

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 7 JUNE 2016**

**ANGUS COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME**

**REPORT BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**ABSTRACT**

This Report informs the Policy and Resources Committee of applications to Angus Council in 2016/17 of £1,000 or less submitted and/or approved since 26 April 2016. It also seeks approval of grant applications of over £1,000 recommended for approval since 26 April 2016.

**1. RECOMMENDATION(S)**

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) Note the grant awards for 2016/17 of £1,000 or less approved since 26 April 2016;
- (ii) Note the grant awards for 2016/17 to the Architecture, Innovation & Design fund approved since 26 April 2016;
- (iii) Approve the grant applications of over £1,000 recommended for approval

**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 615 applications. This has provided over £800,000 of support to 435 groups within the Angus community.

4. 2016/17 APPLICATIONS OF £1,000 OR LESS - £1,000 SUB TOTAL

Organisation	Amount Requested	Category	Summary	Decision
Arbroath Festival of Heroes ACCGS/1617.011  Previous applications  <b>None</b>	£1,000	Community	Requesting funding towards First Aid provision for Arbroath's Festival of Heroes, Saturday 4 June, a major outdoor event to celebrate the service given to our community and country by our armed forces and emergency services.	Group have made an outstanding effort to raise the large funds required for this event.  Group are well organised and professional community reps who have the capacity to manage a project of this scale.  One of the key messages from community consultations was the lack of civic pride amongst locals. An event such as this should contribute towards improving this and raise the profile of the town in other areas.  <b>APPROVED £1,000</b>

5. 2016/17 FOCUS YEARS APPLICATIONS (ALL UNDER £1,000) - £1,000 SUB TOTAL

Organisation	Amount Requested	Category	Summary	Decision
Arbroath Festival of Heroes FY/1617.012  Previous applications  <b>None</b>	£1,000	Focus Years – Innovation, Architecture & Design	Arbroath Festival of Heroes is an innovative event taking elements of past, current and new events and blending them in to one innovative package called Festival of Heroes. Funding is to ensure facilities are in place.  3 component parts:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parade</li> <li>• Local Hero Awards</li> <li>• Gala Day Spectacular</li> </ul> Free entry to event, with major attractions and displays complementing the area by giving Arbroath a 'WOW' event and drawing in visitors.	Excellent example of the community coming together to create an event which will benefit the area.  The event will be free and aims to encourage civic pride and community spirit in Arbroath and Angus.  They also aim to attract visitors to the area, creating economic benefit.  <b>APPROVED £1,000</b>

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<p>Angus Cycle Hub</p> <p>Previous Applications</p> <p>ACCGS Ref:1516.016 £5000.00 For Angus Cycling Festival 2015 event</p> <p>Focus Years Ref:FD1516/016 £1,000.00 For Angus Cycling Festival 2015 event</p>	£1,000	Focus Years – Innovation, Architecture & Design	<p>Event will showcase Angus produce and have our Hero Produce cooked by Masterchef Professionals winner Jamie Scott.</p> <p>Funding requested to assist with costs of the 2016 Angus Cycling Festival.</p> <p>Event aims to attract around 1000 visitors and give opportunities to around 500 local people from across the region to take part and volunteer.</p> <p>In this the year of Innovation, Architecture &amp; Design the event will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Innovative Smoothie bikes where participants can make their own fruit smoothies from locally sourced fruit</li> <li>• Innovative new Scottish cycling textiles</li> <li>• Stand devoted to new innovative technology in Electric Bikes.</li> <li>• Demonstrations of the latest designs of Adaptive Bikes</li> <li>• Showcase of the beautiful architecture and gardens of Reid Park</li> <li>• Live music and entertainment in Bandstand to celebrate this historic Forfar landmark</li> </ul>	<p>Event brings visitors into the area and helps to achieve the aim of making Angus a credible destination for cycling.</p> <p>Overall this is a very positive event</p> <p><b>APPROVED £1,000</b></p>

6. 2016/17 APPLICATIONS OF OVER £1,000 – £4,380 SUB TOTAL

Organisation	Amount Requested	Category	Summary	Decision
<p>Montrose Amateur Gymnastics Independent Club (M.A.G.I.C) ACCGS/1617.005</p> <p>Previous Applications</p> <p>ACCGS Ref:1314/038 £3,757.00 Returned in full</p> <p>Club was previously awarded ACCGS monies for this project, however grant was returned due to temporary change in circumstances for storing equipment to be purchased for a period while the sports centre was closed. They are now in a position to re-apply.</p>	£4,380	Sport	<p>Grant requested to purchase inflatable mats and air pump for gymnastics club delivering recreational and competitive opportunities in Men's and Women's Artistic Gymnastics, in a club setting.</p> <p>Inflatable mats will allow the club to provide increased and improved training opportunities to the gymnasts, and offer higher level competition opportunities to existing gymnasts and also increase the membership of the club.</p>	<p>MAGIC is a not for profit, constituted group which was established in 2003. Their existence for 13 years would suggest that are capable of running and managing projects.</p> <p>Application meets the majority of the Community Grant Schemes themes and a number of the Council's strategic outcomes.</p> <p>Need for grant is evidenced through the restrictions the current provision creates and limited finances of group. With additional mats participation opportunities will be increased and attract new members, in turn bringing in more revenue and investment to the club.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> <b>Approve £4,380</b></p> <p><b>Condition of grant – If group dissolves the equipment will be returned to Angus Council to be used by similar sports groups in Angus.</b></p>

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<p>STRIDE ACCGS/1617.009</p> <p>Previous Applications</p> <p>Focus Years Ref:1516.004 £1,000</p> <p>Ineligible as event taking place outwith Angus</p>	<p>£4,993.88</p>	<p>Community</p>	<p>Funding requested for project to work with 30 people from the African communities (both young and old) living in Angus. Reaching out to those most hard to reach, helping to improve their health, social skills and community integration.</p> <p>Costs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sessional worker fees</li> <li>• purchase of activity equipment</li> <li>• Venue hire</li> <li>• Publicity costs</li> <li>• Refreshments and provisions during outdoor activities</li> </ul>	<p>Project aims to improve health and wellbeing of the black minority ethnic (BME) community in Angus.</p> <p>Outcomes include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increasing physical activity</li> <li>• Minimising isolation</li> <li>• bringing families together</li> <li>• participation in organised physical activities in the community</li> <li>• teaching healthy eating</li> <li>• sharing parenting skills</li> <li>• creating connections with other families and the wider Angus community</li> <li>• Creating volunteering opportunities</li> </ul> <p>STRIDE intends to recruit a sessional worker who in turn will recruit between 10 and 15 volunteer role models to work with participants</p> <p>Project meets the majority of ACCGS themes as well as the following Angus Council strategic priorities: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9.</p> <p><b>Recommendation: Approve £4,993.88</b></p>

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<p>Monifieth Medieval Fair</p> <p>Previous Applications:</p> <p>ACCGS - 2009 £500 Monifieth Medieval Fair Event</p> <p>ACCGS - 2012 £505 For Monifieth Medieval Fair Event</p> <p>ACCGS - 2015 £4,467 For Monifieth Gala Week (Year 1)</p>	£2992.89	Community	<p>Year 2 funding requested for Monifieth Gala Week which incorporates the Medieval Fair as part of the programme of events.</p> <p>Following an outstanding event in 2015 the group are looking to expand and develop Monifieth Gala Week.</p>	<p>This is the only event of its type in Monifieth and provides a focal point for the community.</p> <p>The standard of their application reflects the group's ability to manage the project. Event fits well with the ACCGS themes.</p> <p>Year 1 of the event in 2015 seems to have been a big success. It is good to see that organisers have the ambition to grow on this in 2016.</p> <p>A targeted approach is being taken to the involvement of harder to reach groups in terms of younger people and this is to be welcomed.</p> <p><b>Recommendation: Approve £2,992.89</b></p> <p><b>(meets with declining grant policy)</b></p>

## **7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

### **7.1 Angus Council Community Grant Scheme - 2016/17**

The base provision for the Angus Council Community Grant Scheme contained within the 2016/17 revenue budget totals £58,000 comprising Communities - £7,000 and Other Services revenue budget - £51,000. Included in this amount from 1 April 2016 until 31 March 2017 or until the funding is fully subscribed there is a ring-fenced amount of £15,000 available for Innovation, Architecture and Design projects in support of the Scottish Government Focus Years programme as outlined in report 110/15.7.2

7.2 The amount submitted for approval in this Report for 2016/17 totals £18,716.77 (£2,000 and £16,716.77). The amount recommended for approval in this report for ACCGS of £16,716.77 combined with other grant approvals in 2016/17 of £6,210 brings the total commitment in 2016/17 to £22,926.77.

7.3 The amount recommended for approval in this report of £2,000 for Architecture, Innovation and Design projects leaves a remaining balance of £13,000 for the rest of the year.

7.4 The combined total of grants awards equals £24,926.77 leaving a total uncommitted balance of £33,073.23 available to fund grant applications for the remainder of 2016/17.

## **8. CONSULTATION**

The Strategic Directors of Children and Learning, 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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