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Wem and Shawbury Local Joint Committee Funding Applications Summary

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1. Summary

This report considers the devolved funding allocated to Wem and Shawbury Local Joint Committee (LJC) for the period 1st April up until 31st March 2012.

A total of £30,692 has been devolved to this Committee to fund projects in the local community serviced by the LJC for the 2011/12 financial year.

Six applications have been received for this reporting period and these applications are to be considered at the meeting on the 6th February 2011.

2. Recommendations

- That the LJC considers the applications received and awards funding to those organisations and their projects that provide a wide community benefit.
- The LJC ring fences any underspent budget for Diamond Jubilee celebrations across the Wem and Shawbury LJC area.

3. Background

Wem and Shawbury LJC is responsible for the award and expenditure of a devolved budget. The amount available to the LJC in 2011/12 has reduced as a result of Shropshire Council budget decisions and a review of locality working in Shropshire. This amount, however, has been supplemented by the transfer of funding previously available for community arts projects into the LJC budgets and some under spend carried forward from 2010/11.

4. Finance

The total amount available to Wem and Shawbury LJC LJC is calculated as follows:

LJC Budget	£27,000
Arts Grants Funding	£2,072
Carried forward from 2010/11	£1,620
Total Budget for 2011/12	£30,692

The following six applications have been submitted (please see Appendix A to this report for further details of each project).

	Project	£
N	Wem Town Hall Community Trust Ltd – Refurbishment of Community Kitchen at Wem Town Hall	£2,000
O	Clive Village Hall – Replacement Windows and Memorial Gardens improvement	£2,000
P	Wem Youth Club – ‘Get Warm’	£2,000
Q	Squeezing Shropshire – The Big Squeeze Festival	£500
R	Wem Transition Town/Wem Economic Forum – Wem Shopping Leaflet	£309
A	Creation of a Wem Info Link	£2,000
		£8,809

Total Budget 2011/12	£30,692
Spend in June 2011	£10,143
Spend in October 2011	£10,758
Remaining to spend	£10,758
Total Recommendations	£8,809
Remaining balance if all applications are approved	£1,948

Ring fencing of any underspend

The LJC is asked to ring fence any underspend for 2011/12 for Diamond Jubilee celebrations across the Wem and Shawbury LJC area. Applications to access this funding will be invited from local groups in the LJC area by the end of February 2012. As there is no meeting before the Diamond Jubilee celebratory weekend in early June the LJC is asked to use its delegated authority to approve the funding made through these applications.

Appendix A

Application Summaries

Applicant	Wem Town Hall Community Trust Ltd	Application Ref	LJC3N
Project Title	Refurbishment of Community Kitchen at Wem Town Hall		
Project Cost	£7025	Amount Requested	£2000
Project Summary			
<p>The town hall is located in the centre of the high street in Wem and is the most dominant feature in the street. There are numerous activities taking place at the hall, but due to the limited range of equipment in the 'community kitchen' there have been occasions when adequate catering for events has not been possible. The application is for funding to improve kitchen facilities, which would enable the main hall to be used for weddings receptions, dinner dances and other celebrations, thereby increasing the viability of the venue. It will enable catering to be undertaken largely in house at an affordable cost.</p> <p>Costings Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Commercial standard Electric Combi Oven- Commercial standard dishwasher- Hot cupboard- 400 litre fridge- 400 litre freezer- microwave- auto fill boiler- fryer- coffee machine			

Applicant	Clive Village Hall	Application Ref	LJC3O
Project Title	Replacement Windows and Memorial Gardens Improvements		
Project Cost	£ 2527	Amount Requested	£2000
Project Summary			
<p>Funding has been requested to replace the rotten windows to the rear and side of the building with double glazed windows. Also, to repair garden equipment to maintain the safe use of the community garden which is a community project looked after on a voluntary basis and used extensively as an extension to hall activities.</p> <p>Costings include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Windows and double glazing- Path edging- Path gravel			

Applicant	Wem Youth Club	Application Ref	LJC3P
Project Title	Wem Youth Centre – ‘get warm’		
Project Cost	£6000	Amount Requested	£2,000
Project Summary			
<p>Wem Youth club currently has around 50 members aged between 8 – 18 yrs of age and is open 3 nights per week. The building is in serious need of refurbishment to bring it up to a better standard for use. As part of a larger project they are seeking funding towards the cost of cavity wall insulation and installing a combi-boiler central heating system in the building. The building is currently heated by four small wall mounted plug in electric convector type radiators which are uneconomical to run and do not provide sufficient heat during the winter and hot water is provided by an inefficient electric emersion heater tank.</p> <p>Costings include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fit new combi-boiler central heating system - Cavity wall insulation 			

Applicant	Squeezing Shropshire	Application Ref	LJC3Q
Project Title	The Big Squeeze Festival		
Project Cost	£ 2000	Amount Requested	£500
Project Summary			
<p>The Big Squeeze event is taking place on July 7th at Wem Town Hall, its aim is to bring traditional ‘squeeze box’ players into north Shropshire as well as offering residents a rare opportunity to enjoy traditional squeeze box music at its best.</p> <p>The event will provide a focused day of high quality learning opportunities for players of all levels of the melodeon, and stage a unique high profile concert featuring nationally acclaimed experts on the melodeon. Free drop in events will also be programmed to enable greater understanding of the instrument and how it is played.</p> <p>Costings include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Four artists/tutors - Venue hire - publicity 			

Applicant	Wem Transition Town/Wem Economic Forum	Application Ref	LJC3R
Project Title	Wem Shopping Leaflet		
Project Cost	£918	Amount Requested	£309
Project Summary			
<p>Funding has been requested toward the printing cost of the Wem Shopping Leaflet which has been produced voluntarily by of those concerned. The leaflet provides details of available products and services offered by all the shops of Wem in an accessible format. Aimed primarily at the residents both of Wem town and of the villages and hamlets in the surrounding parishes; but also aimed at tourists and visitors to the North Shropshire area.</p> <p>Costings include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Printing 			

Applicant	Wem Town Hall	Application Ref	LJC3S
Project Title	Wem Info Link		
Project Cost	£2100	Amount Requested	£2,000
Project Summary			
<p>The project is to purchase furniture and equipment to create an info link at the Town Hall and window displays, in empty shops, promoting attractions and services available in Wem and the surrounding settlements. It would also be to produce signage to promote the Town Hall as a one stop shop for local level information.</p> <p>Costings include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Display boards - Display cabinets - Information point signage - Promotional material 			