

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 13 OCTOBER 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 1 September 2015. It also seeks approval of grant applications of over £1,000 recommended for approval since 1 September 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 1 September 2015;
- (ii) Note the grant awards for 2015/16 to the Food and Drink fund approved since 1 September 2015
- (iii) Approve the grant applications of over £1,000 recommended for approval
- (iv) Approve the proposal to move remaining budget of £7,273 from the food and drink fund back into the Community Grant Scheme.

**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 All of the applications approved or recommended for approval have met the eligibility criteria of the Angus Council Community Grant Scheme.

**3.2 2015/16 APPLICATIONS OF £1,000 OR LESS - £2,940 SUB TOTAL**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Decision</b>
Kirriemuir Pantomime Group	£1,000	Cultural	Grant requested towards hire of sound system for annual pantomime to be held in December.	This project will support local community engagement and support the development of the young people involved.
<b>Previous Funding</b>				<b>Grant awarded £1,000</b>

<b>12/13 Programme Costs £668</b>				
Forfar in Flower  No previous funding	£950	Tourism	Grant requested for planters, containers and hanging baskets to be situated in Little Causeway, Forfar. This is an additional display for Forfar in an area with high footfall not previously funded by Angus Council.	Fits well with Pride in Place and will make a significant improvement to Forfar town centre  <b>Grant awarded £950</b>
Montrose Air Station  Previous funding 14/15 - £3,830 for air show and reception  12/13 - £900 towards centenary programme  11/12 - £3,047 towards new IT equipment	£990	Tourism	Funding is required to celebrate and enhance the new Spitfire plane and the events planned around it.	This project fits closely with the aims of the grant scheme and will increase tourism in Montrose and Angus as a whole.  <b>Grant awarded £990</b>

### 3.2 2015/16 FOOD AND DRINK APPLICATIONS (ALL UNDER £1,000) - £5,780 SUB TOTAL

Organisation	Amount Requested	Summary	Decision
Angus Care & Repair	£1,000	Funding requested for printing of a recipe book aimed at people who have had to take on household cooking later in life due to illness or changes in circumstances.	Assessors felt this fitted with the Year of Food and Drink theme  <b>Grant awarded £1,000</b>
Seafest	£780	Funding requested for Wee Cook Demonstrations. A Children's cooking demonstrations at Arbroath Sea Fest featuring local produce.	This funding provided added value to the Seafest event which was focused on food and drink.  <b>Grant awarded £780</b>
St Mary's Church	£1,000	Funding requested for local event to launch the opening of a new community kitchen which is to be hired out to groups to host cookery evenings to support those moving into independent living and cook basic affordable meals.	In line with the theme year this event will attract local masterchef winner and increased community empowerment.  <b>Grant awarded £1,000</b>
Seaview Diner	£1,000	Funding requested for an Afro Caribbean food carnival held during November 2015.	Assessors felt this fitted with the Year of Food and Drink theme with the use of local produce to create

			fusion dishes. <b>Grant awarded £1,000</b>
Peel Farm	£1,000	Funding requested for a night market which to coincide with the final monitoring farm meeting. The evening promoted local beef and stalls featuring Angus produce to highlight the Year of Food and Drink.	Assessors felt this fitted with the Year of Food and Drink theme and would create a new opportunity for rural producers. <b>Grant awarded £1,000</b>
Angus Cycling Festival	£1,000	Funding requested to provide volunteers and competitors with a range of food including healthy eating options from local suppliers. The group will also produce a cycling specific healthy eating leaflet to encourage people to think more of using local produce.	This event is growing in scale and with this support will ensure a Taste of angus input and promote Angus. <b>Grant awarded £1,000</b>

### 3.3 2015/16 APPLICATIONS OF OVER £1,000 – £11,114.85 SUB TOTAL

Organisation	Amount Requested	Category	Summary	Decision
Hospitalfield Trust  No previous funding	£5,000	Cultural	Funding requested to support key elements of the group's communication strategy i.e. to commission the final stage of their website. And commission an advocacy booklet, leaflets and purchase of a projector.	This is a significant heritage asset within Angus and additional marketing of the site will undoubtedly increase the number of visitors (both local and tourists) that are likely to visit and support the facility. <b>Grant recommended £5,000</b>
Forfar & District Men's Shed  No previous funding	£2,177.85	General	Funding requested to purchase various tools safety equipment and power tools to enable the group to carry our individual, group and community projects.	The aim of the project and proposed outcomes merit support. <b>Grant recommended £2,177.85</b>
Forfar Musical Society  Previous funding 09/10 - £3,000 towards stage production	£5,000	Cultural	Funding requested for costume hire, scenery hire, venue hire and rehearsal venue hire.	The assessors highlighted the low ticket prices and thought the ticket pricing should be looked at to cover other costs. <b>Award recommended £1,000</b>
Montrose Music Festival	£2,937	Cultural	Funding requested to purchase flooring and external signage for their new premises in Montrose. The group intend to create a community hub for all	This project will enhance the local event and bring people to the area.

No previous funding			types of musical activities and entertainment.	<b>Award recommended £2,937</b>
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#### **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 £14,054.85 (£2,940 and £11,114.85). The recommended amount of £14,054.85 combined with other grant approvals in 2015/16 of £52,276.44 which brings the total commitment in 2015/16 to £66,331.29.

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 £7,727 (£1,947 and £5,780) has been awarded to projects leaving a remaining £7,273 for the remainder of the year. Due to the demand for the Community Grant Scheme it is proposed to move the remaining £7,273 back into the core budget. If not approved some of the grant applications submitted will be put on a waiting list for available funding.

4.4 Following the approvals in this report it would leave an uncommitted balance of £916. Those organisations and groups requiring funding for community projects will be signposted to alternative funding.

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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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