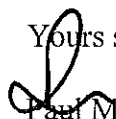


BEWDLEY TOWN COUNCIL
S.136 REQUEST 2009/10

ITEM	AMOUNT
Wyre Hill Play Area- Annual Maintenance ¹	£ 2,110
Contribution to Youth Café ²	£ 1,500
Grant to Bewdley Development Trust ³	£ 1,500
Additional support to churchyards ⁴	£ 200
Additional funds for town centre flowers ⁵	£ 1,000
War Memorials ⁶	£ 500
Friends of Bewdley Museum ⁷	£ 1,000
Christmas Lights & Tourism ⁸	£ 900
Costs associated with new lighting for Bewdley Bridge ⁹	£ 2,997
Bewdley Chamber Maids- Party in the Park ¹⁰	£ 300
TOTAL	£12,007

Yours sincerely,


Paul Mann
Town Clerk

¹ This grant is requested to allow the Play Area to remain open but only for 6 months as the Town Council does not consider that it can justify payments for a full year's maintenance. The Council accepts that when the Town Council's funding finishes, full responsibility for the Play Area will revert to Wyre Forest District Council.

² The Town Council wishes to continue payments towards the creation and maintenance of the Youth Café which is due to open in April 2010.

³ The Town Council wishes to contribute towards the Discover Bewdley Weekend on 3 & 4 May 2009 which is considered to be an extremely successful way of encouraging visitors to the Town.

⁴ Under a separate provision WFDC provides a grant of £2,800.00 for maintenance of churchyards. As the Town Council commits itself to pay a regular contribution of £3,000.00 to the churches involved, this additional expenditure is considered to be justified to maintain the two churchyards in the Town.

⁵ The Town Council has budgeted £1,060.00 for flowers for the Town and, as a major tourist destination, now seeks to improve the image of the Town by improving the display of both summer and winter flowers.

⁶ Following the refurbishment of the paving area in front of the St Anne's War Memorial, the Town Council wishes to build up reserves for further work on this and other memorials in the Town.

⁷ The Council wishes to contribute to the refurbishment of the entrance area in front of the museum and under the Guildhall to improve the facilities for the many organisations that use the area.

⁸ The Town Council has now rationalised its involvement in the Christmas Lights Festival and the request for £900.00 is to enable it to make a grant to the Christmas Lights Committee to organise the event which is considered to be extremely important in attracting visitors to the Town.

⁹ The Town Council has now progressed the installation to the lighting of the bridge to the point where we have now received preliminary quotations for the lighting installation and the grant requested is to allow the lighting installation to take place.

¹⁰ Bewdley Chamber Maids, who are volunteers from the Town, will be organising this year's Party in the Park, and, in the absence of funding from the Police, are seeking support from the Town Council.