ANGUS COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE - 18 NOVEMBER 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 30 September 2014 and seeks approval of grant awards of over £1,000 recommended for approval since 30 September 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 30 September 2014;
 - (ii) Approve the grant award of over £1,000 recommended for approval and agree the recommendation of one grant rejection

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 – £1,162.60 SUB TOTAL**

Organisation	Amount	Category	Summary	Decision
	Requested			
Sidlaw Path Network Steering Group	£685.00	General	Grant requested towards construction of a wooden staircase.	The project will improve the access route for local people and primary school pupils to a core path in Auchterhouse. There is a clear and defined proposed outcome which can be demonstrated. The group has made a contribution by paying for planning permission and advertising fees. Grant awarded £685.00

Organisation	Amount	Category	Summary	Decision
	Requested			
Cortachy WRI	£477.60	General	Grant requested for the appropriate recommended outside case for defibrillator the community has raised the funding for.	The group have raised funds for a defibrillator to be housed at the local hall. Members of the local community have received appropriate training in its use. The grant request is for an accessible, heated storage box to house their defibrillator. The Hall has agreed to pay the ongoing electricity costs. Given the rural nature of the community, emergency response times for ambulances put the community at a disadvantage, and having a defibrillator would allow locally trained people to administer potentially life saving first aid. The cost includes £50 p&p Grant awarded £477.60

3.2 **2014/15 APPLICATIONS OF OVER £1,000 – £6,200 SUB TOTAL**

Organisation	Amount	Category	Summary	Decision	
	Requested				
Kirriemuir and Dean Area Partnership	£1,920.00	General	Grant requested towards start up costs for community activities including Christmas Market and Christmas lights switch on. Specifically the group are requesting a grant for event insurance, licenses, hire of market stalls, a marquee and a gazebo and printing costs	This is a new group which has no resources, so a start up grant is necessary to take forward their plans. However, some items they have asked for are available for loan from Angus Council, and the Partnership is covered by insurance through Angus Council at a reduced rate. Grant is recommended towards licenses, hire of market stalls, a litter pick pack and a contribution to insurance and stationery/advertising. Grant recommended £1,200.00	
Arbroath Musical Society	£4,957.30	Cultural	Grant requested towards cost of "Spamalot", next year's annual production and in particular towards orchestra, lighting and sound costs.	The group have been staging productions for over 100 years. Recent falling ticket sales have led them to apply for funding, but they do have enough reserves to fund this production. It is recommend that they do more consultation to find out what audiences want, and budget more effectively to balance their programme costs. Support will be offered to help the group look at future activity and budgeting. Grant recommended £0	

Arbroath Ski Club £5,000.00		Sport	Grant requested for the training costs of 10 new instructors	The aim of the application is to provide 10 new instructors for the club by paying for them to complete the BASI Instructor Training.	
				The project has a clear, proposed outcome of making more tuition available to a wider range of people from a number of different backgrounds and also fits the ACCGS themes of increasing involvement, bringing people together and helping groups become more organised.	
				Recommendation - £5,000 subject to the following conditions:	
				Arbroath Ski Club should:	
				Engage with Angus Council Sports Development Team to complete Angus Club Excellence (ACE)	
				Be supported to plan ahead with regards to Instructors' courses in the future so that they can continually develop new instructors	

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 - £7,773.74 and Other Services revenue budget - £51,000. This base provision has been augmented by the 100% carry forward amount from 2013/14 of £59,000 being the balance of resources available from both the Grant Scheme and the Event Funds.

- 5.2 Overall a budget of £117,773.74 is available in 2014/15.
- 5.3 The amount submitted for approval in this Report for 2014/15 totals £7,362.60 (£1,162.60 and £6,200.00). The recommended amount of £7,362.60 combined with other grant approvals in 2014/15 of £71,420.47 brings the total commitment in 2014/15 to £78,783.07.
- 5.4 Additionally, £28,562.83 of Commonwealth Games grants have been approved in 2014/15. If the recommendations of this report are approved, overall grant awards in 2014/15 would total £107,345.90 which can be met from the 2014/15 budget provision.
- 5.5 An uncommitted balance of £10,427.84 would be 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.

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