

ANGUS COUNCIL

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 1 SEPTEMBER 2015

ANGUS COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME

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 26 May 2015. It also seeks approval of grant applications of over £1,000 recommended for approval since 26 May 2015.

1. RECOMMENDATION(S)

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) Note the grant awards for 2015/16 of £1,000 or less approved since 26 May 2015;
- (ii) Note the grant awards for 2015/16 to the Food and Drink fund approved since 26 May 2015;
- (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 **2015/16 APPLICATIONS OF £1,000 OR LESS - £3,845.44 SUB TOTAL**

Organisation	Amount Requested	Category	Summary	Decision
Fireworks for Arbroath No previous grants	£906.64	Tourism	Grant requested towards marketing and publicity materials. Supplies have also been requested to aid further fundraising	Given the numbers of proposed events and potential visitors to the area this is a good investment. Grant awarded - £906.64
DD8 Previous Funding: 2006/07- £400.00 2009/10– £495.00 2010/11- £4,141.00	£1,000.00	Tourism	Grant requested for the Kirriemuir Music Festival.	DD8 have been asked by the Traditional Music Festival to encourage younger people to participate. The funding is for the Peat Bog Fairies to perform in Kirriemuir and

				enhance the Traditional Music Festival which should also bring more visitors to the area. Grant awarded - £1,000
Fowlis Easter Hall	£958.80	General	Grant requested for electrical improvements as a result of recommendations from a recent fire safety inspection. Funding requested for additional fire escape lights and installation of new energy efficient flood lighting in the car park.	Supporting local groups with the security of their premises supports the communities and continued availability of their service. Grant awarded - £958.80
Forfar Open Garden Scheme	£980.00	General	Grant requested for internal greenhouse fittings which is part of a therapeutic garden being created in Forfar	This complements an Awards for All bid which has been successful. This project is in line with the green prescriptions and will support those compromised by age, illness or disability. Grant awarded £980.00

3.2 2015/16 FOOD AND DRINK APPLICATIONS (ALL UNDER £1,000) - £1,947.00 SUB TOTAL

Organisation	Amount Requested	Summary	Decision
East Haven Residents Association	£997.00	Taste of Angus Cycle 27 June 2015: Celebrating 20 years of National Cycle route 1 and the year of food and drink. Local Produce will be available and recipe/local information. ERA are sending out the message to 'Get on your bike and come to Angus'.	This fits the criteria of the Scottish Government's Focus Year very well and aims to support local development and encourage visitors to Angus. Grant Awarded - £997.00
Drovers Inn	£950.00	Taste of Angus Food and Drink 19 July 2015 Festival brings together the best in local produce and culinary talent from around the area creating a food festival and fun event for all the family.	The event will not only appeal to local residents but will attract visitors from outwith Angus and will also help to raise awareness of different suppliers of local produce in Angus. Grant Awarded - £950.00

3.3 2015/16 APPLICATIONS OF OVER £1,000 – £21,695.60 SUB TOTAL

Organisation	Amount Requested	Category	Summary	Decision
Phoenix Gymnastics Club Previous Funding 2009/10 £3,444.00 2010/11 £4,253.50	£4,912.60	Sport	Grant requested for equipment which will develop the level of skill within the club. This will aid the members to compete more effectively in National competitions.	The proposed equipment purchases will add value to the services and coaching offered to club gymnasts and help them reach their chosen level in the sport. Grant recommended - £4,912.60 with conditions If for any reason the club ceases to exist or the purchased equipment becomes surplus to the club's requirements due to Forfar Community Campus developments, the equipment shall belong to Angus Council who will make use of it for the development of sport and physical activity in the Angus area.
Angus Cycle Hub CIC No previous funding	£5,000.00	Tourism	Grant requested for funding towards the 2015 Angus Cycling Festival to be based at the Reid Park, Forfar on the 26 th -27 th September. The festival aims to attract around 1,000 visitors and give opportunities to around 500 local people to be able to take part and volunteer.	The group are very proactive and the event will bring social, economic and environmental benefits to the area. Grant recommended - £5,000.00 with the condition that Angus Cycle Hub will be expected to complete their Angus Club Excellence (ACE) award within 3 months of any funding being issued.
Carn Dearg Mountaineering Group Previous Funding 2013/2014 £5,000.00	£4,783.00	Tourism	Grant requested for the supply and installation of flooring in the soon to be completed hill walking hut. The new hut includes disabled access/facilities, This will be the only mountain hut to offer such	Completion of the hut will bring increased tourism and heritage potential to the area. As well as supporting members, the group are working alongside ex-offenders and uniformed

			facilities in Scotland. The group have also committed to providing free use of the hut to the Tayside Mountain Rescue Team during training facilities.	organisations. Inclusion of disabled access is also highly positive factor. Grant recommended - £4,783.00
Monikie Memorial Hall Previous Funding 2007/2008 £500.00 2009/2010 £1,942.00 2012/2013 £999.00	£2,450.00	General	Grant requested to install sound system that supports a hearing loop for the hard of hearing. Monikie Hall supports a rural community and is used by a number of clubs on a regular basis.	The equipment will allow the hard of hearing to enjoy entertainment at the hall as well as provide a sound system for multiple hall users. Grant recommended - £2,450.00
Forfar Albion JFC No previous funding received	£4,550.00	Sport	Grant requested for a ride on mower to maintain the football pitch and training area. Maintenance was previously carried out by a volunteer using his own equipment who has now left the area.	Forfar Albion JFC is a well established football team with links to local boys football teams and capable of managing the full maintenance of the football ground. Grant recommended £4,550.00 with the condition that they will complete their Angus Club Excellence Award (ACE).

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 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 £67,248 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.

4.2 The amount submitted for approval in this Report for 2015/16 totals £25,541.04 (£3,845.44 and £21,695.60). The recommended amount of £25,541.04 combined with other grant approvals in 2015/16 of £19,008.40 (this varies from the figure reported in May as the recommended grant to Art Moves was increased by the committee which brings the total commitment in 2015/16 to £44,549.44.

4.3 From 1 April 2015 until 31 March 2016 or until the funding is fully subscribed there is a ring-fenced amount of £15,000 available for Food and Drink projects in support of the Scottish Government Focus Years programme as outlined in report 110/15. Since 26 May £1,947.00 has been awarded to projects leaving a remaining £13,053 for the remainder of the year.

4.4 An uncommitted balance of £20,751.56 is available to fund grant applications for the remainder of 2015/16 which includes the £13,053 remaining for food and drink activity.

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NOTE: The background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) which were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report are:

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 minute of the meeting of the Resources Central Services Committee of 4 May 2006;
Article 16 of the minute of the meeting of the Corporate Services Committee of 12 March 2009;
Article 8 of the minute of the meeting of the Angus Council Committee of 17 September 2009
Article 4 of the minute of meeting of the Infrastructure Services Committee of 5 March 2013
Article 19 of the minute of meeting of the Angus Council Committee of 22 March 2012;
Article 14 of the minute of the meeting of the Infrastructure Services Committee of 14 June 2012
Article 4 of the minute of meeting of the Infrastructure Services Committee of 5 March 2013
Article 4 of the minute of the meeting of the Development and Enterprise Committee of 3 March 2015

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