

# **Chesterfords Community Centre Request for Funding in 2012**

## **Update**

- The new website should be available from the beginning of next year giving the Community Centre a much higher internet profile.
- We are attracting a wider variety of events; we have a number of cycling events, dogs shows and weddings booked for 2012. We are being hired for musical auditions and rehearsals.
- Bookings have been taken for both children's and adult parties as a direct result of attendance at the children's craft activity sessions put on by the Community Centre.

## **Targets for 2012**

- Higher profile leading to increased bookings, particularly from the internet and targeted marketing.
- Improvements to the inside and outside of the building through grant applications.
- Building on the improved relationships with the user groups and holding joint fundraising events where possible.

## **Finance**

It is not the intention to duplicate information submitted to the Parish Council in October 2012 as part of the 2011 review of progress and finances. The 2010 accounts have been filed with the Charity Commission.

The financial forecast for 2012 is submitted with this document.

At the Parish Council meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2011, Councillors asked for an indication of the level of funding required for 2012. It was stated that the forecast hadn't been completed but it was hoped that the Community Centre would be able to 'break even' from its generated income but would probably request £5K for operational reserves. The money possibly to be divided as £3K initially, with a further £2K available should reserves fall below an agreed level for two consecutive months.

The 2012 forecast has been completed using, as a basis, the regular and event income from 2011 with the addition of the income from the agreed rate rises and an increased level of fundraising. With improved marketing the income should be higher but with the current economic climate it was decided to use this year's figures. The forecast showed that we could break even without Parish Council funds but only if we do emergency maintenance only, as we have in 2011. It is not prudent to continue to do this.

Required expenditure:

- Purchasing of crockery, cutlery, chairs (20 new chairs costs £600!) etc to ensure sufficient to meet our maximum capacities (these have dwindled over time as items have broken or worn out)
- Replacement of worn out tables

- Employment of a caretaker to perform the smaller maintenance works and regular testing of emergency systems, e.g. emergency lighting.

Note: to reduce costs, the role of the Premises Manager will be covered by the Committee for 2012.

### **Funding Request**

The Chesterfords Community Centre requests the sum of £5000 from Great Chesterford Parish Council to allow us to continue with, and build on, the progress/improvements made in 2011. We would ask, if approved, that the money be paid as a lump sum in April to allow us to concentrate on the work that we need to do. The PC Liaison will have up-to-date figures, from the CCC meetings, giving an accurate statement of the Centre's finances.