ANGUS COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE - 15 APRIL 2015

ANGUS COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME

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 4 March 2014 and seeks approval of grant applications of over £1,000 to Angus Council since 1 April 2014. It also provides summary information on applications submitted to the Angus Council Community Grant Scheme (ACCGS) and feedback from applicants during 2013/14 in appendix 1 to this report. It also seeks approval to allocate £50,000 of the 2014/15 Grant Scheme budget to a bespoke Commonwealth Games Fund and authorise the Commonwealth Games Project Board to approve applications on a monthly basis of up to £2,000 for this fund only.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:
 - (i) Notes the grant awards for 2013/14 of £1,000 or less made since 4 March 2014;
 - (ii) Approves grant awards of over £1,000 recommended for approval since 1 April 2014;
 - (iii) Notes the summary information provided for applications submitted to ACCGS in 2013/14 and the feedback from applicants; and
 - (iv) Authorises up to £50,000 of the 2014/15 Angus Council Community Grants Scheme budget to be used to create a time limited Commonwealth Games Fund and to authorise the Commonwealth Games Project Board to approve applications up to £2,000.

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

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

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

2. BACKGROUND

Reference is made to 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.

3. CURRENT POSITION

2014//15 APPLICATIONS OF £1,000 OR LESS – £730.80 SUB TOTAL

Organisation	Amount	Category	Summary	Decision		
	Requested					
Carnoustie Theatre Club	€730.80	Cultural	Grant requested towards travel expenses for members to represent Angus in Scottish Community Drama Association (SCDA) Festival of One Act Plays Northern Divisional Final in Orkney.	The project will allow members of the group to travel to a national competition that will allow them to network, exchange ideas and hopefully gain inspiration that will provide returns in the quality and diversity of productions they can offer to the people of Angus and visitors alike. The event is a competition the group have qualified for and the groups presence will help raise the profile of the arts in Angus; success would, of course, raise the profile even further. Grant Awarded - £730.80		

3.2 **2014/15 APPLICATIONS OF £1,000 AND OVER - £36,138.68 SUB TOTAL**

Organisation	Amount	Category	Summary	Decision
	Requested			
Montrose Playhouse Project	£5,000	Tourism	Grant requested towards appointment of cinema consultant to help prepare a business plan for proposed cinema in Montrose	The group was formed in February 2013 and spent several months undertaking community consultation and surveys to gauge the need for a Cinema and Arts Centre in the former swimming pool. The application for grant is for the appointment of a cinema consultant to help prepare a business plan which will allow the group to seek wider funding for the larger project. The Business Plan will comprise a feasibility study and a preliminary business planning element. The group has only submitted one quote and state that they have been unable to obtain other quotes due to the specialist nature of the consultancy. The cinema consultant has quoted a total of £4,500 for fees and expenses but the group are seeking a grant of £5,000. They have included a contingency sum equivalent to a further days input from the consultant who will do so at a rate of £65 per hour. Approval of the grant is recommended on condition that the group's constitution is finalised and approved prior to the grant being issued. (This

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				has not been done to date as the group were at the consultation stage but will now finalise this) Also further recommended that the grant be up to £5,000 and that the grant be reduced accordingly if the contingency sum referred to above is not used. Grant recommended – up to £5,000
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Monikie & Newbigging Toddler Group	£4,409.74	Young people	Grant requested towards play equipment to enhance motor skill activity with the use of bouncy castle, soft play climbing equipment and child friendly space dividers. Storage facility including shelving for ground level storage for new equipment and existing toys.	This is a new group seeking to become established. The application is for the purchase of equipment. The group adds a valuable service in one of our rural communities. In addition to the social support that it provides for parents and carers it contributes to the early year's agenda providing socialisation and stimulation for children. Given that this is a new group seeking to become fully established, the need for investment in equipment is high. The equipment requested is appropriate and will add significantly to the quality of the experience on offer. Grant Recommended - £4,409.74
DD8 Music (Kirriemuir)	£5,000	Tourism	Grant requested towards Band Fees for Bonfest 2014.	Bonfest has been running for eight years in Kirriemuir and is increasing in size each year. The festival attracts visitors from all over the world as well as local people The aim of the event is to celebrate the music of locally born rock artist Bon Scott by growing the festival from a two day to a three day event. The anticipated outcome is the monetary benefit to the local community of increased business through tourism and expenditure in local licensed premises. The event ties in with the maximising tourism and heritage by attracting people from abroad and locally. The event will bring people together and increase involvement by including volunteers and young people in planning the event which will help the organisers to become well organised and create a sustainable venture. The grant has been requested to pay for bands appearing at the event. Without the bands it is unlikely as many people will be attracted to the

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Strathmore Sharks Junior Rugby Club (Forfar)	£5,000	Sport	Grant requested towards a scrum machine for Juniors to use from P6 – under 18's.	The club are providing various opportunities for local youngsters to participate in rugby activities. They are very proactive in a number of ways including holiday camps, term-time sessions, after schools clubs and competitive matches.
				The club are looking to purchase a scrum machine suitable for their young players (P6 to under 18's). The scrum machine the club are aiming to buy is fully adjustable to allow players of this age to practice the skills required to scrum in a safe environment which will increase the players' confidence and help reduce the risk of injuries.
				The machine is on rollers which will allow it to be more easily moved to and from rugby pitches and help avoid health and safety issues. The club have indicated that they will find secure storage for the scrum machine and also maintain the equipment.
				The purchase of the scrum machine will bring benefit to many young players at the club and across Angus.
				Grant Recommended - £5,000
Montrose Music Festival	£4,534.94	Tourism	Grant requested towards gazebos, folding tables and radio system for the annual Montrose Music Festival.	The group wish to purchase a two- way radio so that the organisers can better keep in touch and respond more quickly to any issues that arise. This is important from a crowd safety perspective especially as the event has grown in popularity.
				The group states that the smaller gazebos will be made available to stall holders over the weekend. The larger gazebo will be used mainly by the group itself. The gazebos will also be used at other events throughout the year and will be loaned to other groups. As the large gazebo will carry the Music Festival branding, it can be used to raise the profile of the event.
				The Music Festival has been running since 2008 and has become increasingly popular over the years. The equipment that the group wish to purchase will help make the event more attractive and improve crowd safety. The group could not proceed without grant assistance.

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				Grant Recommended - £4,534.94
Carnoustie Skatepark Committee	£5,000	Sport	Grant requested towards building the skatepark, specifically towards DDA Compliant footpaths ensuring access for all to the skatepark.	Since their formation in 2011 the group have been fundraising to build a skatepark in Carnoustie. They are demonstrating the ability to manage and run this kind of project through the fundraising activities they have completed as well as the successful bids they have submitted to many funders/trusts, etc.
				The overall aim of the Carnoustie Skatepark Committee is to raise enough funds to build a skatepark facility in Carnoustie. A public meeting was held with over 100 people in attendance to show their support for the project. The committee have worked with various departments of Angus Council and also linked with other organisations including Carnoustie Community Council and Police Scotland.
				In this application, the group are proposing to build suitable DDA compliant footpaths that will ensure access to the facility for all.
				It is recommended the Community Grant Scheme support the application as it would be a positive addition to the area and the amount of work that has been carried out by the group is outstanding.
				It is noted that this group has already received a one off financial cash contribution of £30,000 from Angus Council and also in- kind support from Angus Council of £15,000 towards professional fees for design and technical support along with maintenance, and insurance.
				Grant Recommended - £5,000
Glamis Parent Council	£3,364	Education	Grant requested towards PA System, Storage Shed, I-Pod, Outdoor waterproof	The group wish to purchase equipment to enable them to attend and hold various events in the community using their own equipment instead of hiring from other organisations.
			noticeboard, hot water urn, folding tables and chairs, manual sweeper and shelves for attending events and for other local groups to use.	The Parent Council already do a lot in the community and work in partnership with the school and also with the local community and community groups/organisations at shared ventures.

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				Although the Parent Council is the applicant body, this is in many respects presented as a wider "village" application.
				Approval is recommended on confirmation from the school that they are happy with the erection of the shed. Also the approval should emphasise the need to ensure that the equipment is freely and easily available to other groups in the community and that there are proper arrangements in place for management and maintenance.
				Grant Recommended - £3,364
Montrose Air Station Heritage Centre (Ian McIntosh Memorial Trust)	£3,830 Cultu	towards hold the "First in France 1914" event on 2 – August 2014	France 1914" event on 2 – 3 August 2014 the	The applicant organisation is the lan McIntosh Memorial Trust. It has a long and proven track record of running projects such as the one applied for in this instance efficiently and successfully.
			centenary of the departure from Montrose of No 2 squadron.	This is a high profile project that will be welcomed and noted locally, regionally and nationally. It has a unique significance within the wider commemorations of the First World War and will receive acclaim and support in kind from national organisations and the RAF.
				The elements of the project that the application will support specifically will benefit large numbers of people and it should be noted that the group have a track record in working with others to organise flying displays safely and efficiently.
				Grant Recommended - £3,830

4 ANGUS COUNCIL COMMONWEALTH GAMES FUND

To support the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow 2014 and promote Angus as a proud host venue it is proposed to allocate up to £50,000 of Angus Council Community Grant Scheme budget for 2014/15 to support projects in Angus that contribute to promotion of the Games. Guidance and criteria is attached in Appendix 2.

To ensure prompt processing and decision making it is proposed to reduce the maximum grant available to £2,000 and authorise the members of the Commonwealth Games Project Board to make decisions on a monthly basis. Full details of all awards will be reported in future grant scheme reports.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Angus Council Community Grant Scheme - 2013/14

The base provision for the Angus Council Community Grant Scheme contained within the 2013/14 revenue budget totalled £132,500 comprising Education - £9,500; Chief Executive's - £2,000 and Other Services revenue budget - £121,000 (including £51,000 base budget plus £70,000 one-off allocation for 2013/14). This base provision was augmented by the 100% carry forward amount from 2012/13 of £21,893 (report 447/13 refers).

In total therefore a budget of £154,393 was available to fund grants in 2013/14.

There was been an adjustment to the overall commitment figure in 2013/14 as Paddy Action Group repaid unused grant of £674.56 (Report 301/12 refers to approval) and Carnoustie & District Pipe Band repaid unused grant of £375.21 (Report 309/13 refers to approval). In addition Angus Food Bank was recommended for rejection but awarded £5,000 (Report 123/14) at Development and Enterprise Committee on 4 March 2014.

Total grant approvals in 2013/14 was £94,317.26 (report 123/14 refers). After adjusting for funds returned: £674.56 from Paddy Action Group and £375.21 from Carnoustie & District Pipe Band plus the £5,000 awarded to Angus Food Bank (report 123/14 refers) this brings the total commitment for 2013/14 to £98,267.49. This sum can be met from the 2013/14 budget provision leaving a balance of uncommitted funds of circa £56,000.00. It should be noted that a 100% carry forward requested was approved by the Policy and Resources Committee on 4 February 2014 (report 70/14 refers) thus any unspent resources will be carried forward into 2014/15. The final carry forward will be confirmed as part of the 2013/14 accounts preparation process.

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 £60,500 comprising Education - £9,500 (TBC); and Other Services revenue budget - £51,000. This base provision will be augmented by the 100% carry forward amount from 2013/14 of circa £56,000 with the exact sum being confirmed as part of the final accounts process. The 2014/15 budget will also be augmented by remaining funds from the Angus Council Event Fund which closed in March 2013 of around £1,112 although the exact sum will be confirmed as part of the 2013/14 final accounts process. An update will be included in future reports on the Grant Scheme.

Overall a budget of around £118,000 is estimated to be available in 2014/15.

The amount submitted for approval in this Report for 2014/15 totals £36,869.48 (£730.80 and £36,138.68) and can be met from the 2014/15 budget provision.

After setting aside a further £50,000 for the Commonwealth Games Fund, an uncommitted balance of around £31,000 will be available to fund further grants in 2014/15. However any unused funds for the Commonwealth Games fund will be then made available to fund Grant Scheme applications for the remainder of 2014/15.

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NOTE: No background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED 2013/14

Key

Approved Application approved for funding Application not approved for funding Application withdrawn by applicant subsequent to Rejected

Withdrawn submission

Ineligible Application does not meet criteria of Grant Scheme Applicant declined grant subsequent to approval Approved but not accepted Approved but returned Grant returned in full as event did not go ahead

Pending Pending assessment Pending cttee Pending cttee decision

Pending more info Additional info requested from applicant

REF NO.	ORGANISATION	STATUS	REQUESTED (£)	COMMITTED (£)	WARD
1314/003	Angus Carers Centre	Approved	4,000.00	2,000.00	Angus
1314/006	Growing the Game 4v4	Approved	4,559.70	4,559.70	Angus
1314/008	Glamis Community Council (Glamis Gathering)	Approved	5,000.00	5,000.00	Angus
1314/019	Art Moves	Approved	670.00	670.00	Angus
1314/037	Angus Young engineers (AYE) After School Club	Approved	2,000.00	2,000.00	Angus
1314/056	Furniture Recycling Project Angus	Ineligible	5,000.00	-	Angus
1314/063	Angus Food Bank	Approved	5,000.00	5,000.00	Angus
			26,229.70	19,229.70	
1314/013	Strathmore Christian Fellowship	Approved	3,356.00	3,356.00	Kirriemuir & Dean
1314/023	Feis Spe	Withdrawn	333.00	-	Kirriemuir & Dean
1314/026	Little Glenners	Approved	172.99	172.99	Kirriemuir & Dean
1314/031	Kirriemuir Pantomine Group	Rejected	440.88	-	Kirriemuir & Dean
1314/033	Kirriemuir Community Council	Withdrawn	1,859.09	-	Kirriemuir & Dean
1314/043	DD8 Music	Rejected	4,480.00	-	Kirriemuir & Dean
1314/046	Kirriemuir Landward East Community Council	Ineligible	249.33	-	Kirriemuir & Dean
1314/047	Random Recycle	Ineligible	4,968.00	-	Kirriemuir & Dean
1314/048	Newtyle United Football Club	Approved	961.30	961.30	Kirriemuir & Dean
1314/053	Strathmore Christian Fellowship	Approved	900.00	900.00	Kirriemuir & Dean
			17,720.59	5,390.29	

1314/004	Carn Dearg Mountaineering Group	Approved	5,000.00	5,000.00	Brechin & Edzell
1314/005	Angus Arts	Approved	4,900.00	2,000.00	Brechin & Edzell
1314/007	Memus Hall	Approved	2,065.00	2,065.00	Brechin & Edzell
1314/009	Brechin Park View Bowling Club	Approved	2,858.16	2,858.16	Brechin & Edzell
1314/010	City of Brechin & Area Partnership	Approved	5,000.00	5,000.00	Brechin & Edzell
1314/012	Brechin Photographic Society	Approved	4,994.33	4,994.33	Brechin & Edzell
1314/029	Edzell Pre-school Playgroup	Withdrawn	-	-	Brechin & Edzell
1314/032	Brechin Railway Preservation Society	Approved	1,000.00	1,000.00	Brechin & Edzell
1314/035	Brechin Music Festival	Withdrawn	5,000.00	-	Brechin & Edzell
1314/039	Opus Theatre Club	Withdrawn	592.07	-	Brechin & Edzell
1314/051	Combined Productions	Withdrawn	1,933.00	-	Brechin & Edzell
1314/067	The Glenesk Trust	Approved	654.00	654.00	Brechin & Edzell
1314/064	Angus Arts	Approved	1,340.00	1,340.00	Brechin & Edzell
			35,336.56	24,911.49	
1314/015	Forfar & District Garden Club	Approved	650.00	650.00	Forfar & District
1314/016	Strathmore Vintage Vehicle Club	Approved	5,000.00	4,520.40	
1314/018	Forfar Community Bus Trust	Rejected	5,000.00	-	
1314/020	Charleston Village Hall	Approved	984.88	984.88	Forfar & District
1314/028	Guthrie Hall Committee	Approved	943.00	943.00	Forfar & District
1314/041	Forfar & District Small Bore Rifle Club	Approved	5,000.00	5,000.00	Forfar & District
1314/045	Forfar Association for Continuing Education (F.A.C.E.)	Approved	600.00	300.00	Forfar & District
1314/049	Academy Medical Centre Patient Participation	Approved	1,000.00	489.00	Forfar & District
1314/054	Strathmore Cricked Club	Approved	715.20	715.20	Forfar & District
1314/058	Strathmore Vintage Vehicle Club	Pending more info	5,000.00		Forfar & District
1314/062	Charleston Pre-School Playgroup	Approved	2,178.51	2,178.51	Forfar & District
1314/065	Angus Bike Chain	Withdrawn	500.00		Forfar & District
			22,571.59	15,780.99	
1314/002	Monifieth Community Resource Group	Approved	4,077.68	4,077.68	Monifieth & Sidlaw
1314/011	Monifieth Model Group	Withdrawn	850.00	-	Monifieith & Sidlaw
1314/021	Monifieth Eco Force	Approved	1,000.00	1,000.00	Monifieth & Sidlaw
1314/036	Monifieth Community Council	Withdrawn	3,562.00	-	Monifieth & Sidlaw
1314/050	Monifieth Community Council	Approved	460.76	460.76	Monifieth & Sidlaw

1314/070	Monifieth Ladies FC	Ineligible	1,000.00 10,950.44	- 5,538.44	Monifieth & Sidlaw
1314/014	Carnoustie & District Pipe Band	Approved	2,190.68	2,190.68	Carnoustie & District
1314/057	Carnoustie Canine Capers	Approved	1,000.00	1,000.00	Carnoustie & District
	·		3,190.68	3,190.68	
1314/027	Carmyllie Heritage Group	Approved	890.00	890.00	Arbroath West & Letham
1314/044	East Haven	Approved	4,064.00	4,064.00	Arbroath West & Letham
1314/055	Letham Grange Golf Club	Ineligible	5,000.00	-	Arbroath West & Letham
1314/061	Arbroath Musical Society	Withdrawn	5,000.00	-	Arbroath West & Letham
			14,954.00	4,954.00	
1314/030	Association of Residents of Cliffburn and Hayshead	Rejected	880.00	-	Arbroath East & Lunan
			880.00	-	
1314/017	Arbroath Skatepark Project Club	Withdrawn	100.00	-	Both Arbroath Wards
1314/022	Arbroath & Area Partnership	Rejected	5,000.00	-	Both Arbroath Wards
1314/034	Hospitalfield Arts	Rejected	4,100.00	-	Both Arbroath Wards
1314/060	Arbroath Skatepark Project Club	Approved	5,000.00	5,000.00	Both Arbroath Wards
			14,200.00	5,000.00	
REF NO.	ORGANISATION	STATUS	REQUESTED (£)	COMMITTED (£)	WARD
1213/085	Montrose Air Station Heritage Museum	Approved	900.00	900.00	Montrose & District
1314/001	Montrose Heritage Trust	Rejected	5000.00	-	Montrose & District
1314/024	Montrose Youth FC	Approved	5,000.00	5,000.00	Montrose & District
1314/025	Montrose and District Cricket and Rugby Club	Approved	4,200.00	4,200.00	Montrose & District
1314/038	MAGIC	Withdrawn	3,757.00	-	Montrose & District
1314/040	Hope Paton Bowling Club	Approved	1,000.00	1,000.00	Montrose & District
1314/042	Montrose Heritage Trust	Approved	750.00	750.00	Montrose & District
1314/052	Borrowfield Community Group	Approved	830.00	830.00	Montrose & District
			21,437.00	12,680.00	

TOTAL REQUESTED (£)
TOTAL APPROVED (£)
REPAID

REPAID

186,185.29

2,064.00
130.00
674.56
375.21
3,243.77
3,243.77
3,243.77
93,431.82

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186,185.29

4,835.67
98,267.49

WHAT IS THE ANGUS COUNCIL COMMONWEALTH GAMES FUND?

Angus Council will give funding to help organisations in Angus with costs associated with running an event or putting on activity to celebrate the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games and Queen's Baton Relay. The fund will be open from 16 April 2014 and all applications must be submitted by 22 July (prior to the start of the Commonwealth Games). All projects must take place no later than 31 December 2014.

WHO CAN APPLY?

- a not-for-profit making, constituted group
- a charity
- a partnership of various groups
- individuals where they are planning a project that benefits the wider community
- schools

We will also support private businesses located in the main public thoroughfares of Carnoustie and Monifieth undertaking Commonwealth Games window dressing before and during the Commonwealth Games.

WHAT CAN WE FUND?

The fund will support any costs associated with staging a safe, legal event or putting an activity or running a project associated with the cultural, sporting, artistic or culinary heritage of the Commonwealth including:

- local sports events or competitions;
- street parties or local festivals;
- cultural celebrations or artistic performances
- community projects which decorate or enhance local communities during 2014

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HOW MUCH CAN YOU GET?

You can ask for any amount of up to £2,000. You can only apply once to this fund.

Feedback 2013-14

ACCGS

7/10/13

Hello Eddie

We were delighted to receive a letter from Alison Smith, Senior External Funding Officer this morning informing us that we have been awarded a community grant of £4064. On behalf of East haven Residents' Association we would like to thank the Team and Angus Council for their strong support and encouragement as we work towards East Haven 800.

Wendy Murray, East Haven 800

2/5/13

Thanks Linda, you've been incredibly helpful Nicki Sinclair, Montrose Youth FC

19/11/13

The Grant has had a huge benefit to the club....the money has contributed to the success we have had this year by winning the Division 2 Midlands League and gaining promotion to Division 1.

The success has, in my opinion, not only increased participation within the area but created a real buzz for the sport.

We are now able to enter two teams in the leagues next year as a result of the increased participation within the club/sport which was our primary aim in applying for funding.

With sharing the equipment with the schools if gives the swimmers at school the opportunity to develop more effectively.

I would just like to thank Angus Council for their support on this matter as it has made an incredible difference to the sport of swimming within the Carnoustie area. Andy Johnston, Carnoustie Claymores Swimming Club