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Subject: Community Funds Progress Report

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Purpose / Summary:

This report details the progress and performance of the first year of the revised Local Councillor Initiative Fund, the Celebration Fund, and the latest developments and early grant allocations for the Community Action and Volunteering Fund and the Community Assets Fund.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Members NOTE progress and continue to promote the community funds

IMPLICATIONS

Legal:
None arising from this report.

Financial :
None arising from this report.

Staffing :
None arising from this report.

Equality and Diversity including Human Rights :
N/A

Risk Assessment :
None arising from this report.

Climate Related Risks and Opportunities :
None arising from this report.

Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

Call in and Urgency:

Is the decision one which Rule 14 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?

Yes

No

Key Decision:

Yes

No

Executive Summary

This report details the progress and performance of the first year of the revised Local Councillor Initiative Fund, the Celebration Fund, and the latest developments and early grant allocations for the Community Action and Volunteering Fund and the Community Assets Fund.

The Councillor Initiative Fund (CIF) - value £148,000. Each Councillor has £4,000 to spend over 2 years. The funding can be allocated at the Councillor's discretion. Projects need to fit with the broad Themes of the Corporate Plan and be community led. In the first year 103 grants were made across the 6 areas totalling £55,777. The total cost of projects supported is £284,435 so for every £1 spent from the CIF a further £5 has been levered into the District in match funding.

The Community Action and Volunteering (CAV) Fund was launched in January 2012 and is managed by Community Lincs. The fund value is £250,000 with a maximum grant £250 for community-led projects. There are 6 Area Panels and bids are assessed virtually on a monthly basis. The first 20 grants have been awarded totalling £4,978. Early indications are that the volume of applications is slow and more work will need to be done on promoting the fund to local groups.

The Celebration Fund was launched in February managed by the Lincolnshire Sports Partnership. The Fund value - £50,000 offering grants up to £1,000 for community activities celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and/or the London Olympics. 70 grants have been awarded totalling £42,746. This fund is now closed.

The Leisure Capital Investment Fund (LCIF) was set up in 2008 to support the development of strategic, large scale sports developments in the Lincoln fringe settlements. The Fund value is £380,000 and 3 grants have been awarded to date:

Cherry Willingham School	3G artificial pitch and community sports usage and development of facilities.	£150,000
Lincoln Rugby Club	Relocation to Nettleham	£100,000
Welton Parish Council	Football and wider community sports development at Manor Park	£100,000

The remaining £30,000 has been awarded 'in principle' to Saxilby Parish Council towards the development of a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA).

A manager for the **Community Assets Fund (CAF)** has been procured and CAN and the Plunkett Foundation will work closely with the Council to deliver the £1.2m of investment to sustainable community projects. The Fund has been launched and an Advisory Panel will be set up to agree investments of grants or loans. 30 such investments are expected over the initial 3 years of the Fund and leverage is expected to be 1:1, doubling the value of the Fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Members NOTE progress and continue to promote the community funds

1 Introduction

1.1 This report details the progress and performance of the first year of the revised Local Councillor Initiative Fund, the Celebration Fund, and the latest developments and early grant allocations for the Community Action and Volunteering Fund and the Community Assets Fund.

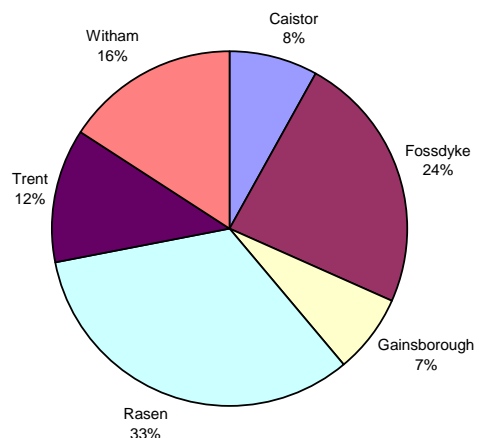
2 Councillor Initiative Fund (CIF)

2.1 Fund value £148,000 - each Councillor has £4,000 to spend over 2 years. The funding can be allocated at the Councillor's discretion. Projects need to fit with the broad Themes of the Corporate Plan and be community led. The fund started in April 2011 so the first year is now completed. 103 grants were made across the 6 areas totalling £55,777.

Year 1 allocations:

	No. of Grants	£
Caistor	14	£4,450
Fosdyke	22	£13,155
Gainsborough	19	£4,055
Rasen	18	£18,487
Trent	12	£6,840
Witham	18	£8,790
Total	103	£55,777

Money allocated by area:



2.2 The grants have covered a wide range of activities at the community level. Here are just a few examples:

- New boiler for the village Hall – Keelby
- Replacement of picnic benches – Ingham
- Telephone box information point - Torksey
- Children's play slide – Faldingworth
- Development of Family Group – Homestart, Gainsborough
- Large Projector Screen – Willoughton Historical Society
- Funding for Community-Led Plan – Corringham

2.3 The full list of grants awarded so far can be found at Appendix 1.

2.4 The total cost of projects supported is £284,435 so for every £1 spent from the CIF a further £5 has been levered into the District in match funding.

3. Community Action and Volunteering Fund

3.1 This fund was launched in January 2012 and is managed on behalf of the Council by Community Lincs. The fund value is £250,000 with a maximum grant £250 for community-led projects. The priorities are:

- 3.1.1 Projects that can fully demonstrate the need.
- 3.1.2 Projects that represent good value for money.
- 3.1.3 Projects that show the added value of volunteer time.
- 3.1.4 Projects that can demonstrate links to West Lindsey District Council's Corporate Priorities

3.2 There are 6 Area Panels comprising the Area Manager, the relevant Community Action Officer, 2 Members and a community representative. Bids are assessed virtually on a monthly basis. The initial induction and assessment session took place on 26th March and the first 20 grants were awarded.

Area	No of grants	£
Caistor	3	738
Fosdyke	0	0
Gainsborough	4	1,000
Market Rasen	10	2,490
Trent	3	750
Witham	0	0
Total	20	£4,978

3.3 As for the CIF, this fund is going to be able to support a very wide range of projects. Early examples include:

- 3.3.1 Equipment for outdoor activities – Northorpe
- 3.3.2 Training for community members – RAF Scampton
- 3.3.3 Booklet and signage – Rasen Heritage Society

3.4 It is still very early days for this fund which will continue for the next 2 years. A progress review has been built in at 6 months to look at volume, throughput and size of grant.

3.5 Early indications are that the volume of applications is slow and more work will need to be done on promoting the fund to local groups. Appendix 2 shows the very latest position for each Area.

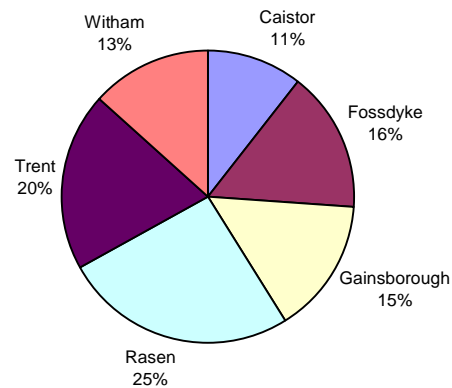
4. The Celebration Fund (Olympic & Jubilee)

4.1 This fund was launched in February managed by the Lincolnshire Sports Partnership. The Fund value was £50,000 offering grants up to £1,000 for community activities celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and/or the London Olympics.

4.2 This has proved a very popular fund with support for Jubilee activities far exceeding Olympic-related activity. 72 grants have been awarded totalling £42,747 supporting 58 Jubilee events, 11 Olympics events and 3 joint theme events.

4.3 The charts below show the distribution of the funds by area and Appendix 3 gives the full list.

Area	No.	Amount
Caistor	10	£4,522
Fosdyke	13	£6,645
Gainsborough	8	£6,358
Rasen	18	£11,082
Trent	13	£8,477
Witham	10	£5,663
Total	72	£42,747



4.4 There is a small amount of money left (£2,800) which being used to cover late bids and last minute opportunities but the Fund is now closed.

4.5 All groups awarded a grant are required, as part of the Terms and Conditions, to send in a report of their event with photographs and these will be used for publicity purposes and to compile a scrapbook of all the activity that this fund supported.

5. Leisure Capital Investment Fund

5.1 This fund is an older fund set up in 2008 to support the development of strategic, large scale sports developments in the Lincoln fringe settlements. The Fund value is £380,000 and 3 grants have been awarded to date:

5.2 **Cherry Willingham School** received £150,000 towards a 3G artificial pitch, community sports usage and development of facilities. This was completed in 2008 and has provided a well-used community facility.



5.3 **Lincoln Rugby Club** is undertaking a multi-million pound relocation to Nettleham to provide more pitches, youth and women's teams and wider community involvement in sport. This fund provided £100,000 towards that. Work is underway and the pitches will be in use for the new season in the autumn.

[Awaiting photos]

5.4 **Welton Parish Council and Welton Football Club** are redeveloping the Manor Park site to increase playing pitches, upgrade facilities and provide a community/conference venue. A grant of £100,000 was awarded towards this £600,000 project. Work is underway and the new facilities are on target to be opened in September.



- 5.5 The remaining £30,000 has been awarded 'in principle' to Saxilby Parish Council towards the development of a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA). Once the final grant has been given, this fund will close.

6. Community Assets Fund

- 6.1 The procurement process has now been completed for this £1.2m fund. The contract for fund investment and management was awarded to a national partnership of CAN and the Plunkett Foundation. CAN are specialists in the investment of funds for social businesses and Plunkett are specialists in rural community business development. Some of the very local community support will be sub-contracted to Community Lincs.
- 6.2 The vision and objective of the fund is to inspire, support and invest in community enterprise in the West Lindsey area. The Fund will actively promote and support community-led initiatives that will improve service provision and increase economic productivity in a sustainable manner.
- 6.3 Core features of the Fund will be:
- Raise awareness of community-led enterprise in West Lindsey
 - Hold Empowering events and surgeries to encourage local enterprising ideas and stimulate investment pipeline;
 - Provide a combination of:
 - Hands-on business support to communities or individuals who want to establish a community enterprise (from general and specialist community enterprise advisers;
 - Community enterprise helpline;
 - Pre-investment support to progress applications;
 - Ongoing practical business advice to maximise impact;
 - Additional funds secured from other national social and community investment funds;
 - Peer support providing access to other communities and individuals running community and social enterprises in other areas.
- 6.4 A 'soft' launch of the fund took place in April announcing the fund partners and explaining how the emphasis will be on building sustainable community-owned assets through investment by either grant or loan. The full press release can be read at Appendix 3.

- 6.5 The release contained a link to a microsite where people can show their interest and register their project. From here, Plunkett will contact the group and investigate the possibilities for investment.
- 6.6 However, it is important that most referrals should come through Members working with the Area Managers and Community Action Officers as investments should be targeted at projects which are a genuine priority for the area. The focus will be on supporting the opening or refurbishment of community buildings and the development of community infrastructure such as shops, pubs, or local community transport.
- 6.7 The structure of the Community Assets Fund has four core themes;
- Social impact
 - Portfolio management and business support
 - Leverage
 - Investment decisions
- 6.8 There will not be a standard 'bidding' process with application forms. Final decisions for investment will be made by an Advisory Panel which will judge the viability of projects and the consequent investment potential or risk. This will consist of CAN, Plunkett, Community Lincs and 2 WLDC Members.
- 6.9 Draft Terms of Reference and more details about the fund can be found at Appendix 4.
- 6.10 The Council has organised a workshop on 11th June for all Members, Area Managers and Community Action Officers to meet with CAN and Plunkett and learn more about how the fund will work and their role in promoting it and bringing projects forward.
- 6.11 It is planned to have a bigger launch later in the year once the first investment has been identified.
- 6.12 The initial lifetime of the fund is three years with an expected 30 investments made over the period, supported by additional funds. The fund will be a mixture of grant and loan investment with a target of 50% grant/50% loan. CAN and Plunkett believe that they can bring other funding streams to at least double the fund value over the 3 year period.

7. Recommendation

That Members NOTE progress and continue to promote the community funds

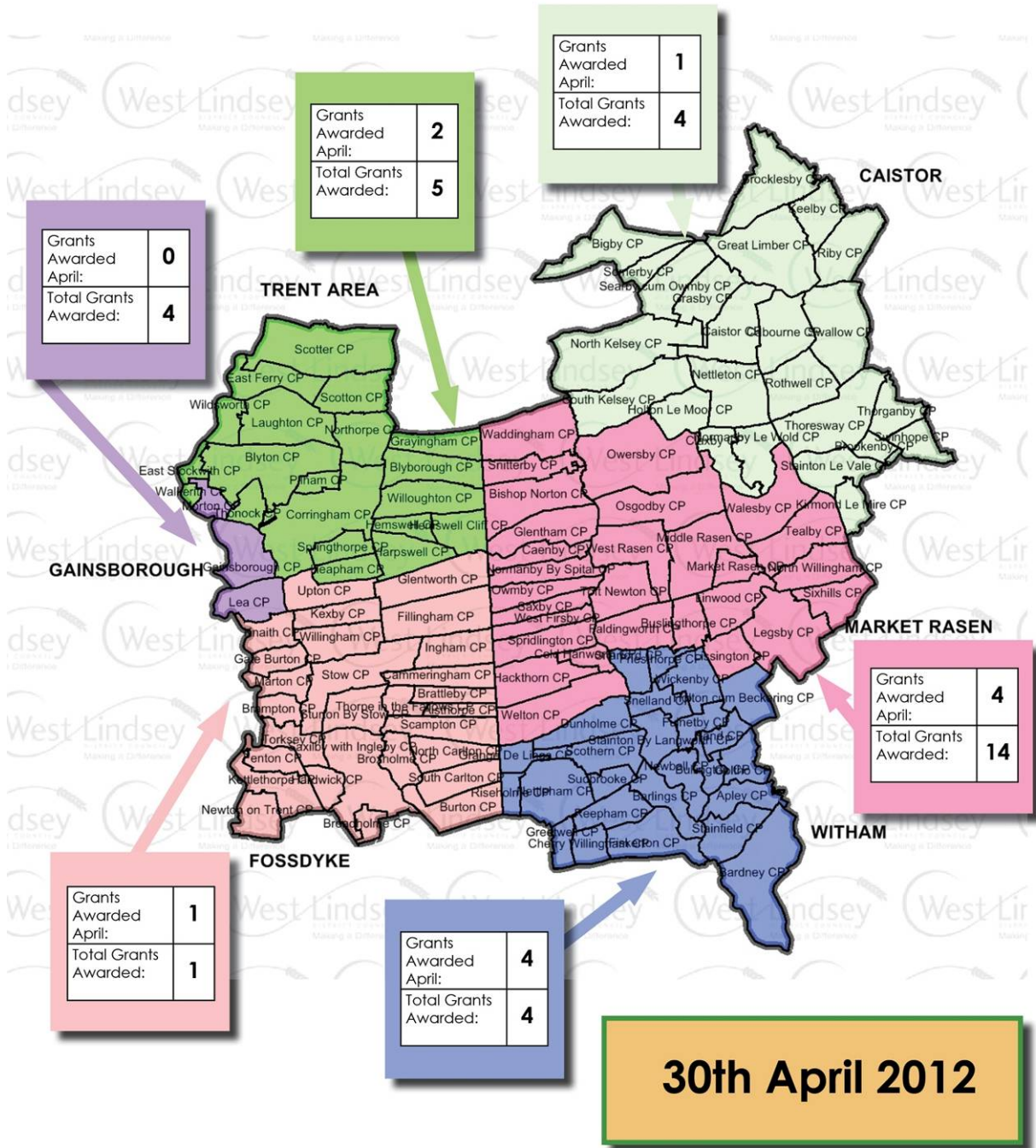
Appendix 1 – Full list of grants given from the Councillor Initiative Fund as at end of April 2012

No	Group/Organisation	Details of Project	Councillor	Amount Offered / Paid Over	Area
1	All Saints Church Upton cum Kexby	Development of disabled toilet, kitchen facilities and meeting room	Milne	£400.00	Fossdyke
2	Bardney Allotment Society	Secure storage for produce and materials	Fleetwood	£500.00	Witham
3	Bardney Panthers FC	Football equipment for U8's and U10's football teams	Fleetwood	£500.00	Witham
4	Broadholme Parish Meeting	Noticeboards	Cotton	£871.20	Fossdyke
5	Caistor Civic Society	Reprint and update of Caistor Walkabout Leaflet	Caine	£349.00	Caistor
6	Caistor Goes.....Events Committee	Storage Boxes for Sections of LED Festival Lighting	Lawrence	£86.18	Caistor
7	Caistor Hillside Bowls Club	Replacement of Security Barrier - Hedge & Mesh Fencing	Lawrence	£500.00	Caistor
8	Cherry Willingham & Reepham Scout and Girl Guide Group	Anti Graffiti Equipment	Welburn	£541.90	Witham
9	Cherry Willingham Bowls Club	Repair of frost damage to Pavilion Water System	Parrott	£634.76	Witham
10	Cherry Willingham Parish Council	Community Gala	Welburn	£200.00	Witham
11	Cherry Willingham Parish Council	Community Gala	Parrott	£200.00	Witham
12	Corringham CLP Team	Funding to start a community led plan	Howitt-Cowan	£165.00	Trent
13	Corringham Parish Council	Printing of the community newsletter	Howitt-Cowan	£380.00	Trent
14	Corringham Team Jubilee	Diamond Jubilee Celebration	Howitt-Cowan	£230.00	Trent
15	Dunholme Parish Council	Replace wooden planters at war memorial	Rawlins	£1,610.00	Witham
16	East Stockwith Parish Council	Marquee	Udenwood Frost	£500.00	Trent
17	East Stockwith Parish Council	Printing costs for questionnaire for Parish Plan	Parry	£185.00	Gainsborough
18	Faldingworth Parish Council	Playside for the children of Faldingworth and surrounding area	Parish	£1,000.00	Market Rasen
19	Foss Folk Ladies Choir	Insurance	Cotton	£128.87	Fossdyke
20	Friends of Saxilby Library	Insurance and training for volunteers to enable increased opening hours	Cotton	£400.00	Fossdyke
21	Gainsborough and District Heritage Association	Provision of central heating	Parry	£250.00	Gainsborough
22	Gainsborough and District Heritage Association	Provision of central heating	Tinker	£250.00	Gainsborough
23	Gainsborough and District Heritage Association	Provision of central heating	Bardsley	£500.00	Gainsborough
24	Gainsborough and District Heritage Association	The Marshall Rally	Doran	£500.00	Gainsborough
25	Gainsborough in Bloom	Funding for various aspect of Gainsborough in Bloom	Doran	£500.00	Gainsborough
26	Gainsborough in Bloom	Funding for various aspect of Gainsborough in Bloom	Rainsforth	£500.00	Gainsborough
27	Gainsborough in Bloom	Funding for various aspect of Gainsborough in Bloom	Tinker	£100.00	Gainsborough
28	Gainsborough in Bloom	YaSIG element of Gainsborough in Bloom	Bardsley	£200.00	Gainsborough
29	Gainsborough Riverside Festival	Fireworks for the Riverside Festival	Starkey	£995.00	Gainsborough
30	Gainsborough Riverside Festival	Riverside Festival Workshop	Tinker	£150.00	Gainsborough
31	GAPA	Christmas Party	Starkey	£485.00	Gainsborough
32	Glentham Indoor Bowls Club	Matchwear for Club Members	Summers	£250.00	Market Rasen
33	Glentham Indoor Bowls Club/Village Hall	Replace strip lights	Summers	£250.00	Market Rasen
34	Glentham Parish Council	Lighting	Summers	£250.00	Market Rasen
35	Grasby Scout Group	Patrol tent and dining tent	Strange	£500.00	Caistor
36	Great Limber Parish Council	Clean and refurbish village pond	Caine	£300.00	Caistor
37	Greetwell Fund Raising Committee	Event folding trestle tables and a petrol strimmer	Parrott	£389.91	Witham
38	Home Start Gainsborough	Home Start Family Group	Tinker	£200.00	Gainsborough
39	Ingham Boys FC	Football equipment for U13 football teams	Patterson	£500.00	Fossdyke
40	Ingham Parish Council	Replacement of two Picnic Benches in local park	Patterson	£865.00	Fossdyke
41	Ingham Parish Council	Noticeboard	Patterson	£1,400.00	Fossdyke
42	Keelby Allotment Society	Composting Unit	Bierley	£660.00	Caistor
43	Keelby Bowls Club	Gazebo shelters	Bierley	£209.98	Caistor
44	Keelby Village Hall	New water boiling urn	Bierley	£500.00	Caistor
45	Kettlethorpe Parish Council	Rebuild of fence surrounding childrens play area	Kinch	£1,540.00	Fossdyke
46	Kettlethorpe Village Hall	Kettlethorpes VH condensation problem, management and maintenance	Kinch	£646.00	Fossdyke
47	Kettlethorpe Village Hall	Vacuum Cleaner, cleaning tools and cutlery	Kinch	£584.93	Fossdyke
48	Kirkby and Osgodby Playing Field	Improvement to existing and replacement staging	Wiseman	£1,234.16	Market Rasen
49	Kirkby and Osgodby Village Hall Association	Additional, improvement and replacement lighting.	Wiseman	£749.44	Market Rasen
50	Langworthy Memorial Hall	Bottle Cooler for Memorial Hall	Darcell	£300.00	Witham
51	Laughton Field & Events Committee	Provision of fencing and improvements to cricket field	Parry/U.Frost	£1,250.00	Trent
52	LIVES	Rental of oxygen cylinders	Strange	£500.00	Caistor
53	Market Rasen Bowling Club	Replace all windows	Keimach	£2,000.00	Market Rasen
54	Market Rasen Hub	Community Plan for the Market Rasen area	Keimach	£2,000.00	Market Rasen
55	Middle Rasen & District Horticultural Society	Funding for the annual sweet pea show	Wiseman	£16.00	Market Rasen
56	Middle Rasen Parish Council	Production of Parish Plan	Wiseman	£1,000.00	Market Rasen
57	Middle Rasen Parish Council	Village Hall build/installation of disabled facilities	Wiseman	£1,000.00	Market Rasen
58	Mr Gill-Stafford	Complete History of the Village of Wickenby	Rawlins	£175.00	Witham
59	Nettleham Cricket Club	Replacement covers	Sellars	£500.00	Witham
60	Nettleham Parish Council	Hire of mobile skatepark	Sellars	£370.00	Witham
61	Nettleham Village Hall	Replacement ceiling and lighting	Sellars	£1,500.00	Witham
62	Newsline	Ongoing funding to help maintain newsletter	Howitt-Cowan	£400.00	Trent
63	North Kelsey Parish Council	Noticeboard	Strange	£300.00	Caistor
64	Owby Cricket Club	Cricket Coaching Courses	Summers	£1,000.00	Market Rasen
65	Performing Arts Club St Johns	Printed T-Shirts	Tinker	£150.00	Gainsborough
66	RAF Ingham Heritage Group	Purchase/rent a portacabin during renovation project	Patterson	£500.00	Fossdyke
67	Reepham & Cherry Willingham Village Hall	New sign for the Village Hall	Welburn	£250.00	Witham
68	Reepham & Cherry Willingham Village Hall	New sign for the Village Hall	Parrott	£250.00	Witham
69	Reepham Methodist Craft Club	Purchase of two sewing machines and paper cutters	Parrott	£210.00	Witham
70	Richardson Play Park Group	Stationary, advertisement and health and safety training	Starkey	£125.00	Gainsborough
71	Rose Leisure Bowls Club	Funding towards the plumbing,electrics and foundation of the clubhouse	Starkey	£200.00	Gainsborough
72	Saxilby Gala	Public Liability Insurance	Cotton	£379.00	Fossdyke
73	Saxilby Strollers Walking Group	Walk leaders expenses and GPS	Cotton	£250.00	Fossdyke
74	Saxilby Village Hall	Purchase of floor cleaning machine	Cotton	£849.60	Gainsborough
75	Scottham Players	Provision of new stage curtains	Curtis	£400.00	Witham
76	Scotter Tennis Club	Provision of tennis balls	Udenwood Frost	£454.89	Trent
77	Scotton Parish Council	Diamond Jubilee Celebration	Parry/U.Frost	£1,000.00	Trent
78	Slumgothic Teenage Art Project	Funding for music facilitator and project overheads	Rainsforth	£1,000.00	Gainsborough
79	Snitterby Parish Council	Traffic Calming	Summers	£153.14	Market Rasen
80	Snitterby Village Hall	Emergency light fittings	Summers	£320.00	Market Rasen
81	Springdington Village Hall	Refurbishment to Village Hall, flooring, lighting and painting	Parish	£1,900.00	Market Rasen
82	Springline Good Neighbour Scheme	New computer System	Cotton	£300.00	Fossdyke
83	Springline Support Group	Repairs to the bellframe	Howitt-Cowan	£450.00	Trent
84	St Lawrence Church Corringham	Tea making servery and toilet with full disabled facilities	Howitt-Cowan	£1,000.00	Trent
85	Stow Fun Raisers	Replacement and repair of village sign	Shore	£1,750.00	Fossdyke
86	Sturton by Stow Parish Council	Repair and replace noticeboards	Shore	£250.00	Fossdyke
87	Sudbrooke Village Hall	Install security lighting at village hall	Curtis	£300.00	Witham
88	Sunshine Club	Supporting the sunshine club for elderly residents.	Howitt-Cowan	£200.00	Trent
89	Swallow Parish Council	Seating in play park	Caine	£940.00	Caistor
90	The Moot Hall Committee	Replace flagpole	Regis	£430.00	Caistor
91	The Salvation Army Craft and Friendship Group	Equipment	Rainsforth	£750.00	Gainsborough
92	Thoresway Residents	Two Rigid Metal Signs "Drive Carefully - Respect our Speed Limit"	Regis	£	Caistor
93	Thorganby Parish	Cleaning and landscaping of overgrown church yard	Regis	£850.00	Caistor
94	Toft Newton Parish Council	Demolition of garages and associated works	Rodgers	£4,000.00	Market Rasen
95	Torkey & District Croquet Club	Shelter provision	Kinch	£300.00	Fossdyke
96	Torksey Action Group	Telephone box information point	Kinch	£225.29	Fossdyke
97	Upton and Kexby Friendship Club	Day trip for members	Milne	£100.00	Fossdyke
98	Upton Methodist School Room and Meeting Hall	Update electrics	Milne	£500.00	Fossdyke
99	Vision for the Future	Purchase of Marquee	Cotton	£500.00	Fossdyke
100	Welton Football Club	New football kit for 16 years upwards	Parish	£537.75	Market Rasen
101	Welton Parish Council	Installation of water supply to the village allotments	Parish	£500.00	Market Rasen
102	Willingham Parish Council	resurfacing and upgrading of the cemetery footpath	Shore	£2,000.00	Fossdyke
103	Willoughton Local History Society	Purchase of large projector screen	Howitt-Cowan	£200.00	Trent

Appendix 2 – CAV Fund activity to 30/4/12



UPDATE ON THE CAV FUND



Appendix 3 – Full list of Celebration Fund grants

			O/J	No.
Caistor				
Bigby Village Hall	£150.00	Bunting and refreshments	J	1
Brookenby (Wolds Events)	£498.92	Planters, PA system, party	J	1
Claxby PC	£619.00	Village party	J	1
Grasby Parish Council	£425.00	Street party - food + entertainment	J	1
Great Limber Village Hall	£290.00	Bunting etc. for party	J	1
Keelby Diamond Jubilee Committee	£729.50	Picnic in the park - village green to be divided into areas with royal theme (Balmoral/Windsor) to create competition. Money for mugs.	J	1
Keelby Village Hall	£245.00	Commemorative clock & lunch	J	1
North Kelsey Community Association	£790.00	Commemorative gifts, food, gazebo	J	1
Riby Parish Meeting	£250.00	Mugs & bulbs	J	1
South Kelsey	£525.00	Hog roast	J	1
Total	£4,522.42			10
%age of total	9.0			
Fossdyke				
Brattleby Parish Council	£638.40	Community picnic - marquee, table & chairs	J	1
Glentworth Village Hall	£743.00	Village party & commemorative mugs for children	J	1
Ingham Parish Council	£500.00	Funding for mugs, bunting etc to supplement their Jubilee Big Lunch and have a BBQ/hog roast	J	1
Knaith PC	£696.80	Bunting, hats, food	J	1
Marton & Gate Burton	£488.00	Various celebrations including 'old boys' football match	J	1
Saxilby PC	£1,000.00	Transport to Olympic Torch relay etc	O	1
Saxilby Scouts & guides	£600.00	Party for senior citizens	J	1
Scampton ROSE	£390.00	Jubilee party to bring military & civilians together	J	1
Sturton by Stow PC	£675.00	Village party & pageant & displays	J	1
Torksey	£93.75	Bunting, medals, mugs	J	1
Upton Parish Council	£250.00	Planning tea party and dance in evening. Sports for children, beacon	J	1
Willingham by Stow Playing Field Association	£320.00	Street party kits and flags	J	1
Willingham (Howson care - Alzheimer's)	£250.00	Bunting, hats etc for party	J	1
Total	£6,644.95			13
%age of total	13.3			
Gainsborough				
Gainsborough & District Heritage Association	£400.00	Transfer of cine to DVD + memories of royal events	J	1
Gainsborough Riverside Festival	£1,000.00	Olympic theme	O	1
Gainsborough Toy Library	£981.28	Mini-Olympics - draft activities	O	1
Gainsborough Town Council	£1,000.00	Vintage buses as part of Jubilee	J	1
Friends of Richmond Park	£1,000.00	Old Fashioned Town Celebration	J	1
Parish Church School Kids Club	£366.54	Equipment for games inviting Redcote Nursing Home	O	1
Shooting Fish Youth Theatre (arts in deprived areas)	£885.00	Costume making, gladiator events, olympic themes	O	1
YaSIG	£725.00	Big Jubilee Lunch for teenagers	J	1
Total	£6,357.82			8
Rasen				
Bishop Norton PC	£1,000.00	Village party & hog roast	J	1
Glentham Parish Council	£202.97	Decorations, BBQ & disco	J	1
Glentham Village Hall	£173.00	Equipment for obstacle course	O	1
Faldingworth DJ Committee	£1,000.00	Party	J	1
Hackthorn Village Hall	£684.85	Food, bunting & special coins (subject to proper quotes)	J	1
Kirkby cum Osgodby Village Hall and Playing Field	£511.96	Garden Games to be used for future village events, other money for mugs, food and bunting etc	J	1
Market Rasen Churches Working Group	£950.00	Hog roast, bands & mugs	J	1
Middle Rasen Brownies	£100.00	Crafts, games & races badge and flag design	O	1
Middle Rasen & District Horticultural Society	£999.50	Jubilee Show - marquee + prizes for competitions	J	1
Owmbly & Normanby Diamond Jubilee Group	£1,000.00	Hog roast & ,mini olympics. Parade & competitions	JO	1
Snitterby PC	£454.00	Village garden party	J	1
Spridlington Village Hall	£265.40	Street party, commemorative mugs	J	1
Toft Newton PC	£1,000.00	Newtoft games	O	1
Waddingham PC	£550.00	Celebrations	J	1
Walesby Parish Council	£350.00	Street party	J	1
Welton & District Craft Club (disabled adults)	£300.00	Street party	J	1
Welton by Lincoln PC	£1,000.00	OLF&R band for tea party on village green + refreshments	J	1
West Rasen Village Hall	£539.98	Community BBQ	J	1
Total	£11,081.66			18
Trent				
Blyton	£546.24	Food and party hats etc.	J	1
Corringham Team Jubilee	£996.55	Family fun day, teen disco, brass band concert	J	1
Hemswell and Harpswell Village Hall Trust	£680.00	Parade and picnic	J	1
Hemswell Cliff Residents Group	£915.00	Big Lunch & events - conditional on proper quotes	J	1
Laughton Parish Council	£905.95	Youth club, asking for CRB checks and equipment	O	1
Northorpe Parish Council	£496.36	For gazebos, tent pegs & folding chairs	J	1
Pilham Parish meeting	£433.97	Garden games etc	J	1
Sothorn After School Kids Club	£503.56	Equipment, flags, medals	O	1
Scotter Methodist	£415.00	Party	J	1
Scotton PC	£1,000.00	Party & commemorative calendar	J	1
Springthorpe Parish Council	£500.00	To purchase a marquee that can be used for Jubilee celebrations and future events	J	1
Susworth in Action	£400.00	Bunting , food etc	J	1
Willoughton Village Hall	£684.15	Jubilee Event - a range of expenditure	JO	1
Total	£8,476.78			13
Witham				
Bardney Play group	£800.00	Mini olympics	O	1
Cherry Willingham (Ash Grove)	£100.00	Street party	J	1
Cherry Willingham Parish Council	£500.00	Community Gala	JO	1
Fiskerton Pre-school	£113.00	Craft materials, bunting, planters	J	1
Fiskerton (Newlink)	£400.00	Street party + bouncy castle (working with disadvantaged/disabled)	J	1
Langworth Memorial Hall	£1,000.00	Hog roast. Ceilidh, evening concert, planning to sell tickets	J	1
Nettleham Jubilee Group (St. Barnabas Hospice)	£750.00	Community party	J	1
Reepham School (Friends of)	£500.00	Reepham Village Garden Party	J	1
Sothorn Parish Council	£1,000.00	Cultural weekend over Jun 1-4th A variety of events.	J	1
Sudbrooke Parish Council	£500.00	Jubilee event to clear area round millennium stone, provide bird boxes, benches (to be provided by Sudbrooke Wood Carving Group)	J	1
Total	£5,663.00			10
			Total number of grants	72
Grand total	£42,746.63			
Total Fund	£45,596			
Amount remaining	£2,849.37			



24 April 2011

West Lindsey District Council

News Release

New investment to inspire development of community facilities in West Lindsey

A £1.2 MILLION investment has been announced by West Lindsey District Council to encourage local people to develop community enterprises.

The Community Asset Fund is part of the council's commitment to 'help people help themselves'. The council hopes that the fund will inspire local people to start community enterprises in their areas and make West Lindsey the home of community enterprise.

Cllr Jeff Summers said: "Simply awarding grant after grant is not sustainable. We need to use what funds we do have in a creative way to attract further funding. We strongly believe social enterprises are a really good way to achieve this for our local communities."

Community enterprises are businesses like shops, pubs or village halls set up by and for the benefit of local communities. There has been a huge rise in community enterprises in England and Wales in the last five years as more communities become inspired to help themselves.

- An estimated 400 commercial village shops close each year – community ownership saves around 5 per cent
- Around 1,300 pubs close each year, 700 of which are in rural areas

In West Lindsey, local examples of community enterprise include Caistor Arts and Heritage Centre, which was part of the Village SOS series, and Tealby community village shop. Both were the vision of local people and now serve as thriving social hubs for their communities.

The council has teamed up with national partners, CAN, and the Plunkett Foundation to manage the investment.

The partnership will attract additional finance and support from other national funds to help local individuals and groups to:

- Open or refurbish community buildings
- Develop community infrastructure such as shops, pubs, or local transport

The priorities for which projects should receive support will come through the dedicated work the council is doing with each area of the district as part of its Supporting Community Action campaign.

There will not be a standard 'bidding' process with application forms, an Advisory Panel will judge the viability of projects and the support required by the local communities involved. The panel will include representatives from CAN, Plunkett, Community Lincs and the council.

Cllr Jessie Milne and Cllr Anne Welburn were involved in the tendering process for the project.

Cllr Welburn said: "We are delighted to be working closely with CAN and the Plunkett Foundation. They are both ideally placed to help us deliver this ambitious project. We are confident they will help us in our on-going campaign to Support Community Action. CAN is a registered charity, it trades as a social enterprise and they have a proven track record of developing sustainable social business. The Plunkett Foundation specialise in supporting rural businesses, which is ideal for West Lindsey."

The partners strongly believe in the power of community enterprise to empower and connect local communities, whilst also stimulating other business, employment and volunteering in areas.

Kate Markey Deputy Chief Executive of CAN said: "The vision and ambition for this fund go to the heart of CAN's mission which is to help individuals and community groups develop enterprising solutions for their communities.

"We look forward to working with communities to identify enterprising opportunities and bringing our expertise, network and experience in partnership with the Plunkett Foundation to support local people in their ambitions."

James Alcock, Community Retail Manager of Plunkett Foundation, said: "We're delighted to be working on a project that will help communities in West Lindsey to take control of the issues affecting them through community ownership, be that by setting up a community shop, pub, or other rural enterprise."

- Communities will have the opportunity through local events and support to encourage them to start a community enterprise in their area
- There will be plenty of support, business and financial advice
- Opportunities for mentoring from other community enterprises outside West Lindsey

The initial fund will last for three years and is only available to benefit West Lindsey communities.

If you have an idea for a community enterprise, you can register your interest by visiting:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/West_Lindsey_Community_Ideas

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Notes for editors

- The Plunkett Foundation (www.plunkett.co.uk) is the only national organisation supporting the development of community-owned village shops in the UK.
- CAN (www.can-online.org.uk) co-founded the national trade organisation for social enterprise SEUK and Unltd, the £100m endowment fund for social entrepreneurs
- CAN and Plunkett are Strategic Partners of the Office of Civil Society, part of the Cabinet Office, to promote social entrepreneurship and social enterprise in England and Wales

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Side Bar Information:

Tealby Community Shop:

The community shop in the village of Tealby opened in 2004, following the closure of the last remaining shop. It is one of 276 successful and sustainable community shops in the UK that sells local produce, and tailored services to meet local needs. Community shops employ an average of 3.3 staff and 30 volunteers, and have an average turnover of £157k.

Caistor Arts and Heritage:

Information and photos should be credited to Village SOS/Big Lottery Fund.

Appendix 4 – CAF Advisory Panel draft Terms of Reference

Role of the Investment Advisory Panel:

The management of the Community Assets Fund has been awarded to CAN and the contractual arrangements of the Fund are between CAN and West Lindsey District Council (WLDC). As part of CAN's commitment to delivering the Fund, we wish to establish an Investment Advisory Panel to help oversee investment decisions of the Fund to maximise its social impact in West Lindsey.

Membership of the Investment Advisory Panel:

The core members have been invited to join the Panel for their collective experience, insight and community reach. Together they have the opportunity to have a significant impact on community enterprise and entrepreneurialism in West Lindsey.

Key partners will be represented on the Panel; West Lindsey District Council, CAN, Plunkett and Community Lincs. Each partner will have one representative, apart from WLDC which will have two council Members and an officer in an advisory capacity only. The two WLDC representatives will have a formal role acting on behalf of the authority for the dispersal of its funds. The Panel will be chaired by CAN as the Fund manager. The Panel will retain key membership in the short-term with the option to invite further partners / representation as required (e.g. investment partners, community enterprise practitioners or specialist community advisers or trade bodies).

Key responsibilities of the Panel:

- Agree final investment proposals
- Provide additional insight on pipeline investments
- Attend local events to support fund development
- Act as local and national ambassadors for the Fund
- Support market stimulation on the ground
- Bring additional local intelligence

Governance:

The structure of the Community Assets Fund has four core themes;

1. Social impact
2. Portfolio management and business support
3. Leverage
4. Investment decisions

The role of this Advisory Panel is to consider the fourth point i.e. investment decisions.

The aim will be to have unanimous decision making on investments, however if this not the case, the Panel has the right to vote. One representative of WLDC will be elected as vice chair of the Panel at the first meeting and will thereafter have the casting vote on investment decisions where there is a tie. The Panel will be quorate with three members present, one of which must be a representative from WLDC. The Panel retains its proposed format for the first 18 months of the Fund and could be reviewed thereafter (as per the review points of 18 months and 3 years as agreed in the Fund contract).

The Panel will meet quarterly although early stage fund developments may require additional meetings and communications. Panel meetings will take place in West Lindsey (council offices in the first instance) and should last no more than 2.5 hours. Papers will be circulated one week before each meeting containing proposals for investment, update on portfolio community organisations and review of ongoing pipeline. Additional attendees from CAN will provide fund administration duties at Panel meetings.