

ANGUS COUNCIL

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE 13 OCTOBER 2009

SUBJECT: ANGUS COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME – NEW APPLICATIONS

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Abstract: This report makes recommendations to the Infrastructure Services Committee for applications to the Angus Council Community Grant Scheme of over £1,000 and informs the Committee of applications of £1,000 or less since 3 September 2009.

1 RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-
- 1.2 approves the grant award recommendations made in this report in respect of applications for over £1,000; and
- 1.3 note the applications submitted for £1,000 or less since 3 September 2009.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 On 7 May 1996 the Policy & Resources Committee approved Report No 317/96, which set out arrangements for how the Council might manage its Grant Aid arrangements. Further changes were approved by the Strategic Policy Committee on 21 June 2005 (Report No 799/05 refers) and also by the Resources & Central Services Committee on 4 May 2006 (Report No 567/06 refers). Approval was given by the Corporate Services Committee on 12 March 2009 for the merger of the existing Angus Council Community Grant Scheme (ACCGS), Community Priorities Fund and Civic Pride and Environmental Improvement Grant Schemes into one scheme for community groups (Report No 235/09 refers). In addition the level of delegated authority for approval of applications by officers was increased from £500 to £1,000. At the Angus Council meeting of 17 September 2009 it was agreed to submit the Angus Council Community Grant Scheme report to the Infrastructure Services Committee and that the responsibility for determining applications under the Community Grant Scheme transfer to the Infrastructure Services Committee.

3 APPLICATIONS OF £1000 OR LESS – Sub Total £3,750.00

Organisation	Angus Letham Gold Group
Amount requested	£900
Department	Corporate
Summary	Grant requested towards provision of a community shopping bus for isolated people aged 50+
Recommendation	This is a trial to test the demand and need for this service. Funding to be given for the trial, but if successful the group will be expected to fundraise to sustain the service. Grant awarded - £900

Organisation	Friends of Guiding (Carnoustie and District)
Amount requested	£850
Department	Education
Summary	Grant requested towards improving and repainting of Guide hall
Recommendation	The work is required to help preserve the building. This group is principally a fundraising group, but they own the Guide hall and are responsible for its upkeep. The funds they have are ring fenced for Centenary year celebrations. Grant awarded - £850

Organisation	The Glenesk Trust
Amount requested	£1,000
Department	Corporate
Summary	Grant requested to better promote the Retreat as a sustainable tourist venue in Glenesk serving as a 'hub' for visitors coming into the area and supporting local employment.
Recommendation	The group has been active for a long time and has a very stable membership. The promotion of the Retreat will help attract visitors to the area as a whole and will benefit a number of businesses. Grant awarded - £1,000

Organisation	Arbroath Golf Links Committee
Amount requested	£1,000
Department	Corporate
Summary	Grant requested towards cost of holding an international under 16's tournament.
Recommendation	This prestigious event will contribute to Angus Council's aim of promoting golf tourism. It will also promote and encourage golf as a sport for young people. Grant awarded - £1,000

4 APPLICATIONS OF OVER £1,000 – SUB TOTAL £17,795.62

Organisation	DeafBlind Scotland
Amount requested	£1,200
Department	Social Work and Health
Summary	Grant requested towards provision of information services and social activities
Recommendation	The organisation has identified nine people who would benefit from this project. Funding for specific individuals is not appropriate use of grant scheme. Grant recommended - £0

Organisation	Monifieth Amateur Dramatics
Amount requested	£2,320.62
Department	Neighbourhood Services – Cultural Services
Summary	Grant requested towards a feasibility study for conversion of a property to an arts centre and theatre
Recommendation	The group have been operating for six years and aspire to a permanent home for the theatre group. The feasibility study is the first stage in working towards their goal. Grant recommended - £2,320.62

Organisation	Phoenix (Forfar) Gymnastics Club
Amount requested	£3,444
Department	Neighbourhood Services – Leisure Services
Summary	Grant requested towards the replacement of old equipment and increasing the range of equipment available.
Recommendation	The club is run on a very tight budget and has an expanding membership of young people. Grant recommended - £3,444.00

Organisation	Royal Burgh of Arbroath Community Council
Amount requested	£1,800
Department	Corporate
Summary	Grant requested towards notice board at Inverkeillor, required due to the loss of Post Office where notices were previously displayed.
Recommendation	The need for the grant is based on the loss of a local facility and the noticeboard will be useful in providing local information. Grant recommended subject to planning permission being granted and the best value for money quote being accepted. Grant recommended - £1,800.00

Organisation	Ian McIntosh Memorial Trust (formerly Montrose Air Station Heritage Trust)
Amount requested	£4,500
Department	Neighbourhood Services – Cultural Services
Summary	Grant requested towards extension of fence on newly purchased land, to improve parking facilities and the purchase of display cases for the recently acquired Richard Moss Memorial Collection.
Recommendation	The group work hard to continually provide improvements to the visitors experience at this popular volunteer-run museum. Volunteers will erect the fence, assemble, design and install the display material in the cases. Grant recommended - £4,500.00

Organisation	Old and Abbey Church- Arbroath
Amount requested	£3,731
Department	Corporate
Summary	Grant requested towards replacement of faded window panes and replacements screens and facing boards on church and hall.
Recommendation	The group aims to improve the exterior of the church hall which is well used by community groups and the church itself. Their own fabric and repair fund is earmarked for on going repairs and a proposed eco efficiency survey. A grant of up to £3,731 is recommended for the costs of upgrading the hall facility only but not the church. Grant recommended – up to £3,731.00 for the hall upgrade only

Organisation	Arbroath Amateur Boxing Club
Amount requested	£2,000
Department	Neighbourhood Service – Leisure Services
Summary	Grant requested for purchase of a training ring
Recommendation	The group are a member of Angus Sports Council and hope to buy a training ring which they do not have at present. This will offer an extra dimension to their training programmes on offer and encourage increased membership. The club do not have the financial resources to cover the costs themselves. It is recommended that grant be awarded based on the cheapest quote provided. Grant recommended – up to £2,000.00 based on lowest quote

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Provision for the Angus Council Community Grant Scheme is contained within the Education, Social Work and Health, and Miscellaneous Other Services revenue budgets. The amounts recommended for approval in this report total £21,545.62 (£3,750.00 plus £17795.62) and can be contained within these budgets in financial year 2009/10.

6 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no Human Rights implications arising from this report.

7 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The issues dealt with in this report have been the subject of consideration from an equalities perspective (as required by legislation). An [equalities impact assessment](#) is not required.

8 SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT

- 8.1 This report contributes to the following local outcome(s) contained within the Single Outcome Agreement for Angus.
- Good quality of life is enjoyed by all in Angus.

9 CONSULTATION

- 9.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Director of Social Work & Health, Head of Law & Administration, Director of Neighbourhood Services, Director of Education and Head of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

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NOTE

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 the above Report.