

ANGUS COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 30 AUGUST 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 7 June 2016. It also seeks approval of grant applications of over £1,000 recommended for approval since 7 June 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 7 June 2016;
- (ii) note the grant awards for 2016/17 to the Architecture, Innovation & Design fund approved since 7 June 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 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 - £2,430.55 SUB TOTAL

Organisation	Amount Requested	Category	Summary	Decision
Barnado's (Arbroath)	£893.75	Community	Funding requested towards costs of Summer Family Programme for all the families and children involved with Barnardo's.	Project fits well with ACCGS themes and other priorities in relation to wellbeing, children and families.
Previous Grants:				A modest project that could make a significant difference to the lives of those involved.
NONE			Project aims to support families and encourage young people to engage in positive learning experiences.	Developed in dialogue with participants to meet their needs and add value.
				APPROVED £893.75

Organisation	Amount Requested	Category	Summary	Decision
<p>Mothergoose Playgroup (Forfar)</p> <p>Previous Grants: NONE</p>	£586.80	General	<p>Funding requested for mobile wash hand basin for playgroup.</p> <p>Mobile sink will complement Health and Wellbeing promotion, Active Children initiatives and development of the children's independence.</p>	<p>Project meets at least 2 ACCGS themes with a clear aim, showing evidence of need.</p> <p>The addition of the sink will help with how staff are using their time and encourage independence in children.</p> <p>APPROVED £586.80</p>
<p>The Learning Tree Partnership (Arbroath)</p> <p>Previous Grants: NONE</p>	£950.00	Community	<p>The Learning Tree Partnership is a new charity based in Angus providing supported learning and training for people who have a learning disability.</p> <p>Funding requested towards costs associated with promoting the organisation and raising its profile in the community.</p>	<p>Project fits well with ACCGS themes and wider outcomes involving Adult learning and achieving potential.</p> <p>Links to the cross-cutting theme of employment and employability.</p> <p>Positive feedback from agencies involved in taster sessions run by the group.</p> <p>The group has consulted widely with other organisations to confirm a need for the project and has carried out research and consultation to help in developing outcomes</p> <p>APPROVED £950.00</p>

5. 2016/17 FOCUS YEARS APPLICATIONS (ALL UNDER £1,000) - £2,983.08 SUB TOTAL

Organisation	Amount Requested	Category	Summary	Decision
Go Rural (Auchterhouse) Previous Grants: NONE	£1,000.00	Focus Years – Innovation, Architecture & Design	<p>Funding requested towards costs of hosting a series of food events / farm tours running throughout the summer of 2016.</p> <p>Innovative 'Eat the View' lunch experience using only produce from Angus, Perthshire and Fife.</p> <p>Tours will highlight traditional farm buildings and drystone dykes found throughout the farm, a focus on traditional architecture, innovation and design going back centuries.</p>	<p>Farm tours are a really innovative way for visitors to experience a working farm, animals, crops, history and heritage of the area and sample local food and drink.</p> <p>The tour will allow visitors to learn about traditional and modern farming methods</p> <p>It is encouraging to see someone developing a new innovative tourism product</p> <p>APPROVED £1,000.00</p>
FY1617.019 Arbirlot Community Trust (Arbroath) Previous Grants: NONE	£983.08	Focus Years – Innovation, Architecture & Design	<p>As part of the ACT Masterplan the Trust is looking for support for the short term actions which will engage with the community, support the design of the area and further develop the innovative support of community engagement and empowerment.</p> <p>Funding requested towards costs of Arbirlot Community Trust Launch Event – 25 June.</p>	<p>The aim of the project will be of real benefit to the community, will improve infrastructure in the village and surrounding area, will bring more visitors to the area, and is a great example of community working together for a positive outcome. This application fits in with the Design element of the focus year with improvements to the built and natural environment</p> <p>APPROVE £983.08</p>

Organisation	Amount Requested	Category	Summary	Decision
Vision Mechanics (Angus Wide) Previous Grants NONE	£1,000.00	Focus Years – Innovation, Architecture & Design	<p>A creative arts project for age 8-12+.</p> <p>Project links in with Dragon Matrix (the second year of Dragon Quest).</p> <p>Funding requested towards costs of the delivery of an in-service Dragon Shields workshop to ANGUSalive library staff, community arts workers and others interested, and the provision of an accompanying teachers pack which each participant could go on to use to run their own workshops.</p> <p>Participants will design their own personal shield which will be displayed at the Dragon Matrix event in October</p>	<p>This project fits in well with the Focus Years themes. It works with the community through schools and libraries and is open and free to all children in Angus.</p> <p>It engages children in the research and design process of their shields and gives added value to the Dragon Matrix event.</p> <p>APPROVED £1,000.00</p>

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 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.

6.2 The amount recommended for approval in this report for ACCGS is £2,430.55 and this combined with the total grant approvals to date of £22,926.77 brings the total commitment in 2016/17 to £25,357.32, leaving a remaining balance of £17,642.68.

6.3 The amount recommended for approval in this report for Architecture, Innovation and Design projects is £2,983.08 and this with the total grant approvals to date of £2,000.00 brings the total commitment in 2016/17 to £4,983.08, leaving a remaining balance of £10,016.92 for the rest of the year.

6.4 The amount submitted for approval in this Report for 2016/17 totals £5,413.63 (£2,430.55 and £2,983.08). The combined total of grants awards equals £30,340.40 leaving a total uncommitted balance of £27,659.60 available to fund grant applications for the remainder of 2016/17.

7. 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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