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Date: 4 July 2018

**Committee:**  
**South West Shropshire Local Joint Committee**

**Date:** Thursday, 12 July 2018

**Time:** 7.00 pm

**Venue:** SpArC Centre, Brampton Road, Bishop's Castle, SY9 5AY

You are requested to attend the above meeting.  
The Agenda is attached

Claire Porter  
Head of Legal and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer)

**Members of South West Shropshire Local Joint Committee**

Andrew Beaven  
Felicity Bevan  
Jane Carroll  
John Croxton  
Sandra Davies  
Oliver Goode  
Ralph Graves  
Nigel Hartin

Jonny Keeley  
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# **AGENDA**

- 1 Welcome and Introductions**
- 2 Declarations of Interests by Members of the Committee**
- 3 Notes of last meeting held on 22 February at Marton Village Hall (Item 1)**  
(Pages 1 - 8)
- 4 Presentation - Update on the Future Fit Programme by Simon Freeman, Accountable Officer, Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group**  
  
Presentation on Future Fit followed by question and answer session which members of the public are encouraged to take part in
- 5 South West Shropshire Small Grants Scheme (Item 2)** (Pages 9 - 14)  
  
To receive a report from the Community Enablement Officer on grants received to the fund
- 6 Update on Youth Commissioning in South West Shropshire** (Pages 15 - 18)  
  
Progress report from the Community Enablement Officer and applications received since the last meeting (Item 3)
- 7 Shropshire Council consultation on Children's Early Help Programme**  
  
Verbal update on the consultation process and implications for South West Shropshire
- 8 Any Other Business**
- 9 Updates from Town and Parish Councils**
- 10 Date of Next Meeting and Future Agenda Items**
  - Planning
  - Kier and Highways Maintenance



## Committee and Date

South West Shropshire LJC  
meeting  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February  
Marton Village Hall, 7pm

## Item

**1**

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## **SOUTH WEST SHROPSHIRE LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE**

### **NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS STEMMING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY AT MARTON VILLAGE HALL 7PM**

**Responsible Officer** Mathew Mead  
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#### **Committee Members Present:**

##### **Shropshire Council**

Nigel Hartin  
Heather Kidd

Clun (Chair)  
Chirbury and Worthen

##### **Town/Parish Councils**

John Croxton  
Abbie Naiad  
Valerie Whately  
Felicity Bevan  
Godfrey May  
Jonathan Roberts  
Jack Limond  
Philip Rogers-Coltman

Clunbury Parish Council  
Bishops Castle Town Council  
Bettws-y-Crwyn Parish Council  
Chirbury Parish Council  
Lydbury North Parish Council  
Clungunford Parish Council  
Clun Town Council with Chapel Lawn  
Myndtown Parish Council

#### **Officers Present:**

Mathew Mead, Community Enablement Officer, Shropshire Council  
Ian Hutchinson – Clun Town Council and Chapel Lawn

## **1. Welcome and apologies**

Councillor Nigel Hartin Chaired the meeting in place of Councillor Jonny Keely. Other apologies were received from Ralph Graves (Worthen with Shelve); Jonathan Roberts (Clungunford); Andrew Beavan (Llanfairwaterdine Parish Council) and Jonathan Kemp (Bedstone and Bucknell). Apologies were also received from Jane Carroll with Abbie Naiad acting as substitute for Bishop's Castle Town Council and Philip Rogers-Coltman represented Myndtown Combined Parish Council.

## **2. Note of the Previous Meeting**

The Committee members agreed that the draft notes of the LJC meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017 should be adopted as an accurate note of that meeting.

Mathew Mead gave a brief update on SpArC and said that the repair of the changing rooms at the centre would be taking place shortly, and should be completed by mid-March. Work on securing the future of the leisure centre continued and a soft market testing process for the future operation of the centre was now underway.

He also apologised for the cancelation of the LJC meetings in October and November. This was due to the Future Fit programme being postponed and so speakers from the Clinical Commissioning Group had not been available to attend the meetings. It was still not clear when that consultation would reopen.

## **3. Report on the South West Shropshire Community Grants scheme**

Councillors received a report on the grant scheme.

£1,850 remained in the funds budget and the Committee had previously agreed the funding criteria would be a maximum grant of £150. The fund was open to voluntary and community groups in the LJC who could demonstrate their project helped support South West Shropshire residents.

Four applications had been received since the last meeting

### **SWS LJC 9 – Bishop's Castle Guerrilla Gardeners Playing Fields Project**

The Guerrilla Gardeners are a group of volunteers who look after and improve areas of community land in Bishop's Castle by weeding, planting and maintaining plants in the area. Their aim is to improve community spaces for everyone.

Their latest project is to improve some areas of Bishop's Castle's Park which have become overgrown and untidy. The project will tidy the area and plant new flower beds and bulbs thus improving the area for residents and visitors to the town.

The total project costs are £515 and the group requested a grant of £150 from the LJC

**Committee decision: Award a grant of £150**

#### **SWS LJC 10 – Bishop’s Castle Christmas Lights Festival**

The annual switch on of the Christmas lights in Bishop’s Castle has always been a popular event for tourists and residents, but in recent years the organising committee has lost volunteers and the lights themselves need replacement.

A new Christmas lights group has been established, who aim to reinvigorate the annual Christmas lights switch on with new lights and a range of activities and stalls to complement the lights switch on. Workshops with local children and care homes to make lanterns will happen before the event, and a digital record of the lights switch on will be made to be stored in the towns Heritage Centre.

Total project costs are £7,280 and the group are requesting a grant of £150

**Committee decision: Award a grant of £150**

#### **SWS LJC 11 – Brockton Rainbow Girl Guides**

A new Rainbow Girl Guide group has been set up in Brockton under the Girl Guides umbrella and 16 girls aged 5-7 now attend the group. They undertake a range of activities designed around the Guides core messages of caring; challenging; empowering; fun; inclusive and inspiring.

This project is to purchase some outdoor equipment including torches, florescent jackets, a fire pit and fire-starting kit and outdoor foam seating, which will be used to support the groups outdoor activities.

Total project costs are £154.74 and the group are requesting a grant of £77

**Committee decision: Award a grant of £77**

#### **SWS LJC 12 – Marton Defibrillator**

Like many rural communities residents in Marton are keen to have an accessible defibrillator unit in their village, for use in cases of cardiac arrest. Having such a unit available in rural areas has been shown to significantly improve the chances of recovery if they can be treated quickly through the use of a defibrillator.

This project aims to purchase a unit for Marton, and recruit volunteers who can use the unit and administer CPR until an ambulance arrives

Total project costs are £2,161.00 and the group are requesting a grant of £150

**Committee decision: Award a grant of £150**

The Community Enablement officer asked Committee members to promote the South West Shropshire grants scheme through their local networks, and to ask any groups interested in applying to contact him for the application forms

**4. Report on Youth Commissioning**

The Community Enablement Officer reported that a public consultation had taken place late in 2017 on the future of Youth Commissioning funding and a report on it would be made to cabinet on 28<sup>th</sup> February. Under that report the LJC would have £4,000 to allocate to youth activities in 2018/19.

That decision needed to be ratified by Shropshire Council so no formal decisions on how to spend the money could yet be made, however it would be useful if Committee members could think about potential projects in their area who might be interested in applying for the funding.

The Committee also had £1,680 remaining in its 2017/18 budget and had received two applications which needed to be reviewed at this meeting. No money can be carried forward from 17/18 into the next financial year

Applications received were:

**Application 10.13 Shropshire Youth Association – Young Health Champions Mental Health Project**

Young Health Champions works to support young people to identify, and tackle, health issues impacting on young people in Shropshire. Through the Shropshire Youth Association a group of youngsters in Bishop's Castle have been developing a project looking at mental health issues affecting teenagers in rural areas. This looks at issues including isolation, mental health issues and the impact of drugs and alcohol.

An information pack and posters have been produced as part of the work and the group would now like to make this pack more widely available to youngsters across Shropshire to help them better understand mental health issues

Total project costs are £1,122.74 and the grant requested is £922.74

**Committee decision: Award a grant of £922.74**

**Application 10.14 SpArC Arts Bishop's Castle – Street Dance Project**

This application is to run a street dance project at SpArC in the Spring/Summer term, involving primary and secondary children in the area.

Street Dance has become popular amongst many young people, and has increased participation in dance amongst boys in particular. This project aims to provide a forum for young people to learn new dance skills. It will also help primary children meet secondary school youngsters which should aid their transfer from primary to secondary school.

The street dance classes will run every 2 weeks during the spring/summer term.

Total costs of the project are £1,740

**Committee decision: Award a grant of £750**

## **5. Update on Future Fit Shropshire**

Over the last 3 years the Committee have received a number of presentations from the Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group on Future Fit – which outlined the potential changes to hospital services in Shropshire. The impacts of changes to the types and locations of services offered could have big impacts on South West Shropshire

The final, preferred options for Future Fit, including the locations of Accident and Emergency services; day care and outpatient clinics had been due to take place in autumn 2017, and LJC meetings were arranged to allow a presentation to be made. However the Future Fit plans have yet to be approved by NHS England, its thought due to budget issues within the plan. It's not yet known when the consultation will reopen.

The LJC members reiterated this was a very significant issue for the area, and agreed to schedule any future meetings if/when the Future Fit consultation reopens so that representatives of the CCG can attend local meetings.

Committee members expressed concerns that the delay in Future Fit was already having an impact on local services – such as the maternity unit at Ludlow. They also felt that original proposals to include better local community services through Future Fit had not been followed up.

The Community Enablement office agreed to work with colleagues in the CCG to make sure that as soon as Future Fit consultations restarted that an LJC meeting would be set up to discuss them

## **6. Police Commissioner proposals for merging the Police and Fire Services**

Previous meetings of the LJC had discussed this issue, and Councillor Hartin provided an update.

The Police and Crime Commissioner had now compiled a report on the recommendation, which had been sent to the Home Secretary to make a decision. The report won't be in the public domain until the Home Secretary had made her decision. This had been expected in early 2018 but as yet no decision had been made. Shropshire Council and the Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service had opposed the move and also submitted their own evidence.

Committee members asked if the changes are approved, whether this might impact on the number and locations of fire stations in Shropshire. Nigel said there were no plans to close any stations, but part of the case for merging the services was to save money, and that could only really be done by reducing staff numbers and the sites operated. The Committee also expressed concern that call centres might move into other areas, which could impact on call response times too.

The Committee would receive a further update once the Home Secretary had made their decision.

## **7. Shropshire Council consultation on Children's Early Help programme**

A consultation is taking place looking at the future delivery of support for young children and their families. Currently the services tend to be focused at Children's Centres across Shropshire including the Crowgate Centre in Bishop's Castle.

The new proposals look to focus services in 6 main hubs; and through more direct support for families in their homes and in more informal community settings. This will allow the services to be better targeted at the families most in need of the services.

However South Shropshire Councillors are concerned that these changes haven't properly considered the impact on rural communities, where travel to larger areas is often impossible due to lack of public transport. Councillors also feel publicity about the consultation has been poor with very few people attending the drop-in consultations at Ludlow, Highley and Bishop's Castle.

The consultation runs until the first week in March and Councillors urged members of the public to have their say

## **8. Any other business**

No additional items were raised by the Committee

## **9. Updates from Town and Parish Councils**

Clun Town Council had been reviewing their street light contract and looked to be able to make savings by working through a new company. Similar savings might be possible for other Parish Councils.



A number of Parish Councils raised concerns about the condition of the rural roads following the winter. Pot holes are a significant problem across the area. There was support for the Shropshire Council teams who helped grit roads in the winter weather before Christmas, but general concerns were raised on the impact of cuts to the highways budget and transfer to a new contractor in the spring.

**10. Date of Next Meetings and Future Agenda Items:**

Parishes, including Myndtown Parish Council, expressed concerns about decisions made by Shropshire Council planning officers, and how they didn't acknowledge or take account of Parish Council views. There also seemed to be a problem with enforcement issues. Having a senior officer and portfolio holder attend a future meeting would be appreciated.

An update on the new highways contract with Kier, which starts on 1<sup>st</sup> April would also be useful for the Committee to hear about, so an invitation to the meeting to highways staff and portfolio holder could also be considered.

As highlighted elsewhere in the meeting an update on Future Fit would also be needed when that consultation started.

No formal date for the next meeting was set, but it was felt a public meeting in June could be arranged to talk about these issues. The Community Enablement Officer would work with Council officers to look at suitable dates.

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Committee and Date  
South West Shropshire Local  
Joint Committee Meeting

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

SpArC Centre, Bishop's  
Castle 7pm

Item

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## **SOUTH WEST SHROPSHIRE LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE – LOCAL GRANTS SCHEME UPDATE REPORT**

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### **1. Summary**

This report summaries the income and expenditure of the South West Shropshire Community Grant scheme, up to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018. It also provides an update on the amount of funding held in the grant pot, together with summaries of 4 applications received since the last LJC meeting.

### **Recommendations**

- A. That the LJC note that current balance of the scheme is £1,173.00
- B. The LJC Committee note they have set a grant criteria of for 2018/19. Maximum grants available are £150
- C. That the LJC review applications SWS LJC 14 – SWS 16 and make a decision on whether to support these grants.

### **2. Background**

Following Shropshire Councils decision to remove funding from the Local Joint Committee, the South West Shropshire Local Joint Committee decided to develop their own funding scheme to support community and voluntary groups in the area. Town and Parish Councils were asked to contribute £150 to the scheme and local businesses were also approached.

### **3. Grant development**

The Grant scheme is supported by contributions from local businesses and town and Parish Councils in South West Shropshire.

This funding is administered by Shropshire Council, through the Community Enablement Team, at no additional cost to the Committee.

Parish Councils are seen as being a key element of the process as the Committee feels that can act as local advocates of the grant scheme and promote the scheme to their communities.

#### 4. Grants awarded by the Committee 2015 to April 2018

	Organisation	Amount
SWS LJC.1	Rectory Gardens Lunch Club	£150.00
SWS LJC.2	Everest Hall	£119.92
SWS LJC.3	Shropshire & Wrekin Fire Authority	£150.00
SWS LJC.4	Bucknell Pre-school	£150.00
SWS LJC.5	Bent Lawnt War Memorial	£150.00
SWS LJC.6	Haselhurst Close Tenants Association	£150.00
SWS LJC.7	South West Shropshire Young Engineers	£150.00
SWS LJC.8	Brockton and Worthen Defibrillator Group	£150.00

#### PROJECTS 2018/19

SWS LJC.9	Bishop's Castle Guerilla Gardeners	£150.00
SWS LJC.10	Bishop's Castle Christmas Lights	£150.00
SWS LJC.11	Brockton Rainbow Guides	£77.00
SWS LJC.12	Marton Defibrillator project	£150.00
SWS LJC.13	Edgton Defibrillator	£150.00

#### 5. Grant criteria

The South West Shropshire LJC has set the grants scheme criteria as being:

- A total of £500 will be allocated to community projects in each round of funding, and decisions made on application at the public LJC meetings
- The maximum grant available will be £150 and should be matched funded by at least 50% of cash from the applicant

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- Projects must be based in, and support residents in, the Local Joint Committee area
  - Applications are only open to charities, volunteer led organisations or social enterprises

## **6. Applications received between February and June 2018 for review by the Committee**

### **SWS LJC 14 – Life on the Edge Project Bishop’s Castle**

**Total Project Costs: £150**

**Total Grant Requested: £75**

The *Life on the Edge* project aim is to re-plant road verges with wild flowers for both bio-diversity and enhancement of the environment purposes. It involves liaising with Shropshire Council on mowing times for the verges, and using volunteers to rake and collect the grass once cut, to prevent the over-enrichment of the soil. In parallel, wild-flower plugs are potted-on by the volunteers to ensure they make strong plants before being planted on the raked verges. These areas are then monitored to ensure minimum disturbance, and further post-mowing raking of the surplus grass takes place as needed.

The Bishop’s Castle Town Plan [Community-Led Plan] was based on an extensive survey of the views of local inhabitants, which were recorded in the Plan that was issued in October 2016. One of the key requirements captured in the ‘Economy’ theme of the Plan was for the *Maintenance of the Environment*, described as “to address the importance of the landscape both within the town and its environs and as the basis for the tourism economy”, and within the ‘Sustainability’ theme of the Plan the ‘*Climate Change*’ project covers aspects such as bio-diversity.

The *Life on the Edge* project is one among a programme of small environmental projects being undertaken by the BC Town Plan, which together aim to meet Shropshire Council’s sustainability vision: “*to stabilise and progressively reduce our environmental footprint*”.

### **SWS LJC 15 – Osteoporosis Event Bishop’s Castle Patients Group**

**Total Project Costs: £100**

**Grant requested: £100**

It is proposed to hold an Osteoporosis Awareness event at Norbury Village Hall on 18<sup>th</sup> October. The event would be targeted at patients and their family members in the area who have been given a recent diagnosis of Osteoporosis or who are seen as being at risk of developing the condition. The event will provide information on how to maintain good bone health with the condition, including information about exercise, healthy eating and the importance of calcium and vitamins.

The event will include speakers from the Osteoporosis Society and senior clinicians from Princess Royal hospital Telford. Information packs will also be provided to those attending the event.

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Osteoporosis has been seen as a significant health factor for many people, with one in two women and one in five men over fifty sustaining a bone fracture which can be linked to the condition. Osteoporosis can play a major role in unplanned emergency hospital admissions and can also leave people socially isolated thus costing the NHS a significant amount of money each year.

The awareness session will provide people with the condition with information and support on how to manage the condition, and provide advice on support available. It will also promote exercises and diets which can help mitigate the impact of the condition.

The event is based on similar events which have taken place in Shropshire, to which very positive feedback has been received. The Osteoporosis Society also support the event and hope that local support networks may develop from the event.

The grant from the LJC would be used to hire Norbury Village Hall and provide refreshments at the event. Speakers are giving their time for free, and the Osteoporosis Society will be providing the information packs for the event.

## **SWS LJC 16 – Fight the Plastic Bishop’s Castle**

**Total project costs: £160**

**Grant applied for: £140**

The *Fight the Plastics* project has been started under the Sustainability theme of Bishop’s Castle’s Town Plan. Its objectives are to:

- gather data on food packaging plastics use through surveys of retailers and the public
- identify types of plastics which are unnecessary and/or unrecyclable and explore fully bio-degradable alternatives that could be used by local retailers through a bulk-buying scheme
- publicise alternatives to plastic and inform the local people through two days of street displays and interactive activities to increase recycling rates, encourage the reduction in demand for short-use plastics and reduce the littering of the local area
- carry out mass litter collection throughout the town and surrounding area to use in the street displays to raise awareness that it will eventually end up in the oceans in not collected
- lobby Veolia, our waste collection company, to increase the range of plastics recycled through visits to their recycling (Wolverhampton) and energy recovery (Battlefield, Shrewsbury) facilities to meet their technical staff
- set up free, water-bottle refill points around town linked into the national ‘Refill’ scheme with national window logos and mobile
- encourage public discourse about this environmentally sensitive issue through street interviews
- lobby our MP, Philip Dunne on the above issues and the need for changes in legislation to make packaging manufacturers contribute significantly more towards the costs of recycling
- engage with the Bishop’s Castle Community College students through activities such as the Aberystwyth Beach Clean, facilitate a campus-based plastics campaign, a meeting and questioning of their MP and interaction with Cooperative Group Head Office in Manchester on food packaging issues in order to encourage the students to become politically active

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Several of the above activities have been completed, or nearly so, at little cost so far, but the remainder of the campaign involves considerable expenditure (for us) on publicity, printing and display materials, including equipment hire, for the two, Days of Action in July and transport of the group to Veolia's sites.

The Bishop's Castle Town Plan [Community-Led Plan] was based on an extensive survey of the views of local inhabitants, which were recorded in the Plan that was issued in October 2016. One of the key requirements captured in the 'Sustainability' theme of the Plan was to reduce single-use plastics, e.g bottles, straws & non-recyclable coffee cups, involving retailers, local people and the Community College.

Although the *Fight the Plastics* campaign is one among a range of other environmental projects being undertaken by the BC Town Plan, it covers areas which are unique and will add significantly to the programme which aims to meet Shropshire Council's sustainability vision: *"to stabilise and progressively reduce our environmental footprint"*.

## **7. Funding implications**

The current balance of the South West Shropshire Grants scheme is £1,173 and if LJC.14, 15 and 16 were all supported the both the balance remaining would be £863.00

## **8. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal**

### **Risk Management Appraisal**

In determining these recommendations, Shropshire Council has considered reputational risk and the course of action minimises this risk.

### **Human Rights**

The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the Human Rights Act 1998

### **Community and other Consultation**

Consideration has been given to the public opinion expressed at the previous Local meetings

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Committee and date  
South West Shropshire  
Local Joint Committee  
Meeting

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July SpArC  
Centre Bishop's Castle 7.00  
pm

Item

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## YOUTH COMMISSIONING FOR THE SOUTH WEST SHROPSHIRE LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE AREA.

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### 1. Summary

This report summarises the funding available to support youth activities in South West Shropshire in 2018/19.

### Recommendations

- A That the Committee note that there is £4,000 remaining in the South West Shropshire youth budget for 2018/19 financial year, and this needs to be allocated to projects and spent by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019
- B That the Committee note that a separate rurality fund is also running through Shropshire Council which clubs can apply for. Funding rounds are available in April and October this year

## REPORT

### 2. Background

From 2015/16 Shropshire Council changed the way in which it delivered youth services in Shropshire. This saw a move from Shropshire Council delivering front line services and employing staff directly, to a commissioning model. This saw funding devolved to Local Joint Committee's (LJC's). who then identified local needs and allocated their funding accordingly. Each LJC had different levels of funding based on identified local needs and the South West Shropshire LJC has received £3,000 in 2015/16 and a further £3,000 in 2016/17 and 17/18

The following grants were awarded in the 2015/16 financial year

- 10.1 – Worthen Youth Club £500 for outdoor activity courses
- 10.2 - Bishop's Castle Duke of Edinburgh Scheme new equipment £355
- 10.3 – St Johns Church Youth Group Bishop's Castle new equipment £500
- 10.4 – Bishop's Castle Youth Club (Irene Stelfox) Outreach Work £1,000
- 10.5 – SpArC Arts Youth Dance project £645

The following grants were awarded in 2016/17

10.6 – Bishop’s Castle Scout Group £800

10.7 – Bishop’s Castle Juniors £600

10.8 – Bucknell Youth Club £1,000

10.9 – Bishop’s Castle Town Council AMP music - £600 (plus £400 from 2017/18 budget)

Grants awarded in 2017/18

10.10 – Bishop’s Castle Town Council AMP music - £400

10.11 – Lydbury North PCC – Youth Group support - £500

10.12 – Worthen Youth Club – Outdoor activity course - £420

10.13 – Shropshire Youth Association – Mental Health support project – £922.74

10.14 – ESWS SpArC Theatre Dance Project - £750

A Scrutiny review of the model for commissioning youth services was carried out in December 2017 and established a new funding model for the county. Under this new model the South West Shropshire LJC was awarded £4000 for 2018/19 to support youth activities.

In addition a new rurality fund of £30,000 was set up which volunteer led activities are encouraged to apply for. The first round of funding was awarded in June 2018. In this area Bucknell Youth Club applied for, and was awarded a grant of £1,000 for its youth club; The Church Barn Youth Group in Bishop’s Castle also applied for a grant to upgrade the skate park in Bishop’s Castle but this was unsuccessful.

A second round of funding for this scheme opens in October 2018

### **3. Considerations for the South West Shropshire Local Joint Committee**

The LJC has a total budget of £4,000 to allocate to youth activities in 2018/19.

The Committee need to decide how to allocate this funding.

The Committee had previously agreed to award the funding through a grant making programme which groups who provide activities for young people can bid into. The maximum grant available is £1,000

Alternatively the Committee could commission a specific service aimed to youth activity in the area.

All funding needs to be allocated and spent by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019, so realistically the Committee needs to decide on how it will allocate the funding at its autumn meetings to meet this deadline.

### **4. Applications received for consideration**

No new applications have been received.

However some outline ideas for the funding include

- Support for reviewing and upgrading the skate ramps in Bishop's Castle's park
- Development of the "underground" at Bishop's Castle Public Hall

## 5. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

In determining these recommendations the LJC has considered reputational risk and the course of action minimises this risk.

The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998.

The proposals under consideration will improve the levels of community based and community driven youth activity in the LJC area.

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