

ANGUS COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 26 APRIL 2016

ANGUS COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME ANNUAL REPORT

REPORT BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

ABSTRACT

This Report informs the Policy and Resources Committee of applications to Angus Council in 2015/16 of £1,000 or less submitted and/or approved since 15 March 2016 in 2015/16. It also provides summary information on applications submitted to the Angus Council Community Grant Scheme and feedback from applicants during 2015/16 in Appendix 1 of the report. It also seeks approval for grant requests of over £1,000 submitted since 1 April 2016.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) Note the grant awards for 2015/16 of £1,000 or less made since 15 March 2016;
- (ii) Notes the summary information provided for applications submitted to ACCGS in 2015/16 and the feedback from applicants;
- (iii) Approve the grants recommended for approval for over £1,000 since 1 April 2016.

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 received or approved 523 applications. This has provided over £750,000 of support to 403 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. **2015/16 APPLICATIONS OF £1,000 OR LESS - £600 SUB TOTAL**

Organisation	Amount Requested	Category	Summary	Decision
Arbroath in Bloom No previous applications	£506.47	Communities	Grant requested to purchase litter pickers, hoops and gardening equipment to assist with community litter picks and volunteering activities.	Value for money is high in this application with regard to initial outlay and has very positive benefits for the wider community. Approved £300
Friockheim & Kinnell Playgroup No previous applications	£599.85	Communities	Grant requested to purchase suitable chairs and tables for 2 year olds. The group have recently started to welcome 2 year olds to the playgroup but do not have suitable equipment of the appropriate size.	The application fits within ACCGS themes around educational activities and will allow the group to expand its current activities to a new age group. Approved £300

5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 **Angus Council Community Grant Scheme – 2015/16**

The base provision for the Angus Council Community Grant Scheme contained within the 2015/16 revenue budget totals £58,000 comprising Communities - £7,000 and Other Services revenue budget - £51,000. This base provision has been augmented by the 100% carry forward amount from 2014/15 of £9,248 being the balance of resources available from the Grant Scheme

5.2 Overall a budget of £67,248 was available in 2015/16.

5.3 The amount submitted for approval in this Report for 2015/16 totals £600. The recommended amount of £600 combined with other grant approvals in 2015/16 of £66,641.29 brings the total approved in 2015/16 to £67,241.29. This included £7,727 towards the Scottish Government Focus Year – Food and Drink.

5.4 A repayment of £125.80 was made by Arbroath Bowling Club (1415/049) in respect of unused grant. This along with the uncommitted balance of £6.71 totals an amount of £132.51 which will be unallocated in 2015/16 and will not be carried forward to 2016/17. Due to the returned and uncommitted balance the total commitment for 2015/16 was £67,115.49.

5.5 Angus Council Community Grant Scheme – 2016/17

5.6 2016/17 APPLICATIONS OF £1,000 OR OVER - £6,210 SUB TOTAL

Organisation	Amount Requested	Category	Summary	Decision
ACCGS/1617.001 Brechin Junior Rugby Club No previous applications	£5,000	Sport	<p>Brechin Junior Rugby Club (BJRFC) Veteran Team “THE BRUCE” has been approached by the Scottish Golden Oldies Association to host the 8th Annual festival, the largest and most prestigious veterans event in Scotland.</p> <p>They will be hosting 12 teams from across Scotland and Europe and will also have a special team in from Hong Kong.</p> <p>BJRFC was formed in 1995 to encourage and promote fitness, sport and good health as well as Rugby for youngsters of all ages. The Club Strongly believe in involving the children in community initiatives and charity work within the Brechin community.</p> <p>The Club has evolved over the years and supplied many players to senior clubs across Angus. Six years ago the Veterans Team was established – THE BRUCE ages range from 35 to 87.</p> <p>THE BRUCE are currently European Veterans Rugby Associations Scottish Champions.</p>	<p>Event meets all themes of ACCGS: *Maximising the tourism and heritage potential in Angus *Bringing people together *Increasing involvement *Improving quality of life *Helping groups become well organised</p> <p>This is a well established organisation, running for over 20 years.</p> <p>Event will help raise profile of Angus and the local community, as well as the activities of the group locally</p> <p>This offers good outcomes for encouraging age groups not traditionally involved in sporting activities, with good health outcomes in particular</p> <p>Grant Recommended £5000.00</p>

Organisation	Amount Requested	Category	Summary	Decision
ACCGS/1617.010 Montrose Music Festival previous applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2008 £2,000 Festival Costs • 2009 £2,000 Festival Costs • 2014 £4,534.94 Equipment (non event related) • 2015 £2,937 Floorcoverings External signage (non event related) 	£5,000	Community	<p>Seeking funding to contribute towards the cost of staging the High Street event aspect of the Montrose Music festival taking place 27th May 2016 – 29th May 2016, including the provision of toilets in the High Street.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portable Toilet Hire • Stage Hire • Sound & Lighting <p>Montrose Music Festival, is a not for profit voluntary organisation, organising an annual music festival in Montrose, widely regarded as the biggest, free, music festival in Scotland.</p> <p>Established in 2007, the Festival has grown to incorporate live music in local pubs, live music events at Montrose Town Hall, large outdoor events with world class headlining acts, and a family friendly all ages live music main stage in Montrose High Street.</p> <p>In response to feedback from event attendees the festival committee want to introduce portable toilets for the High Street event in order to make the event more family friendly and tackle complaints of urinating in the closes.</p>	<p>This is a well-established group with several years experience of successfully planning and delivering the event.</p> <p>Event fits well with almost all the ACCGS themes.</p> <p>The application demonstrates a clear need for grant funding to supply toilets, supported by year on year evaluation and surveying attendees. Provision of toilets will ensure good health and safety practice.</p> <p>Application provides no evidence of need for funding of the other elements requested.</p> <p>ACCGS declining grant policy would limit this application to 33% of the first £2000 grant received, equalling £660. However if a request demonstrates innovation and/or the introduction of a new element grant can be offered in full. In this case, toilets are a new development in response to public feedback</p> <p>Grant Recommended £1,210 to cover cost of toilet hire</p> <p>This will be the 3rd and final grant award for this particular event</p>

- 5.7 The base provision for the Angus Council Community Grant Scheme contained within the 2016/17 revenue budget is £51,000. As in 2015/16, Communities have also indicated a contribution of £7,000 bringing the total amount available to £58,000. The sum of £6,210 is recommended for approval which can be met from the 2016/17 budget.
- 5.8 It is proposed to ring fence £15,000 of the £58,000 available for projects focusing on the Scottish Government Focus Year which is Innovation, Architecture and Design.

6. CONSULTATION

The Strategic Directors of People, Communities and Resources, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services and the Head of Corporate Improvement and Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

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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 2015/16**