



Committee and Date
South West Shropshire Local
Joint Committee Planning
Meeting

Thursday 9th February 2017

Clun Memorial Hall, 7pm

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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 applications received by the South West Shropshire Community Grant scheme, up to January 2017. It also provides an update on the amount of funding held in the grant pot, which will form the basis of a discussion by the Committee on the future of the grants scheme.

Recommendations

- A. That the LJC note that £530.08 remains in the South West Shropshire Community Grants scheme
- B. The LJC Committee commit to the future of the grants scheme request a contribution of £150 towards the scheme from each Town and Parish Council in the LJC for the 2017/18 financial year
- C. That Town and Parish Councils within the LJC approach local businesses to support the grants scheme in 2017/18

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 £100 to the scheme and local businesses were also approached.

3. Grant development

Letters requesting support for the grant scheme were sent to all Town and Parish Councils in the autumn of 2014, and as of 31/12/2016 **£1,700** had been paid into the grants scheme, including a £1000 donation by a local business.

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 and remaining funds in the South West Shropshire Grant Scheme

	Organisation	Purpose of grant	Amount	Total Remaining
SWS LJC.1	Rectory Gardens Lunch Club	Computer Club (Connecting Communities)	£150.00	£1,550.00
SWS LJC.2	Everest Hall	Insulation project at Everest Hall	£119.92	£1,430.08
SWS LJC.3	Shropshire & Wrekin Fire Authority	Honest Truth Driving Partnership	£150.00	£1,280.08
SWS LJC.4	Bucknell Pre-school	Don't Mention the Wall	£150.00	£1,130.08
SWS LJC.5	Bent Lawnt War Memorial	War Memorial instalation	£150.00	£980.08
SWS LJC.6	Haselhurst Close Tenants Association	Clun Valley Lunch Clun equipment	£150.00	£830.08
SWS LJC.7	South West Shropshire Young Engineers	Support for Goblin Car Project	£150.00	£680.08
SWS LJC.8	Brockton and Worthen Defibrilator Group	Purchase of 2 defibrillators	£150.00	£530.08

5. Grant criteria

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

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- 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
 - 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. Future Development of Grant Scheme

The South West Shropshire Local Joint Committee met in a planning session on Thursday 12th January to discuss the grant scheme and made the following recommendations to be ratified by the full LJC on 9th February.

- That the grants scheme should continue in 2017/18
- That the Community Enablement Officer write to each Town and Parish Councils within the LJC to request a contribution of £150 to the grants scheme for 2017/18.
- That Town and Parish Councils to be asked to contact local businesses within their Parish asking them to consider contributing the scheme in 2017/18.
- Shropshire Council to continue to act as a banker for the funding, and administer payments.

7. 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

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder) Cecelia Motely
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Local Members

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Appendices

