

## **AGENDA ITEM NO 5**

**REPORT NO 347/14**

### **ANGUS COUNCIL**

#### **DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE – 19 AUGUST 2014**

#### **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 27 May 2014, seeks approval of grant awards of over £1,000 recommended for approval since 27 May 2014 and notes the awards made to Commonwealth Games Fund since 16 April 2014.

### **1. RECOMMENDATION**

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) Note the grant awards for 2014/15 of £1,000 or less made since 27 May 2014;
- (ii) Approve grant awards of over £1,000 recommended for approval since 27 May 2014;  
and
- (iii) Note the Commonwealth Games grant awards made since 16 April 2014;

### **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 2014//15 APPLICATIONS OF £1,000 OR LESS – £6,157.67 SUB TOTAL

Organisation	Amount Requested	Category	Summary	Decision
Newbigging & District Horticultural Society	£700.00	General	Grant requested towards purchasing a laptop, printer and software package in order to make and print their own schedule to reduce their cost outlays.	<p>The aim of the grant request is to help the group become more efficient. Its general purpose is consistent with the themes of improving quality of life and bringing people of like interest together in the community</p> <p>The group has insufficient funds available to make this purchase without grant aid.</p> <p><b>Grant Awarded - £700.00</b></p>
<b>Previous Grants (ACCGS)</b>				
18 May 2006	£275.00		Grant awarded towards covering printing and catering costs	
25 April 2007	£275.00		Grant awarded towards covering printing and catering costs	
5 June 2008	£380.00		Grant awarded towards covering the costs of hall rental, printing and advertising.	
15 July 2009	£500.00		Grant awarded towards printing of schedules, printing of stationery and advertising in local press. Expenses for judges & hall rent.	
30 March 2010	£508.00		Grant awarded towards hall rent, printing, advertising and judges expenses	
Airlie Hall Silver Surfers	£469.98	General	Grant requested towards a large flat screen TV to enable more members of the group to take part in sessions and improve their IT skills.	<p>The group provides older people within the area the opportunity to improve their IT skills which will in turn improve the quality of their lives. It also gives members the ability to meet and interact with people of a similar age. The purchase of the TV will help greatly in the training sessions.</p> <p><b>Grant Awarded - £469.98</b></p>
<b>Previous Grants ACCGS</b>	£469.98		Grant awarded towards purchase	

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7 October 2010  ACCGS 3 July 2012	£344.71		of printer & inks, clean and restore Operating Systems on two PCs, purchase and installation of Windows 7 home and 10 IT tutoring sessions.  Grant awarded towards purchase of ink cartridges, paper, long stapler and staples.	
Letham & District Twinning Association  Previous Grant ACCGS 1 June 2011	£900.00  £450	General	Grant requested towards travel for visits to Letham, Langlands, and Northmuir Primary Schools so they can experience conversation with native French speakers and a family who are bi-lingual.  Grant Awarded towards hire of hall, refreshments and purchase & production of display material for visit.	The project makes a significant contribution to learning for the children and families that will be involved with the programme.  According to the information provided, the group is not in a position to fund the planned programme if their application is unsuccessful; the costs exceed their current resources  <b>Grant Awarded £900.00</b>
Action for Hearing Loss Scotland	£908.75	General	Grant requested towards events in Arbroath and Montrose in September over 3 years.	The application fits with ACCGS themes and the project and proposed outcomes are eligible for support however despite a request for more information on the need for this project, this was not provided.  From the documentation submitted the organisation appears to have a bank balance of £678,083 and total funds of £7.281 million. Beyond a general statement on the need for the organisation to maintain reserves to mitigate risk arising from any drop in income, the group does not provide a strong justification for needing the money.  <b>Grant Awarded - £0</b>

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Paddy Action Group	£518.00	General	Grant requested towards a small shed at the hall for storage of indoor and outdoor community display and recreational equipment.	<p>The wider work of the group fits within the themes of the ACCGS and this particular project will complement the work that is going on in the community at the moment</p> <p>The group has a substantial amount of money within their reserves however this money is ring-fenced for work to the hall and the surrounding areas as well as a playpark area and they also have plans for an outdoor seating area at the hall.</p> <p>The work of this group is worthwhile and has already brought a community together. They have shown ability to apply for and manage funding and have worked closely with the Council and their community.</p> <p><b>Grant Awarded - £518.00</b></p>
<b>Previous Grants</b> ACCGS 3 July 2012	£1,305.00		Grant awarded towards purchase of noticeboard, expenses for future community events, newsletter costs and start-up costs.	
Forfar Chabanais Twinning Association	£1,000	General	Grant requested towards fostering relations between Forfar and Chabanais and their surrounding areas. Transport to/from Edinburgh Airport and a ceilidh.	<p>The application fits with ACCGS themes. Aims are straightforward and relate directly to tourism and promotion of the area.</p> <p>The group have over £6,000 in their account however they are covering £3,447.50 of the costs of the trip. The £1,000 asked is proportionate to the outcomes of the project for Angus.</p> <p><b>Grant Awarded - £1,000.00</b></p>
<b>Previous Grants</b> ACCGS 26 May 2008	£500.00		Grant awarded towards hosting visits from Chabanais.	
ACCGS 11 June 2010	£500.00		Grant awarded towards programme of visits.	

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Newtyle United Football Club	£989.84	Sport	Grant requested towards purchasing football equipment so they can increase the age group and team numbers of those wishing to play football.	<p>This club have previously applied for grant support and as a result of the equipment they purchased via their last application they have managed to establish themselves and provide excellent opportunities for the local community to play football.</p> <p>The club have now expanded to offer football for four age groups and as such are looking to expand the equipment they have so that they can offer appropriate training to those age groups.</p> <p>The club did also approach Angus Council with a view to 7-a-side goals being erected in the park at Newtyle but his possibility has been investigated and ruled out by Angus Council so the need to use portable goals is acceptable.</p> <p>The aim of the project is to purchase new equipment that would help the club expand the sessions it currently offers to accommodate the new age groups they now involved.</p> <p>It was agreed to remove items such as corners flags (as agility poles can be used for this), 6 sets of cones (as the number of cones was excessive) and two further goals (as only two pitches are required)</p> <p><b>Grant awarded - £794.69</b></p>
<b>Previous Grants</b> ACCGS 17 December 2013	£961.30		Grant awarded towards purchasing equipment to assist start-up of new club,	
Monifieth Triathlon Club	£800.00	Sport	Grant requested towards Chip timing for the Monifieth Triathlon.	<p>The aim of the project is to stage a triathlon in Monikie Country Park on Sunday 13 July to help promote the sport in the run up to the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games.</p> <p>The project clearly fits a number of the ACCGS aims including bringing people together, increasing involvement and maximising the tourism and heritage potential of Angus.</p>

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				<p>The proposed outcome is to run a triathlon event at Monikie Country Park but more encouraging to see, is that the club recognise the benefits of this to competitors, spectators and organisational volunteers. They also demonstrate excellent ambition to regularly run and expand the event.</p> <p><b>Grant Awarded - £800.00</b></p>
Montrose Heritage Trust	£975.00	Cultural	Grant requested towards 70 <sup>th</sup> anniversary Bamse celebrations including catering and souvenir programme.	<p>This is a high profile event which continues Montrose's special relationship with the Norwegian navy and raises its profile in Norway. There has been a lot of community involvement in the planning process for the event. The event promotes heritage and tourism.</p> <p><b>Grant Awarded - £975.00</b></p>

### 3.2 2014/15 APPLICATIONS OF OVER £1,000 – £12,636.52 SUB TOTAL

Organisation	Amount Requested	Category	Summary	Decision
Kirriemuir Community Allotment Association	£4,958.40	General	Grant requested towards equipment and insurance to bring a disused allotment back to the community.	<p>The Association have been active since setting up in negotiating a 25 year lease of the site from the Council, arranging access to the site via the Health Centre car park and raising awareness about the project. Having put these arrangements in place, they now wish to proceed with the project.</p> <p>The Association plan to create a community growing space using a former but now derelict allotment. The site can accommodate up to 25 plots and will be made available to members of the local community. Both the Kirriemuir Foodbank and the Lisden Nursing Home have asked for growing space. Interest has also been shown by various groups at Webster's High School and it is hoped that approximately 15 young people will learn skills through the "World of Work" programme. A specially designed area for less mobile/disabled people is planned for the site.</p> <p>The project outcomes are admirable and include reducing carbon</p>

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				emissions, promoting sustainability, encouraging others to grow their own food and enhancing physical and mental well-being.  <b>Grant Recommended - £4,958.40</b>
Jock Neish Scouting Centre (Kirriemuir & Dean)	£3,575.00	General	Grant requested towards providing a bike track and walk to give more on site activities for youth groups and to provide a variety of pursuits for all ages.	The aim of the project is to create a bike track and a walking track to increase the variety of on site activities for youth groups.  The application fits with the themes of bringing people together and increasing involvement. The centre is a facility that is used to “actively engage and support young people in their personal development and encouraging them to make a positive contribution to society”. There is also evidence of the applicants listening to the users of the centre as this project has been encouraged by users. It is anticipated that by continually improving the facilities that it will encourage users of all ages to use the centre thus leading to a sustainable local activity.  <b>Grant Recommended - £3,575.00</b>
<b>Previous Grant ACCGS 19 January 2011</b>	£5,000		Grant awarded towards ride on grass mower	
Rotary Club of Montrose	£4,103.12	General	Funding requested towards a Family Fun Day, to include highland dancing, piping and games, ensuring people of all ages and abilities are included.	The idea is to resurrect the former Montrose Highland Games in a child friendly format. This would be a legacy for the Commonwealth Games.  The total costs are estimated at £7,257, the rest of which is being funded by the group themselves, and ongoing fundraising. The grant is towards hire of toilets, marquees, and advertising and first aid.  <b>Grant Recommended: £4,103.12</b>

Carnoustie Centre Action Group	£4,360.70	General	Purchase of a ride on mower, 5 gazebos, and stalls to use the site for car boot sales and other events.	The group are working towards a community centre for Carnoustie.  The plan to develop the outside area is not supported by robust evidence of demand or a clear enough link to the group's long term aims. There is no clear planned usage, or evidence for the necessity for this equipment. In addition, a short term lease till 2015 could mean they would not be able to make good use of the equipment in the long term.  <b>Grant Recommended: £0</b>
<b>Previous Grants</b>				
11 November 2008	£224		Publicity materials	
2 December 2009	£550		Marquee hire, banners, logo and publicity materials	
22 August 2012	£5,000		Concept development and awareness raising for centre in Carnoustie	

**4. 2014/15 APPLICATIONS TO COMMONWEALTH GAMES FUND- SUB TOTAL - £25,816.19**

Organisation	Summary	Decision
Carnoustie Community Council	Grant towards purchasing Commonwealth Nation Bunting for decorating main street in Carnoustie (High Street/part of Dundee Street)	<b>Approved - £1,107.00</b>
Montrose Tennis Club	Grant towards costs of hosting their first National Tennis Tournament over the weekend 27 <sup>th</sup> /28 <sup>th</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup> June in support of the Commonwealth Games. This is the same weekend the Queen's Baton Relay comes through Angus.	<b>Approved - £2,000.00</b>
Angus Mountain Bike Trail Association (AMBTA)	Grant towards Angus Mountain Bike Trails Association (AMBTA) who are helping organise and run the Angus Cycling Festival on the 13 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2014 at Forfar Loch, Forfar. AMBTA is seeking funds to enable them to run their own activities as part of the festival which is celebrating the Commonwealth Games.	<b>Approved - £2,000.00</b>
Easthaven Residents	Grant towards costs of Festival	<b>Approved - £1,361.20</b>



	to welcome the Queen's Relay Baton and celebrate heritage.	
Whitehills Primary School (Forfar & District)	Grant towards costs of commissioning a song/anthem around the theme of the Commonwealth Games for use by all schools in Angus.	<b>Approved - £500.00</b>
Batherama Design (Monifieth & Sidlaw)	Grant towards a vinyl window design they will dedicate to Welcome to Angus for the Commonwealth Games.	<b>Approved - £1,920.00</b>
Sturrock Computers (Carnoustie & District)	Grant towards Commonwealth Games sports shop window dressing reflecting Carnoustie support for the games.	<b>Approved - £1,455.00</b>
The Laird's Larder (Monifieth & Sidlaw)	Grant towards to assist with the cost of Commonwealth Games themed window dressing of the tea shop/restaurant.	<b>Approved - £325.00</b>
Strathmore Christian Fellowship (Kirriemuir & Dean)	Grant towards contribution towards the costs of running a Family Fun Day on Kirrie Hill, concluding with the arrival of the Queen's Baton for the Commonwealth Games.	<b>Approved - £1,125.00</b>
The Coffee Pot (Monifieth & Sidlaw)	Grant towards to assist with the cost of Commonwealth Games themed window dressing and frontage of the coffee shop.	<b>Approved - £210.00</b>
Ellen King Flowers (Monifieth & Sidlaw)	Grant towards to assist with the costs of window display for Commonwealth Games.	<b>Approved - £758.90</b>
Rompers Private Nursery (Montrose & District)	Grant towards purchasing equipment to assist with Commonwealth Games week planned w/c 21 July 2014.	<b>Approved - £934.80</b>
Visions (Carnoustie & District)	Grant towards costs of Commonwealth Games themed window display using colours of the Commonwealth Games logo.	<b>Approved - £329.00</b>
Deap Ltd (Arbroath East & Lunan)	Grant towards delivery of 4 'self marketing' discussion workshops to raise awareness at additional employment and volunteer opportunities in Angus	<b>Approved - £1,080.00</b>
Forfar Academy on behalf of self, Arbroath Academy and Inverkeilor PS	Grant towards purchase of flags of Commonwealth countries assigned to area to use for sports events.	<b>Approved - £170.00</b>
Edzell Health Centre	Grant for Leader training to start a running group for post natal woman and mothers with very young children.	<b>Approved - £150.00</b>
Abbey Bowling Club (Arbroath)	Grant towards a commonwealth Bowls Tournament which will support the local community and raise awareness of the sport.	<b>Approved - £1,991.56</b>
Arbroath Area Full Bore Gun Club	Grant for equipment for a tournament based on commonwealth theme	<b>Approved - £1,500.00</b>
Stems (Monifieth)	Grant for floral commonwealth	<b>Approved - £1,000.00</b>

	display for the area.	
Monifieth Local History Society	Grant towards improving the display of photographs and memorabilia showcased in Angus.	<b>Approved - £320.53</b>
For Carnoustie	Grant towards the new window displays and fittings which will showcase the Commonwealth games.	<b>Approved - £800.00</b>
St Thomas Amateur Swimming Club	Grant towards a series of events for local people to highlight the Commonwealth games and benefits of swimming.	<b>Approved - £1,918.20</b>
Monifieth Tennis club	Grant towards the development of the coaching programme to allow more activity with young people.	<b>Approved - £920.00</b>
Carnoustie Mini/Midi Rugby Club	Grant towards the delivery of an extra-curricular programme of rugby to all Carnoustie primary schools creating a positive environment for youth rugby.	<b>Approved - £1,940.00</b>

## 5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

### 5.1 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 £58,774 comprising Education - £7,774 and Other Services revenue budget - £51,000. This base provision will be augmented by the 100% carry forward amount from 2013/14 of circa £59,000 being the balance of resources available from both the Grant Scheme and the Event Funds. The exact sum will be confirmed as part of the final accounts process.

5.2 Overall a budget of around £117,774 is estimated to be available in 2014/15.

5.3 The amount submitted for approval in this Report for 2014/15 totals £18,794.19 (£6,157.67 & £12,636.52). The recommended amount of £18,794.19 combined with other grant approvals in 2014/15 of £48,585.48 brings the total commitment in 2014/15 to £67,379.67, which can be met from the 2014/15 budget provision.

5.4 A sum of up to £50,000 has been set aside for the Commonwealth Games Fund (report 185/14 refers). The amount approved in this Report for the Commonwealth Games totals £25,816.19 which can be met from the ring-fenced £50,000 provision. The balance of £24,183.81 will be available to fund Grant Scheme applications.

5.5 Overall an uncommitted balance of £24,578.14 is available to fund grant applications for the remainder of 2014/15.

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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.