

## ANGUS COUNCIL

## ENVIRONMENTAL &amp; LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE – 29 MAY 2003

## SPORT &amp; LEISURE GRANT AID TO THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR

## REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF LEISURE SERVICES

**ABSTRACT**

To inform members of applications for grants by Groups/Organizations who have applied for grant aid from the Corporate Grant Aid to the Voluntary/Community Sector Scheme.

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the committee agree to:

- i) To note the grant awards of £500 (Five Hundred Pounds sterling) or under.
- ii) To consider applications of grants over £500 and to approve financial assistance, where appropriate, to those groups/organisations indicated.

**2. BACKGROUND**

In line with grant aid guidelines as laid down by Angus Council, the following clubs/organisations have made application under category B9 of the guidelines to obtain finance to support various projects. Details are listed in section 3 below.

**3. FINDINGS**

- A. The following grant applications has been made for grant aid of £500 or below and have been approved by the Director of Leisure Services in accordance with the Council's Grant Aid scheme.**

No. 1	Name of Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Agreed
	Boyle Park Bowling Club, Forfar	£280.00 est.	£200.00

**Purpose :**

The club leases the pavilion and the bowling green from the Council. Members are looking to improve the standard of heating in two areas by installing three convector heaters with turbo fans . Leisure Services are supportive of this work as long as the work is undertaken by qualified tradesmen.

**Recommendation :**

The total cost of the said works, including installation, is estimated at £280.00. The club will be offered a grant contribution of £200 towards this cost.

<b>No. 2</b>	<b>Name of Organisation</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Amount Agreed</b>
	Monifieth Swimming Club	£450	£300

**Purpose :**

The club caters for a number of children of different ability levels and is looking to purchase some training equipment (pull-buoys and hand paddles) that will be used by the coaches in their coaching and tuition programmes. It should be noted that the club are involved with the Angus Swimming Development Group and are proactive in the development of swimming as a whole in the Angus area.

**Recommendation :**

The total cost of the equipment amounts to £450.00. The club will be offered a grant contribution of £300 towards this cost. A number of conditions will be attached to the offer. These will ensure that the grant sum will only be issued after grant conditions have been met.

**B. The following grant applications have been received for sums in excess of £500.**

<b>No. 1</b>	<b>Name of Organisation</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Amount Recommended</b>
	Kirriemuir Thistle Junior Football Club	£6,227.50	£2,000 maximum

**Purpose :**

The football club has requested a grant of £6,227.50 that will be used for the purchase of a tractor-mower to maintain the grass pitch and surrounds at their football club ground in Kirriemuir. This is the total cost of a reconditioned machine that they would like to purchase locally. The club have provided costs for purchasing a brand new machine (£ 8-9,000). Colleagues in Contract Services have intimated that the cost of the reconditioned model is not unreasonable.

**Recommendation :**

It is recommended that a grant of £2,000 be offered towards the cost of the tractor-mower. A number of conditions will be attached to the offer. These will comprise use of the club's ground by Angus based groups, including the council's football development officer. The grant sum will only be issued after strict conditions have been met.

<b>No. 2</b>	<b>Name of Organisation</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Amount Recommended</b>
	Letham Bowling Club	£5,000	£1,500

**Purpose :**

The bowling club is looking to obtain a grant to purchase a specialised bowling green lawn mower to replace the existing one which is old and now extremely difficult to maintain, particularly if spare parts are required. The cost of the new mower is £5287.50

**Recommendation :**

Whilst it is suggested that the club receive some support, it is evident that it is capable of providing the majority of the cost of the mower through their own resources. It is recommended that funding should be offered to the value of £1,500. A number of conditions will be attached to the offer, including a club proposal to initiate a development programme for youths in the area. These will ensure that the grant sum will only be issued after grant conditions have been met.

No. 3	Name of Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
	Fowlis, Liff and Balruddery Recreation Club	£1,000	£750.00

**Purpose :**

The club is using the new Fowlis Hall. Numbers of those attending activity sessions have increased. The Club are requesting financial support to purchase indoor bowls and badminton equipment. The former will supplement their existing equipment and will result in members playing more frequently than happens at present.

**Recommendation :**

The total cost of the new equipment amounts to £991.42. It is recommended that the club be offered a grant contribution of £750 towards this cost.

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Provision for corporate grant aid is contained within the 2003/04 Miscellaneous Services section of the Council's revenue budget. The amount approved of £500 and that recommended for approval, the sum of £4,250, as set out in this report can be contained within the total allocated.

**5 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

There are no human rights issues associated with this report.

**6. CONSULTATION**

The Chief Executive, the Director of Law and Administration and the Director of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report

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No background papers, as defined by section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information), were relied on to any material extent in preparing this report.