

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 11 OCTOBER 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 30 August 2016. It also seeks approval of grant applications of over £1,000 recommended for approval since 30 August 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 30 August 2016;
- (ii) Note the grant awards for 2016/17 to the Architecture, Innovation & Design fund approved since 30 August 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 - £1,799.14 SUB TOTAL

Organisation	Amount Requested	Category	Summary	Decision
ACCGS.1617.030 Carnoustie Claymores Swimming Club  Previous applications  ACCGS 2012-13 £3,177.03 Equipment Costs	£805.00	Sport	Funding requested towards insurance costs to trial adult swimming lessons in Carnoustie.  2 x 1 hour lessons per week for 40 weeks.  If successful then lessons will continue, generating income to continue the project from new member fees.	Established Swimming Club for younger swimmers.  Applicant has identified demand through public consultation, for adult swimming classes (25 adult swimmers).  Meets the majority of ACCGS themes and ethos of Scottish Swimming to encourage lifelong participation in swimming.  <b>APPROVED £805.00</b>
ACCGS.1617.032 The Food Life  Previous Applications  None	£994.14	Community	Funding requested towards costs of The Food Life (Angus) launch event.  Group is the first industry driven alliance in Angus to be promoting a healthy lifestyle, promoting life-long & eat local healthy eating, at a series of planned Food-To-Go events.	Fits well with ACCGS themes, in particular Improving Quality of Life and Maximising Tourism and Heritage Potential.  Project well-researched locally with good outcomes.  Willingness to collaborate and work with other local stakeholders to achieve good outcomes for the community.  <b>APPROVED £994.14</b>

5. 2016/17 FOCUS YEARS APPLICATIONS (ALL UNDER £1,000) - £3,699.23 SUB TOTAL

Organisation	Amount Requested	Category	Summary	Decision
<p>FY.1617.029</p> <p>Keptie Friends</p> <p>Previous applications</p> <p>None</p>	£999.23	Focus Years – Innovation, Architecture & Design	<p>Funding towards costs of 'Planet Pondie Picnic' a free family event aimed at raising public awareness of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* local green spaces</li> <li>* planting schemes</li> <li>* water improvement</li> <li>* The Water Tower</li> <li>* volunteering</li> <li>* local healthy food</li> <li>* Carbon footprint on food and packaging</li> <li>* Local biodiversity and wildlife,</li> <li>*accessibility for all</li> <li>*pride in place</li> </ul>	<p>This was a new event with a programme of activities that aimed to get people involved and interested in the area.</p> <p>Collaborating with a variety of groups (Mens Shed, Hope Garden, Beautiful Scotland, RSPB, Angus Artisan Food Group, Arbroath High School).</p> <p>This was an Innovative way of creating interest in the pond with activities appealing to all ages to help them understand the ecology of the pond – wildlife, plants, and insects- and the historic importance and architecture and design of the Water Tower.</p> <p>They also used the event to seek views on future design of the area, planting and accessibility.</p> <p><b>APPROVED £1,000</b></p>
<p>FY.1617.033</p> <p>Arbroath Community Arts Residency</p> <p>Previous Applications</p> <p>None</p>	£700.00	Focus Years – Innovation, Architecture & Design	<p>Funding requested towards costs of interdisciplinary arts residency where guest artists will explore public perception of sport, leisure and play in a project which will challenge and broaden views on where and when it can take place.</p> <p>A variety of public participatory events to take place at Arbroath Sports Centre and Hospitalfield House</p> <p>Data recorded digitally will feature as part of a wider design and artwork installation.</p>	<p>This project is a creative and innovative way to engage a broad sector of the community, encouraging and providing opportunities for open participation in Sport and Art.</p> <p>Well aligned to the Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design using innovative research techniques to create a public art installation in the historic and architecturally significant surroundings of Hospitalfield House.</p> <p>The resulting piece of work will benefit the wider community and will help to showcase Angus.</p> <p><b>APPROVED £700.00</b></p>

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FY.1617.020 Hospitalfield House Open Weekend  Previous Applications  None	£1,000	Focus Years – Innovation, Architecture & Design	<p>Funding requested towards costs of hosting an open weekend and public art project with guest artist James Rigler, Sculptor.</p> <p>Event will incorporate sculpture commission and workshops, tours promoting the history and design of the house and grounds</p> <p>Event will coincide with Angus Heritage Week and the Doors Open Days to capture a large audience.</p>	<p>A well thought out application fitting perfectly with the aims of the Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design.</p> <p>Aim of project is to showcase Hospitalfield House, an architectural gem, but it also covers the design element of the themed year with a public art project which will be a real asset to the area.</p> <p>Hospitalfield House is a unique venue in Angus and this event will demonstrate the area's cultural heritage and increase public interests in the arts.</p> <p><b>APPROVED £1,000</b></p>
FY.1617.036 Forfar Dramatic Society  Previous Applications  None	£1,000	Focus Years – Innovation, Architecture & Design	<p>Funding requested towards costs of design, production and installation of custom mosaic for entrance of Forfar Dramatic Society premises.</p> <p>Reputable local artist and specialist in mosaic and glasswork, Maureen Crosbie to undertake the project.</p>	<p>A key element of the Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design is to showcase Scottish design to a wide audience. This project will provide an opportunity to showcase a local artist, whilst enhancing the overall entrance area to the new theatre space.</p> <p>The society's theatre has recently undergone a large scale renovation and the mosaic will be one of the finishing touches to this project.</p> <p>The theatre contributes to the cultural offering in Angus and the new mosaic will be a lasting legacy for the local artist commissioned to undertake the project.</p> <p><b>APPROVED £1,000</b></p>

6. 2016/17 APPLICATIONS OF OVER £1,000 – £5,000 SUB TOTAL

Organisation	Amount Requested	Category	Summary	Decision
<p>ACCGS.1617.035</p> <p>Lochlands Bowling Club</p> <p>Previous Applications</p> <p>None</p> <p>The Club has licensed premises and the grant scheme criteria states that “we will not fund applications from organisations whose premises hold an alcohol licence unless benefitting the wider community”. It is the view of the assessors that as this project relates purely to the sporting activities of the club and is encouraging youth engagement and improving gender equality within the sport it would be eligible under the ‘benefiting the wider community’ clause.</p>	£5,000	Sport	<p>Club are installing additional changing facilities. Funding requested for part project costs of ground preparation, slabs and wall for installation for new facilities.</p> <p>Club has been working to encourage more young people into the sport.</p> <p>In order to make their youth programme as effective and sustainable as possible, they must ensure that club facilities are suitable to welcome, accommodate and inspire young people to take up the sport for life.</p> <p>At present, there is no separate accommodation for girls and boys who want to play - there should be changing space for both, so are looking to fit additional changing facilities, to include storage and upgraded toilet provision.</p>	<p>The aim of the project is to provide suitable changing facilities to encourage and enable the participation of young people in the sport of bowling. The Club recognises that to ensure sustainability, they need to encourage younger people into the sport; providing appropriate changing facilities will assist with this.</p> <p>The Club has engaged with local schools, Active Schools Co-ordinators, sports development team and other local bowling clubs to realise this project.</p> <p>The Project clearly fits with the themes of bringing people together and increasing involvement.</p> <p>It enhances inter-generational work and addresses equality agenda to increase membership including to those who have physical support needs.</p> <p>The Club has requested £5,000 from ACCGS which represents less than half the total project value (total value £13,325). The Club intends to apply for other grants and fundraise for the remainder.</p> <p><b>Grant Recommended subject to condition below £5,000.00</b></p> <p>The club to ensure proposed design of changing facilities for children and young people bearing in mind the need for safety and privacy. Child protection is of paramount concern.</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 £6,799.14, (£1,799.14 and £5,000 The amount recommended for approval in this report for ACCGS of £6,799.14 combined with other grant approvals in 2016/17 of £25,357.32 brings the total commitment in 2016/17 to £32,156.46.

7.3 The amount recommended for approval in this report of £3,699.23 for Architecture, Innovation and Design projects leaves a remaining balance of £6,317.69 for the rest of the year.

7.4 The amount submitted in this report for 2016/17 totals £10,498.37 (£6,799.14 and £3,699.23)

7.5 The combined total of grants awards for 2016/17 equals £40,838.77 leaving a total uncommitted balance of £17,161.23 available to fund grant applications for the remainder of 2016/17.

## **8. CONSULTATION**

8.1 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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