

ANGUS COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE – 14 APRIL 2015

ANGUS COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME ANNUAL REPORT

REPORT BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

ABSTRACT

This Report informs the Development and Enterprise Committee of applications to Angus Council in 2014/15 of £1,000 or less submitted and/or approved since 3 March 2015 in 2014/15. It also provides summary information on applications submitted to the Angus Council Community Grant Scheme and feedback from applicants during 2014/15 in appendix 1 of the report.

1. RECOMMENDATION(S)

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) Note the grant awards for 2014/15 of £1,000 or less made since 3 March 2015
- (i) Notes the summary information provided for applications submitted to ACCGS in 2014/15 and the feedback from applicants

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN/SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT/COPORATE PLAN

2.1 This report contributes to the following local outcome(s) contained within the Angus Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2016:

- Angus is a good place to live in, work in and visit.

3. CURRENT POSITION

3.1 The Angus Council Community Grant Scheme in its current guise has been operating since 2009 and has had 476 applications. This has provided over £686,000 of support to 370 groups within the Angus community. Throughout the existence of the scheme there has been a programme of continuous improvement with regards to the processes and procedures. This has included targeting funding, improving the application process, creating a robust assessment and monitoring process and providing support to potential applicants.

4. 2014/15 APPLICATIONS OF £1,000 OR LESS - £548 SUB TOTAL

Organisation	Amount Requested	Category	Summary	Decision
Kirriemuir & District Amateur Swimming Club	£700	Sport	Grant requested to purchase 25 pairs of fins and hand paddles to improve swimming technique.	Due to the club's strong financial position the full grant has not been awarded, but from a sports development perspective and to show support of this well run club a 50% contribution has been awarded. Grant awarded £350
South Angus Parents of Adults with Learning Disabilities (SAPALD)	£273	General	Grant requested to purchase banners and marketing materials	This group is keen to attend community events to promote awareness of their service and gather more support. Support given towards costs of signage and banners. Group to purchase leaflets and pay travel costs from own resources. Grant awarded £198
Arbroath Male Voice Choir	£530	Cultural	Grant requested to hire grand piano for annual concert in Webster's hall	The group has sufficient financial resources to meet piano hire cost, as it has done for previous concerts. Grant awarded £0
Drugs Initiative Group	£743.23	General	Grant requested for funding towards the purchase of materials to build a fence to secure community garden	Following assessment of the application and supporting evidence it was decided the group had enough funding in their reserves to take this project forward. Grant awarded £0

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Angus Council Community Grant Scheme - 2014/15

The base provision for the Angus Council Community Grant Scheme contained within the 2014/15 revenue budget totals £58,774 comprising Education - £7,773.74 and Other Services revenue budget - £51,000. This base provision has been augmented by the 100% carry forward amount from 2013/14 of £59,000 being the balance of resources available from both the Grant Scheme and the Event Funds.

5.2 Overall a budget of £117,773.74 was available in 2014/15.

5.3 The amount submitted for approval in this Report for 2014/15 totals £548. The recommended amount of £548 combined with other grant approvals in 2014/15 of £79,414.49 brings the total commitment in 2014/15 to £79,962.49

5.4 Additionally, £28,562.83 of Commonwealth Games grants were approved in 2014/15. With the approvals of this report, overall grant awards in 2014/15 totalled £108,525.32 which can be met from the 2014/15 budget provision.

5.5 An uncommitted balance of £9,248.42 is available to fund grant applications in 2015/16

5.6 Angus Council Community Grant Scheme - 2015/16

The base provision for the Angus Council Community Grant Scheme contained within the 2015/16 revenue budget is £51,000. As in 2014/15, Communities have also indicated a contribution of £7,000.00 bringing the total amount available to £58,000.00. This base provision has been augmented by the 100% carry forward amount from 2014/15 of £9,248.42 being the balance of resources available from the Grant Scheme giving a total sum available of £67,248.42.

NOTE: Article 3 of the minute of meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee of 7 May 1996; Article 11 of the minute of meeting of the Strategic Policy Committee of 21 June 2005; Article 16 of the Resources Central Services Committee of 4 May 2006; Article 16 of the Corporate Services Committee of 12 March 2009; Article 8 of the Angus Council Committee of 17 September 2009 and Article 4 of the minute of meeting of the Infrastructure Services Committee of 5 March 2013. Reference is also made to Article 19 of the minute of meeting of the Angus Council Committee of 22 March 2012; Article 14 of the Infrastructure Services Committee of 14 June 2012 and Article 4 of the minute of meeting of the Infrastructure Services Committee of 5 March 2013.

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List of Appendices: **Summary of applications received 2014/15**