

LEIGHTON-LINSLADE TOWN COUNCIL

PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

13 FEBRUARY 2014

FINANCIAL & PROJECTS REPORT

A Economic Development**2013-2014 Budget for Economic Development projects**

Items	Budget	Spent / Allocated	Comments
Balance remaining at 31 March 2013	30,750+ £35,000 for 2013-14 = total £65,750		£30,750 remaining from 2012-13 to be used for Signage projects
Let's Talk Business	500		CBC
Pilot 10	4,500		CBC
Timebank	500		CBC
Training (e.g Market trading)	500		
Clinics / seminars	2,000	£1000 billed	CBC
Business Engagement	500		CBC
Business Networks	2,000		CBC
Key Employer visits	500		CBC
Video	3,500	£3500	Video completed and on Youtube. Original cost £2,000
Start up grants	2,500	£1000	2 market bursaries approved by Ec Dev sub-committee on 11 July 2013. 3 available to carry forward £1500 to 2014/15
Pop-up Market support for 12 months	4,000	£869 (TBC) spent to date	Remaining monies carried forward to 2014/15. Moving to Markets from April 2014
Support for Independents' Day	700	£329.99 billed	(£370 unspent)
Additional funding for 2013 Summer Sundays	10,000	£10,000	Full allocation used
Town Centre Delivery Plan projects	30,000	30,000	£30k (965/9018) allocated for Town Centre Delivery Plan (Tourism signage 10k /Mews & Alleys £20K)
Unallocated for further projects	4,420.01		

B Big Plan II Projects

Items	Budget	Spent / Allocated	Comments
2012-2013 unspent budget – carried over into EMR	35,020		
2013-2014 budget	4,741		£5000 adjusted – to Summer Sundays
Total available funds	39,761		
Allocated for match funding for Green Gym application	10,000		Application to Sport England (waiting response from funding application 18/1/14)
Projects recommended from the Big Plan II Projects Sub-Committee:			
Enhance four town gateway signs with addition of Fairtrade information (as endorsed in Signage Strategy)	3,500	Awaiting confirmed cost for 3	Can provide 3 on the bypass (4 th will be longer project with Highways) Proofs being confirmed
Establish a town gateway sign at the Grovebury Road entrance to the parish (as endorsed in Signage Strategy)	3,500	£328.90 billed (502/4522)	Completed Installed January 2014
Install a leaflet rack by the noticeboards in the multi-storey car park	500	TBC billed	1 been installed – 2 more on order 29/1/14 – PG to confirm cost
Production of a Green Infrastructure Plan	5,000		GST ongoing project. Draft plan & public consultation stage. Completion June 2014.
Greening of Bideford Green area, possibly through tree planting	500	tbc	Bideford Green management committee and GST partnership.
Support new schemes at TACTIC such as summer scheme/holiday project scheme/Duke of Edinburgh	4,000	£3288	Summer project completed
Consider resurfacing of outside tarmac play area at Vandyke Road youth club	1,000		4YP contacted - quotes being obtained.
Development of the street market – further “how to be a trader” workshops and enhanced publicity	3,000 carry forward to 2014/15		Workshop cancelled in October 2013 – rescheduled for June 2014.

Undertake scoping work regarding possibility of creating a “performance area” (i.e. a covered area, similar to bandstand) based around the Stone Circle at the bottom of the High Street	Up to £2,000		Details and costs to be discussed; may need to wait until relocation of buses
Refurbishment of tennis and basketball courts at Pages Park	10,000		Due to commence w/c 10 th February 2014.
	39,116.90		
Remaining unallocated balance for further projects	644.10		

C Town Centre Management

Items	Budget	Spent / Allocated	Comments
2012-2013 unspent budget – carried over into Earmarked Reserves	25,839		
2013-2014 budget	20,000		
Total available funds	45,839		
Town Centre Delivery Plan - Street lighting improvements	10,000		Initial discussions held with AMEY and briefing for Members/Officers held on 17 July 2013 – awaiting designs/costs from AMEY.
Town Centre Delivery Plan – Environmental improvements	15,000		
Moving of taxi rank from the High Street			CBC consultation has begun on this. Any further updates on progress to be given at the meeting.
Provision of entertainment on market days	2,000		Liaising with LB First and local groups to source entertainment
Town centre environment improvements (one year)	10,485		Report to Operation Swan task group
CBC Car Parking Study	5,000		
	32,485		
Amount unallocated remaining	3,354		£730 expenditure to date on Town Ranger projects

Potential Future Projects:

Purchase of market storage facility	30,000	Site visit took place with managing agent to discuss potential purchase or indeed regularising rent of site (April 2013). Awaiting a reply.
Riverside Centre	110,000	2013: An expression of interest to potentially purchase the building submitted to CBC 2014: Now appears likely that CBC will be working directly with Central Bedfordshire College on this project.