

MEMBERS' LOCAL ALLOCATION Local Committee for Mole Valley 2 February 2004

KEY ISSUE:

To consider bids against the Members' Local Allocation fund for 2004/05 and to note the approval of other bids that fall below the £500 threshold. To also consider bids against the local SCC Community Safety fund.

SUMMARY:

Members are asked to consider 7 bids for funding from the Members' Local Allocation totalling £7,600. Members are also asked to approve 4 bids totalling £6,600, and to note for approval a further 2 bids totalling £1,000.

- £2,000 contribution to the cost of re-provision of the kitchen at the Ashtead Peace Memorial Hall.
- £2,000 contribution to the cost of provision of a toilet for the disabled at the Ashtead Scout Hut.
- £2,000 contribution towards the cost of the renovation programme of the Ashtead Guide Hut.
- £600 for the Mole Valley Credit Union Study Group.
- £500 towards the costs of creating a Parish Plan for Headley.
- £500 towards the cost of extending Forest Green Village Hall.

The approval of these bids leaves £39,187 of the total £110,000 fund uncommitted this year.

Members are also asked to consider proposals for the use of the £24,000 local community safety funding for Mole Valley.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee are asked:

- i. to approve the bids for Members' Local Allocation detailed in the report,
- ii. to note the approval of smaller bids as detailed
- iii. to agree the use of the remainder of the local community safety funding

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PROPOSAL FOR EXPENDITURE OF LOCAL REVENUE BUDGET 2004/05



1. Member

David Gollin

2. Description of proposal

Contribution to the cost of re-provision of the kitchen at the Ashtead Peace Memorial Hall

3. Need to be addressed.

Ashtead Peace Memorial Hall kitchen is still in its pre-war state. It is increasingly difficult to meet proper hygiene standards and a modernisation is well overdue.

4. Outcomes sought

APMH is at the heart of the community and is the home base for more than 40 village organisations. A properly equipped kitchen is a necessary part of the infrastructure, particularly for the Over 65 Lunch Club that meets every Thursday.

5. Consultation undertaken

APMH Committee, ARA, other community group representatives.

6. Financial details

- (i) Cost £2,000
- (ii) Timing Asap
- (iii) Further implications None

(iv) Matching funding etc.

Total cost of the scheme estimated at £40,000. Other funding sources being sought. Discussions with MVDC are on-going. Own fund raising activities.

PROPOSAL FOR EXPENDITURE OF LOCAL REVENUE BUDGET 2004/05



1. Member David Gollin

2. Description of proposal Contribution to the cost of provision of a toilet for the disabled at the Ashtead Scout hut.

3. Need to be addressed.

Although there are no current members needing this facility, it is increasingly necessary to have such provision. It is also necessary for hiring out the hall, which, inter alia, is used as a polling station for both local and general government elections.

4. Outcomes sought

Compliance with the Disability Act.

5. Consultation undertaken

Scout committee, other community group representatives.

6. Financial details

- **a. Cost** £2,000
- **b.** Timing Asap.

c. Further implications None.

d. Matching funding etc.

Total cost of the scheme will be more than double this. Other funding from Ashtead Scouts & Guides Supporters Association, other funding bodies and from own fund raising efforts.

PROPOSAL FOR EXPENDITURE OF LOCAL REVENUE BUDGET 2004/05



1. Member

David Gollin

2. Description of proposal

Contribution to the cost of the renovation programme of the Ashtead Guide hut.

3. Need to be addressed.

Significant external structural renovation and the provision of a domestic hot water system for the toilet and for the kitchen.

4. Outcomes sought

A fit-for-purpose facility, which currently cannot meet even basic requirements.

5. Consultation undertaken

Guide committee, other community group representatives.

6. Financial details

- **a. Cost** £2,000
- **b.** Timing Asap.

c. Further implications None.

d. Matching funding etc.

Total cost of the scheme will be more than double this. Other funding from Ashtead Scouts & Guides Supporters Association, other funding bodies and from own fund raising efforts.

PROPOSAL FOR EXPENDITURE OF LOCAL REVENUE BUDGET 2004/05



1. NAME OF MEMBER(S):

This proposal is supported by all Members of the Local Committee.

2. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:

To set up a Credit Union (CU) serving all who work or live in Mole Valley District. This will require two phases of work. In Phase 1 a Study Group will gather the information needed to prepare a Business Plan for the proposed CU. A key task will be a marketing exercise to determine the likely number of people who will join the CU. We will then take a decision on the viability of the in the light of the Business Plan. If the decision is to proceed, Phase 2 will start. This will take us to the day when the CU office opens for business. Tasks in Phase 2 will include recruitment and training of staff, finding premises and office equipment, establishing business control systems, and obtaining formal approval from the Financial Services Authority to operate the CU.

We are at the start of Phase 1, and presently seek funding for Phase 1 work only.

3. WHAT NEED(S) WILL THIS PROPOSAL ADDRESS?

The Study Group members (approximately 20) are mainly representatives of local organisations such as Churches Together in Leatherhead, Surrey County Council, Central Surrey Council for Voluntary Service, Rotary Club, All Saints Family Project, and Pitstop. We plan to recruit more members via the local press and by approaching more local organisations such as Resident Associations and Parish Councils.

Study Group members are required to attend a two-day training course provided by the Association of British Credit Unions Ltd (ABCUL). Further training by ABCUL will be undertaken if we proceed to Phase 2.

4. WHAT OUTCOME(S) ARE SOUGHT?

Our aim is to establish a Credit Union that will provide good value community-based financial services for all Mole Valley residents. The CU will provide:

- a personal service instead of anonymous mainstream banking
- a financial co-operative owned and controlled by the members
- a basic range of good value loan and savings accounts
- enabling loans to help set up a business.

In particular for less wealthy residents it will offer:

- an alternative to loan sharks
- an introduction to sound management of household finances
- an opportunity to save small amounts on a regular basis, for example in a Christmas Club or Holiday Club.

5. WHAT CONSULTATION HAS BEEN UNDERTAKEN?

The initiative to set up a CU Study Group came from Churches Together In Leatherhead. The Citizens Advice Bureau has for many years reported that financial problems, especially debt, are major causes of social problems. Community workers confirm that this is certainly the case in Leatherhead Common, and we believe that the problem is present in other areas of Mole Valley. By offering the benefits outlined above the CU will help people get control of their lives.

6. FINANCIAL DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL:

(i) What is the cost of the proposal? $\pounds 600$

(ii) When is the funding required?

ASAP. Funding is needed for (a) the costs of the Phase 1 training which takes place at the end of January and (b) to print the attractive leaflets and other marketing material needed for the marketing exercise.

- (iii) Are there any financial implications beyond the current year? No.
- (iv) Is there any other relevant funding (e.g. match funding?)

The Rotary has contributed £500 towards the start up costs.

PROPOSAL FOR EXPENDITURE OF LOCAL REVENUE BUDGET 2004/05



1. Member

Hazel Watson

2. Description of proposal

Application from Forest Green Village Hall to build a room onto the Village Hall.

3. Need to be addressed.

The committee have been aware for some time of the dangers of stacking chairs within the hall as they can easily topple over. The stacks of chairs and tables are unsightly and take up a great deal of space. At present stacks of trestle tables and toys for the toddler group fill the committee room so it cannot be used.

4. Outcomes sought

It is hoped that by storing chairs, tables and equipment in the new room, the hall will become more attractive to prospective hirers as it will offer a second usable room.

5. Consultation undertaken

A proposal for new storage has been the subject of much discussion for many years throughout the village via the newsletter and at public meetings. There have been various fundraising efforts towards this purpose.

6. Financial details

a. Cost

£500 toward the costs of the project.

b. Timing

The money is urgently required.

c. Further implications None.

d. Matching funding etc.

MVDC and SCC Tri Part grant. Abinger Parish Council. Hall funds accumulated over 10 years.

PROPOSAL FOR EXPENDITURE OF LOCAL REVENUE BUDGET 2004/05

1. Member

Hazel Watson

2. Description of proposal To create a Parish Plan for Headley.

3. Need to be addressed.

The need to involve the community of Headley in identifying and planning the future of the village.

4. Outcomes sought

A Parish Plan with required actions, timescales and responsibilities.

5. Consultation undertaken

Community consulted at Annual Village meeting supported the principle of the plan and volunteers came forward to form a committee. The community will be fully consulted by drop in day and a questionnaire.

6. Financial details

a. Cost

£500 toward the costs of the project, which are estimated to total £3150 (£750 printing questionnaire, £400 results booklet, £1500 the Plan, plus £500 other costs)

b. Timing

Over the next 12 months.

c. Further implications

No. The proposal is for a one off payment towards the cost of the Plan.

d. Matching funding etc.

£1000 has been donated by M.V.D.C. £500 has been donated by Headley Parish Council.