service and are available to assist when an appropriate emergency occurs. The group will very shortly be 'going live' when CRB checks have been validated.

The second phase of the project is firstly to obtain and position another AED at the other end of the elongated village, probably at the Doctors' surgery. Obviously speed is of the essence when a cardiac arrest occurs. The trained volunteers will be on a daily rota system with four periods per day and, on receiving an emergency 'phone call', will be able to access the AED from which of the two places is nearest to the address of the cardiac arrest sufferer.

Secondly, to ensure the long- term sustainability of the project we will need to provide regular training and update session for those already trained and to assist with the training of new volunteers. This is why we have included such items on the attached sheet as the trainer until, the training manikin and the hire costs of a hall. It is an essential element to First Aid that anyone providing this support has regular update training to ensure standards and confidence. **Total project costs £3,436.50 (£1050 Cardiac Science Powerhead G3 AED defibrillator, £420 Cardiac Science Powerhead G3 AED Trainer Unit, £137 Laerdal Little Anne CPR Training Manikin, £238.50 Emergency CPR Face Masks, 25.80 disinfectant wipes and spray, £200 hire of hall (£25 per hour – 2hours training four times a year), £63 stationary. £1,302 in kind match funding secured-30 volunteers trained 4 hours each. 12 hours leaflet delivering and mapping £7.75 per hour). LJC request at approx £2000.**

- 6.3.2 Need and demand – The need to have locally available defibrillators available at all times which can be accessed speedily at all times has been recognised nationally and in Shropshire and was highlighted at the Community Infrastructure Levy Consultation held in Baschurch on the 16th of November 2012. There are several similar schemes already established in the county.

The establishment of the scheme will benefit all the resident of the Baschurch area as cardiac arrests can happen to people of any age or state of health. Leaflets outlining the scheme have been distributed throughout the area

asking for volunteers and there has been an excellent response with more than 30 people volunteering to be trained.

The Baschurch Parish Council supports the scheme and gave a grant of £520 towards the cost of setting up the first AED at the Corbett School. The school itself is very much in favour of the scheme and has been very cooperative in positioning it at the entrance to the school. Five members of the staff have been trained and are members of the group.

Within the Baschurch Parish Plan 2008, 210 people indicated that they had a chronic health condition, thus illustrating that the health services available in the Parish have to meet a variety of needs. Increasing facilities and local community assets will support in providing an enhanced support service that the community are very much in favour of.

- 6.3.3 Reason for reduced ring-fence- The committee recommend a contribution of £1084 towards equipment for training and volunteer packs. A further £1050 ring-fenced for a AED de-fibrillation based on feedback on phase 1 and volunteer support. The committee suggested that if this evidence was produced they would support a further defibrillator at Weston Lullingfields rather than in Baschurch based on facilities available at the doctor's surgery.

6.4 Ruyton Xi Towns Village Hall –Roof Repairs and Wall Damp Proofing

- 6.4.1 The purpose of this project is to restore the fabric of the Village Hall in Ruyton Xi Towns. It is a very old building and over the years the roof on the North East corner has sustained damage from the weather and now leaks. As a result this allows the roof support woodwork to become damp, accelerating the rate of deterioration. In addition, the East wall is now damp – a result of the wall being without a cavity as would be the case with a more modern building. This causes the wall to be very cold inside and also causes the interior plaster to fall off.

The scope of work for the roof repair is to gain access (either by scaffolding or from ladders), remove the damaged slates and woodwork, and then to replace damaged woodwork with new timber before replacing slates and restoring pointing of the gable.

The scope of work for the damp wall repair is to remove the interior plaster before damp-proofing the interior wall and then re-plastering. Two methods of damp-proofing are under consideration – either to “tank” the interior of the wall or to dry-line. Both are a very similar price – and research continues to identify the optimum process. Currently, dry-lining appears best, since it also offers some insulation against cold penetration, but the prospective contractors still have one or two questions to answer. **Total project costs £2480 (£ 1,680 damp proof East Wall, £500 repair damaged rood and gable (North East Corner), £300 Re- decorate interior) £300 match secured. LJC request at £2,180.**

- 6.4.2 Need and demand – The Village Hall is quite well used, with activities taking place on three evenings per week plus one afternoon and one morning. In addition, there are less regular activities such as the Annual Quiz, the Annual Flower and Vegetable Show etc. It is also the “home” of our Amateur Dramatic Society, RATS. RATS normally present two shows per year, the Panto in December and the Spring Show in May or June. The Charity has a

responsibility to maintain the integrity of this old building until a new Hall can be obtained. We have carried out repairs to the front of the roof and the West Gable and the drainage system and guttering over the last few years, and we fitted new double-glazed windows with the aid of a grant from Awards for All about 4 years ago. During 2012 we utilised considerable help from the Prison Service at Small Heath, who provided nearly 80 man-days of prisoner labour to allow us to redecorate the Hall inside and out. However, this excellent work is already showing signs of distress because of the ingress of damp.

- 6.4.3 Reason for reduced offer- the committee felt that the village hall committee should consider a full survey to ensure that a solution could be found long term. The committee felt that repairing the roof should be the first solution to see whether this helped to resolve. The committee felt that the village hall had received funding for fixtures within the hall albeit via other community groups.

6.5 Baschurch Creaky Chairs- Extend Exercise Group

- 6.5.1 The aim of the application is to add extra support to the falls prevention programme within the extend exercise group at Baschurch. The group is set up with its own bank account and utilises the local village hall for sessions. The Creaky Chairs Group supports with special effort directed towards firstly improving and strengthening muscles of people especially those having had operations on hips and knees and secondly 'after falling'- developing support to remaining partial upright position in order to summon help. The group have 20-25 active members currently and take referrals from the local doctors upon local people having had an operation for example, where support is needed for a specific amount of time. **Total project costs at £582.70 (£280 cost of instructor, 10 ankle weights £50.89, 40 dumbbells 0.5kg £160.80, 10 dumbbells 1kg £160.80, 40 handles £45.90 and 40 rubber ferrules £45.11. LJC request at £302.70 Match funding cost of instructor from members subs at £280.**

- 6.5.2 Need and demand-The extend exercise group is a national organisation appointing, training and regularly updating the skills of its membership instructors. The activity is recommended by local G.P Services, hospital physiotherapy units and orthopaedic hospitals (following surgery). The group in Baschurch has been in existence for seven years and the equipment now required is to add to and improve items already purchased largely from our existing funds and donations. The equipment will be part lodged with the instructor who will use it with the West Felton Group also. The group lodged their request at the recent CIL consultation held at Baschurch in November 2012 and it was suggested to the group that they approach the LJC for support. The project enables local people to receive support when most needed, particularly after operations, but maintains mobility and social activity in the area.

- 6.5.3 Reason for recommendation – the committee felt that the group provides vital support to needed group and identified links with West Felton Group.

6.6 Perry Riding School- Perry Publicity and Learning Pack

- 6.6.1 In order to develop and improve the standard of delivery of sessions and to increase participation, the Perry Group needs to update the publicity material

that it uses and at the same time, to develop a package of learning resources to use in the classroom as add on material to the practical equestrian content. The Group delivers training for AQA awards, Asdan awards and RDA Proficiency and Horse Care awards alongside the riding, driving and vaulting sessions that form the core part of the Group. The support within this application will widen the capacity of the group and volunteers to promote and deliver breadth of support to young people with severe disabilities. **Total project costs £ 4,485 (£135 updating publicity leaflets, £202 learning resources, £60 posters x5, £44 magnetic whiteboard, and £44 schleich replica horses. £4000 contributions in kinds from 5 volunteers coaches each 2 hours @£10 per hour each week for 40 weeks. LJC request at £485**

- 6.6.2 Need and demand- The group activities are supported by individuals with special needs ranging in age from 2 ½ years of age to 65 years of age. The needs of individuals vary from conditions such as cerebral palsy and spina bifida through all facets of the autistic spectrum to rheumatoid arthritis and Parkinson's. Many of the individuals attending group sessions enjoy the extra challenge of completing a learning programme in horse care, particularly the young people who attend holiday and weekend sessions that are sponsored through the Shropshire Disabled Children's Short Breaks scheme.

Feedback forms are completed for all the holiday sessions and comments range from 'this is a fantastic thing for my child to be doing', to 'please let's have more of this'.

- 6.6.3 Reason for recommendation- the committee felt that the group provide vital support to needed groups and supported in full.

6.7 Heritage Open Days

- 6.7.1 The Heritage Open Days 'Access for All Project' started in 2012 and has played an important role in the development of Oswestry as a tourism destination and is bringing associated benefits to the town and rural areas. The project has clearly shown the potential for heritage to connect communities, and to promote partnership working among volunteers. Stronger communities are being built using the capacity within the volunteer groups involved, and these provide opportunities for local people to access, learn, enjoy and become actively involved. Following on from 2012, the Heritage Forum, of which OBHAG is a key partner, saw an opportunity to enhance project development with further events in September 2013, building up to centenary national events in 2014.

A key element in the funding requested is the cost of the leaflet which acts as a focal point for joint working by the partners and advertises the package for local people and visitors to enjoy. Alongside this is the free transport, allowing people to move around easily, a fundamental need for rural and urban deprived communities. In developing the package further additional activities such as storytelling, bronze founder, wattle and daub, re- enacted walks for example, are being encouraged to further bring to life crafts and history in the area.

This project plays a vital role in supporting Oswestry and its surrounding rural communities, which struggle to connect with wider tourism related projects

and with current local transport provision. The project allows attractions and volunteers to be part of the bigger strategic picture and is important in continuing to encourage volunteer passion and positivity, and in building and developing relationships. At the same time the support is helping communities and attractions during the current economic downturn.

Heritage Open Days celebrate England's fantastic architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that are usually closed to the public or normally charge for admission. Every year on four days in September, buildings of every age, style and function throw open their doors, ranging from castles to factories, town halls to tithe barns to parish churches. It is a once-a-year chance to discover hidden architectural treasures and enjoy a wide range of tours, events and activities which bring to life local history and culture. The events enable the area to promote and publicise our tourism offer whilst enhancing links with local visitor attractions such as Whittington Castle and Park Hall. Further links with Ruyton Xi Towns, History Group, are being explored following last year's events. The events are currently being developed in line with national schedule of events to take place from the 12th -15th of September 2013. **Total project costs at £5000 (£800 transport, £1995 design, artwork, printing of leaflets and A4 and A1 posters, £2,150 activities e.g. bronze founder £300, wattle and daub £350, basket maker £130, pole lathe turner £150, kynges soldiers re-enactment £300, storytelling sessions £250, kinokulture events match £650, crafts of the past £50, £35 room hire, £20 design costs for guided walk and print £20) Awards for all bid £2,925. LJC request £500**

- 6.7.2 Need and demand- Within the current economic climate the Forum feel this project is pivotal in providing the opportunity for local people to have enriching cultural experiences, and this is especially important for young people and deprived families. Oswestry and the surrounding area is low on IMD scale, there are 701 single parent families, locally .We hope to use last years' experience to help us target relevant sectors of the community more effectively, connecting with families and developing our links with the schools.

The forum realise that transport is key within this as it helps those people who are unable to meet fuel and transport costs. Free entrance in line with national open day policy is a further encouragement. The project has already achieved a great deal, and by growing and extending its range into 2013 it will allow the developments already underway, including arts and theatre initiatives, to become fully embedded, with long term benefits for our volunteers and the people in our communities.

The potential and the impact of the project are clear from our extensive feedback with local communities saying 'when are you going to do it again' and 'can we be involved'. At least 2000 people attended the events across the area demonstrating their popularity and this is something we will build on further with our increased volunteer support. Evaluation forms were completed by nearly 500 participants and the response was overwhelmingly positive. The 2012 events involved a total of 883 volunteer hours, demonstrating the success in encouraging active participation. The Heritage Forum is attracting new members, and now represents more than 20 organisations and activities working together. During the Forum's meeting on 15th October the group provided the feedback that is the starting point for the plans for developing the project into 2013. The funding will allow the project to

continue to grow. Heritage Open Days provides visitors with a unique opportunity to explore and enjoy sometimes hidden, often curious and always interesting places in towns and villages - and completely free of charge. The project plays a key role in advertising the area within the larger framework of national heritage open days but more locally provides a real opportunity for families to attend our attractions free of charge.

- 6.7.3 Reason for recommendation- the committee felt that a request of 10% contribution to the total costs was reasonable and that the project had wider strategic outcomes.

6.8 Oswestry & Surrounding Area Association for the Elderly- Tea Dances

- 6.8.1 Oswestry and Surrounding Area Association for the Elderly would very much like to continue with monthly tea dances for the elderly in the Oswestry area. The sessions have regularly been attracting between 50-70 members from the Oswestry area to the two hour sessions at the Pedigree in Oswestry- a local venue with easy access and a welcome for all. A local DJ, Mr John Le Trow- provides the type of music enjoyed by those attending at a reasonable costs. Tea and biscuits are provided during the afternoon. **Total project costs £ 930 (cost of venue £270 -£45 per session, cost of music £540 - £90 per session, £60 tea, biscuits, refreshments for 6 sessions, £60 advertising, fliers x6)**

- 6.8.2 Need and demand- The project started in 2009 when the group received funding from the LJC to set it up. Straight away the group identified that it fulfilled a gap in elderly people's lives- an opportunity to meet with old and new friends, to enjoy dance, exercise, fellowships and most importantly to look forward to an out of house activity. The group have included nursing and residential home residents and private housing- men and woman can quickly lose contact when widowed or retired- similarly single people need social inclusion and some exercise. The group provide this and the benefit is obvious over a few visits. The group believe this to be a 'good worthwhile essential' to many project, and to carry it on for a longer period of time would be beneficial to all elderly in the area.

- 6.8.3 Reason for no recommendation- the committee felt attendance by local people from the Five Perry Parishes area was too low to consider a contribution to the project.

6.9 The Corbet- Safety and Signage Project –

- 6.9.1 Following Multi Agency Liaison Meetings at Baschurch in conjunction with the Corbet Secondary School and Baschurch Primary School, a number of key concerns have been raised around safety and speeding in and around both schools sites along Eyton Lane. Of particular concern is parking by residents and parents which means that Eyton Lane is narrowed during peak rush hour at both the schools. This makes it very difficult for buses to pass safely without riding the pavements which are often busy at that point with children.

The multi- agency liaison meetings consist of both the schools, West Mercia Police, Shropshire Council and Baschurch Parish Council. It was agreed to explore the opportunity for funding towards a competition with the schools and local children for two signs at both ends of the lane. The project would seek to

raise awareness in both drivers and young people and local families. Raising awareness is the first step in a larger project to find a permanent solution that will improve the safety in Eyton Lane. The key aim of this application is to encourage young people and the local community, specifically parents to be involved in leading the project, encouraging local democracy and designing and shaping a solution for their neighbourhood. The project has arisen following incidents and concerns being raised by the schools and more specifically via residents and parents. The emphasis is very much on the community finding a solution and encouraging this through partnership working and local democracy.

The full project seeks to secure funding from all partners involved providing a joint approach to a problem within the area, leveraging in Parish Council funding as well as local authority. This initial request is to fund a pupil competition to design and install two road safety signs. The total cost of this element is £1750 including £1000 for sign manufacture and installation, £250 for the competition materials and prizes, and £250 each for Corbet School & Baschurch Primary School to fund staff costs and other costs in undertaking linked lessons and communicating the outcomes with other pupils, parents, and the community. **Total project costs at £1750 (£1000 for two signs and instalment, £250 materials and prizes, £250 Baschurch Primary School Staff and resources, £250 Corbet Secondary Staff and resources), Match funding secured- £250 from the Corbet Secondary, £250 from Baschurch Primary School. LJC request at £1250.**

- 6.9.2 Need and demand- Three Multi Agency Liaison meetings have been held at peak times to ensure exact details of the problems that are occurring outside of both the Primary School and the Secondary School. Key partners including the police and road safety and transport officers from Shropshire Council, who have been able to witness and identify that there is a risk and safety issue at the site.

Baschurch Parish Council more recently held Community Infrastructure Levy Meetings in November in conjunction with and in preparation for Place Plan updates from Parish Councils in January. These annual conversations confirmed stakeholder and local resident concerns around this issue.

A similar project was carried out at Ruyton Xi Towns which helped aid the situation outside the St John the Baptist Primary School providing opportunity for young people to learn about safety issues. Strategically this project is an important one with issues around speeding and safety being raised right across the area.

The Corbet School competition will be open to Year 10 (ages 14-15) pupils who are studying Graphics as part of their GCSE curriculum. This will provide them with an opportunity to work on a 'live' project where creativity must be considered alongside practicality and effectiveness. This age group is also close to being able to apply for a moped licence, and therefore represent our next generation of road users. It is intended that the safety aspect of this project will raise their awareness of safety issues and due consideration to both other road users and pedestrians. Pupils at Primary school will be involved in conducting traffic and road safety surveys as part of their curriculum. Residents have raised concerns with the school and the emphasis

is being able to work with young people, encouraging their awareness and connecting with parents to link in the whole community.

Pupils at both schools will be involved in communication the outcomes of their work to their pupils, parents, and the wider community. The project provides a vital opportunity in involving all sectors of the community and residents directly through young people and their families. We hope that the project will be a positive one for the community as a whole and have a lasting impact on both young people's awareness of safety and the parents of how they can be involved in shaping outcomes for their neighbourhood.

This project is aimed at tackling one aspect and solution with other local issues being investigated alongside. The project would act as one part of a package of developments. The project would enable the school, working directly with the community to provide a variety of safety raising awareness projects with school pupils and extend projects with parents and residents. The project seeks to bring all partners together to work on a joint solution, building capacity and understanding between partners on local issues, targeting the issue both at a local and strategic level.

6.10 'HeartWork'- Private Charity Enterprise- Geodesic Dome (to be situated at Perry Riding School)

6.10.1 This project is ultimately concerned with enabling accurate self- estimation in young people, through promoting healthy levels of self-esteem through out of doors therapeutic / educational experiences. Within the above context, to provide an environment that will be therapeutic and educational for the young people participating, to learn about themselves and the environment, to de-stress, relax and rejuvenate in natural surroundings. The project will be open to all ages but particular focus is upon the promotion of healthy self- esteem in young people such that a generation of happy folk develop.

Intended activities are as follows (this list is, however, provisional and not exhaustive):

- Rural skills development / appreciation of wildlife and habitats the interconnection of things.
- Community cultivation using Permaculture principles in practice.
- Fireside gatherings; fire-lighting (with story- telling / music making / food sharing)
- Healthful exercise practice.
- Cognitive and behavioural improvement in a context of personal and social responsibility.

This new initiative will likely be of great overall benefit to the local community as a whole through the provision of space for further community ventures to start. Local schools are likely to benefit as well as people nearby who lack access to field size space to unwind. There will be a particular emphasis on encouraging attendance by young people who might be overly dependent upon technology for their entertainment and amusement. It is the conviction of this project's founder that separation from natural surroundings of this kind leads to many of the ills currently affecting people at present; conversely, time spent in natural surroundings is proven to lower stress levels and to promote an overall feeling of well-being in humans. Potentially, a project of this kind is

likely to grow and bring interest and attention to the area thereby adding value on numerous levels as a 'seedling' initiative.

Any monies granted to seed this project will be spent on the acquisition of a geodesic dome shelter for the educational gatherings to continue when the weather would otherwise inhibit provision. A structure of this kind is a striking feature as well as being inspirational and educational in itself.

The intended shelter has been budgeted as being less expensive than a yurt of equivalent size and sourced from a small business only whom are prepared to donate a portion of their labour in order to reduce the overall expenditure by the LJC; being a public 'building' it is necessary to ensure that all safety precautions are adhered to onsite. Were this not the case the construction of such a shelter would have been undertaken as part of the projected activities and at a much reduced cost. However, the observance of the highest safety available is of priority in this case.

There are unique opportunities presented by the initiation of such a project as HeartWork. The immediate locality lacks a meeting hub where people might gather who are interested in developing earth-friendly food growing practices, healthy community support, and out of doors health and education experiences of the kind being offered : free of charge. **Total project costs £3,350 for 2v geodesic dome (5m). LJC request at £3,350**

- 6.11.2 Need and demand-Factual / experiential evidence that a closer connection to nature serves to promote the overall wellbeing of individuals and communities. There are numerous confirmations of the same within social, educational and mental health contexts. The outdoors is the best living classroom and is the best educational and therapeutic resource that human beings have and, unless championed and protected, it is likely that it will be further abused and then lost completely. Consultations with local mental health practitioners as well as people working closely on the land with permaculture principles and holistic therapists of many kinds confirm the convictions of this applicant.

Value will be added on a community level with the provision of educational and therapeutic space and activities offered to local people of all ages. It is also likely that interest in the project will draw people from outside of the local area and positively impact tourism as well as development of sustainable education and best practice. On this note many connections will be made with all local groups of similar intent and activity linking people and promoting secure and resilient communities as well as healthful food growing techniques and secure wildlife habitats.

- 6.11.3 Reason for no recommendation– The committee felt that there was insignificant information at this stage in relation to business plan and future sustainability. Inadequate evidence of community support and contribution of match funding at this stage and the committee felt there could be other available support via social enterprise funding.

7. Conclusions

- 7.1 The applications are recommended, not approved or deferred following consideration 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.

8.0 Future Funding

- 8.1 In view of the reduced funding available, the LJC will consider future applications and project proposals with the following themes in mind: Activities for young people and older people, transport and accessibility, building capacity and supporting sustainable development, improving the local environment- built and natural, celebrating local heritage, arts and culture and sports development.
- 8.2 The next LJC meeting is scheduled to take place at 7.00 pm on the **9th July 2013 venue to be confirmed**. Application closing date will be **7th June 2013**.
- 8.3 For information about applying for an LJC grant and to receive an application form, contact Corrie Davies, Community Action Officer as follows:

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

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Appendices

None
