



Committee and date
South West Shropshire
Local Joint Committee
Meeting

Wednesday 7th November,
Everest Hall, Llanfair
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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 31st March 2019
- B That the Committee note that a separate rurality fund has also been running through Shropshire Council which clubs have been able to apply for.

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 opened in October 2018. Worthen Youth Club applied for a grant of £1,000 to employ an Shropshire Youth Association worker to support their club but were unsuccessful in this application; Bishop's Castle Scout group applied successfully for a grant of £509 for new equipment for their scout activities

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. At the July meeting of the LJC the Committee agreed to allocate this funding through a grant making process, and projects were encouraged to come forward from the community.

4. Applications received for consideration

Three applications have been submitted which are

LJC 10.1 – Bucknell Youth – Cob oven workshop events

Bucknell and Bedstone Youth Club was formed around 2 years ago, and is a volunteer led youth club which meets once a week in term time in Bucknell. Between 10 and 17 young people attend the club each week and is supported by a group of local volunteers to run the club, with background support from the Shropshire Youth Association.

Bucknell Youth Club would like to host a two day cob oven workshop for the Youth Club members and volunteers to partake in, which will result in the Youth Club having its own clay wood-oven so that it may host regular pizza evenings in which the young people can cook their own pizzas.

The cob oven workshop will be an all-inclusive activity, bringing the Youth Club members and volunteers together, bonding over a unique very hands-on activity that uses natural materials from the environment. Such a team-based activity should help the young people and the volunteers build on their relationships, with the benefits of doing so being plentiful for both the young people and the volunteers. We hope by doing so it will reinforce the young people's feeling of being in a supportive environment when attending the Youth Club.

The regular pizza evenings will then offer opportunities for the young people to get connected with food and to learn how to enjoy it - an invaluable life skill and lesson. Having a clay oven available for Bucknell Youth Club will also allow for the possibility for the Youth Club to host pizza fundraising evenings where they can invite the local community, with the young people taking on responsibility and roles for cooking and serving pizzas. We believe experiences such as these build confidence in individuals, and bring the young people together in working as a team, which can have huge impacts on self-confidence, social skills and self-esteem.

The funding will cover the cost of employing a professional to host the two day event, an organiser for the project, and all the materials and equipment necessary for building and cooking with the cob oven.

Costs for the project are

Cob Oven Workshop	- £356
Staff Costs	- £360
Equipment	- £150
Materials	- £210
Total	£1076

The Club are requesting a grant of £826 for this project and will provide £250 in matched funding which have been secured through local fundraising.

LJC 10.2 – South Shropshire Engineering Ambassadors – Young Engineer Club Support

SSEA are a constituted group of retired professional engineers who have supported engineering clubs in local primary and secondary schools over the past 15 years.

Our aim is to promote an interest in engineering in children of primary school age to encourage them to study STEM subjects at secondary school and consider engineering as a future career

In the current school year September 2018 to July 2019 we will be supporting young engineer clubs in 6 schools as well as the annual Primary Engineering Challenge organised by the Community College Bishop's Castle (CCBC)) involving 10 of their feeder primary schools .

The challenge this year is to design and build a model solar powered buggy which will be raced and judged at the CCBC Challenge event in June 2109

This year we are entering four cars in the Goblin Greenpower Car Challenge which involves constructing drivable electric cars and racing then against other schools at a meeting organised by STEM in Stafford in June 2019.

In the school year 2018/2019 our ambassadors will be supporting the following activities.

1. After school clubs at Bishop's Castle, Clun, Clunbury, Bucknell, Onny, and Lydbury North during the autumn and spring terms.
2. The 2019 primary school challenge at CCBC involving over 100 children from 10 schools. The challenge this year will be to design, build and test a solar powered model buggy which will be entered in races and duration trials on the celebration day. This will involve 2 or 3 two hour sessions in each school during the spring term and a whole day at CCBC in June 2019
3. Building Goblin cars at Newcastle on Clun, Chirbury, Clunbury and Onny schools involving 6-8 one hour sessions at each school and then entering them in the 2019 regional competition at Stafford

Possible visit to attend activity at RAF Museum Cosford, to be arranged.

Total costs of this programme are:

Materials for Primary School KS1 Challenge	100
Materials for Primary School KS2 Challenge – Solar Buggies	554
Materials for after school clubs	100
Spares and materials for 4 Goblin cars.	500
Transport to Stafford Goblin Competition	350
Transport to RAF Cosford	300
Contingencies	300
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	£2204

The SSEA are requesting a grant of £300 from the Local Joint Committee

Matched funding is anticipated to come from the following sources

Aston Community Shop	200	Pending
Institution of Mechanical Engineers	400	Pending
Midlands Co-operative	400	Pending
WSP Highways Alliance	350	Pending
Balance in Current Account	715	Secured

The Local Joint Committee has previously supported this organisation with a grant from its general grants scheme.

Committee members should note that the aim of the Youth Commissioning funding is to support young people between the ages of 11 and 17, and the majority of the SSEA work is with the final year of Primary schools (Year 6). However, they do work closely with the Community College in Bishop's Castle and their events at the Community College help young people with their transition between Primary school and Secondary School.

10.3 – SpArC Theatre – Dance Project phase 2

SpArC Theatre aims to provide diverse arts provision for the local community. Our aim is to ensure accessible, sustainable and high-quality arts opportunities for south Shropshire in order to deliver tangible, meaningful benefits to local people and support regeneration of the area.

In 2017/18 this organization applied successfully to the LJC for a grant of £750 to develop Street Dance programme at SpArC. This application is looking to build on the success of that project.

The Street Dance course we have been running has been a success and we would like to continue to offer the activity until Easter 2019. This means another 6 sessions continuing to run every 2 weeks on a Friday to co-ordinate with Bishops Castle Community College enrichment programme.

We have managed to cover a larger portion of the cost this time - but fall short of being able to fully meet the cost of the project.

As before securing funding for the sessions during the school day for secondary students means we can offer an after school session for Primary students which we can charge for at a more affordable rate of around £5 per sessions for 1hr class.

Primary age sessions will be offered through the primary schools all secondary students at the community college will have the opportunity to access the sessions through the enrichment module.

Reasons to keep delivering this opportunity:

Participants, teachers, parents and guardians of both sessions have strongly expressed that they wish the sessions to continue.

It provides an indoor active session for children during the dark winter months.

An alternative active option to traditional sports.

They are enjoying it so much. There is no Urban Dance provision locally.

Uptake and retention has been good with more children joining the after-school session throughout the term. We now have 16 (6 boys 10 girls) children attending the after-school class with more interested in joining and 17 (8 boys 9 girls) in the Enrichment group at the Community College.

Supporting quotes:

"Street dance sessions offered to the students at the Community College Bishop's Castle have always generated a lot of interest and uptake from students. The sessions have met the needs of both boys and girls across a range of ages and has

proven to be a very inclusive activity. The college would welcome additional opportunities to participate within dance based activities as it provides students with a cultural experience which allows them to express and develop their creativity whilst providing a healthy form of exercise that brings many physical benefits. This type of activity provides students with an opportunity that is different to most sports based activities ran within the school curriculum and we appreciate the opportunity to receive tuition from a professional in this area.” Adam McMahon Head of Enrichment Bishops Castle Community College.

“Alf did the Summer Dance day with Dave and he absolutely loved it, so we decided to also do the lessons. It was a little out of his comfort zone, but I’m chuffed we did it because he can’t wait to go. The dance classes have really brought his confidence on by mixing and working together with other children from outlying schools of different ages, through developing new dance moves and working to the end goal of a dance routine. Alf isn’t massively sporty, but he has really taken to dance, and if there is an opportunity to progress this through additional sessions he will definitely be attending. He practices in the week and comes out buzzing after each session. The classes are a real asset to the community. “Becky Hares (Mother of Alfie(7) attending the after school classes)

“My girls have absolutely loved street dance and it’s been wonderful for us watching them grow in confidence each week.” Abby Garnett (Mother of Izzy(7) and Ellie (10) attending the after school sessions)

“Everything seems to be going swimmingly regarding the Friday sessions. I’m really happy with how they both are progressing.” David Mckenna Dance Tutor

“I have two children one is sporty the other isn’t and this is something they both really enjoy, it does exactly what it says on the tin- a full active hour of street dance- great for winter and something different they would both like to continue and the it being every other week works really well!” Jane Woosnam

Project costs are:

£960	Workshops Facilitation £160 x 6
£200	Management and Administration of Project
£60	Hire of the Theatre/ Dance Space
£100	Teacher supervision
Total	
£1320	

Matched funding has been secured from the following sources

£250	Hobson Trust (secured)
£100	Teacher supervision 10hrs(In kind) (secured)
£210	Ring fenced income from this terms lessons (secured)
£360	Income from next terms after school lesson approx and pending- any additional profit would be ring fenced to keep the project going and fund the following term (Pending)
£920	

The project is asking the LJC for a grant of £400 to support this project.

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.

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)
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Appendices
