

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE – 24 NOVEMBER 2009**

**ANGUS COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME – NEW APPLICATIONS**

**REPORT BY 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 13 October 2009.**

**1. RECOMMENDATION(S)**

It is recommended that the Committee

- (i) approves the grant award recommendations made in this report in respect of applications for over £1,000; and
- (ii) notes the applications submitted for £1,000 or less since 13 October 2009.

**2. BACKGROUND**

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. PROPOSALS**

**APPLICATIONS OF £1,000 OR LESS – SUB TOTAL £2,520.00**

Organisation	<b>Carnoustie Community Council</b>
Amount requested	£1,000
Department	Corporate
Summary	Grant requested towards an opening parade for the International Pairs Golf competition
Decision	This is a significant event generating publicity for Angus golf.  <b>Grant awarded - £1,000</b>

Organisation	<b>Forfar &amp; Area Partnership</b>
Amount requested	£500
Department	Corporate
Summary	Grant requested towards costs of an energy awareness day in Forfar
Decision	This is a commendable event which should be encouraged. The Partnership has run other successful events.  <b>Grant awarded - £500</b>

Organisation	<b>Scottish Child Law Centre</b>
Amount requested	£520
Department	Corporate
Summary	Grant requested towards supporting the specialist work of this centre, a percentage of whose clients are from Angus.
Decision	This is a modest request for a specialist service which provides valuable support to a number of children in Angus.  <b>Grant awarded - £520</b>

Organisation	<b>Monifieth Medieval Fair</b>
Amount requested	£500
Department	Neighbourhood Services – Cultural Services
Summary	Grant requested towards costs of the 2010 annual fair
Decision	Recommend approval to support and help consolidate their reserves position.  <b>Grant awarded - £500</b>

#### **APPLICATIONS OF OVER £1,000 – SUB TOTAL £15,996.40**

Organisation	<b>Forfar Musical Society</b>
Amount requested	£3,000
Department	Neighbourhood Services – Cultural Services
Summary	Grant requested towards production costs for the 2009 pantomime.
Recommendation	The group has run local pantomimes for a number of years, but increasing costs and declining audiences are making these shows less financially viable. They have given assurances that a business plan and better marketing will be forthcoming to try to improve their finances.  <b>Grant recommended - £3,000</b>

Organisation	<b>Reswallie Hall Association</b>
Amount requested	£1,950
Department	Education
Summary	Grant requested towards replacement of rotten windows.
Recommendation	This is part of a general upgrading of the hall, and a grant is recommended on condition that further evidence of the additional upgrading is supplied.  <b>Grant recommended - £1,950</b>

Organisation	<b>Inverkeilor Village Hall Committee</b>
Amount requested	£1,500
Department	Education
Summary	Grant requested to provide double glazed windows for the hall.
Recommendation	The group have done some work to the hall over recent years and this will also help to maintain and improve a local meeting place as well as enhancing the facility.  <b>Grant recommended - £1,500</b>

Organisation	<b>Lochlands Bowling Club</b>
Amount requested	£3,000
Department	Neighbourhood Services – Leisure Services
Summary	Grant requested towards refelting the clubhouse roof.
Recommendation	Club members have worked hard to promote and develop the club. Their financial situation indicates they can afford to contribute 50% of the lowest quote provided for the work.  <b>Grant recommended - £1,900</b>

Organisation	<b>Arbroath United Cricket Club</b>
Amount requested	£5,000
Department	Neighbourhood Services – Leisure Services
Summary	Grant requested towards training coach for all primary schools in the Arbroath High/Academy catchment areas.
Recommendation	The project aims to encourage young people to participate in physical activity through a cricket programme in schools. The application however shows little evidence of how this will be sustained once the grant ends and the group should explore this further as grant cannot be awarded on an on-going basis.  <b>Grant recommended - £5,000</b>

Organisation	<b>Montrose &amp; District Choral Society</b>
Amount	£1,624
Department	Neighbourhood Services – Cultural Services
Summary	Grant requested towards costs of staging two concerts.
Recommendation	The group has sufficient bank reserves to cover the costs. The cost of their concerts is spiralling beyond their audience income. Payment for honorarium is ineligible.  <b>Grant recommended - £0</b>

Organisation	<b>Angus Dog Activities Club</b>
Amount	£2,646.40
Department	Corporate
Summary	Grant requested towards the purchase of equipment and advertising material in order to promote involvement in this initiative by people from all walks of life.
Recommendation	The group were recently formed in July 2009 and therefore have little in the way of finances. The grant will provide dog training locally and it is hoped to attract a minimum of 50 members in the first year.  <b>Grant recommended - £2,646.40</b>

Organisation	<b>DeafBlind Scotland</b>
Amount	£1,200
Department	Social Work & Health
Summary	Grant requested towards cost of services for a newsletter, information service, activities and visits for nine people in Angus.
Recommendation	<p>An application from Deafblind Scotland for £1,200 was presented to the Infrastructure Services Committee on 13 October 2009 (Report 729/09). Whilst the application was recommended for rejection, the committee agreed to defer this application pending further clarification as to why this did not meet the Angus Council Community Grant Scheme criteria and information regarding possible other sources of funding. The organisation has a Service Level Agreement with Angus Council for 100 hours per month for a guide communicator service which they currently provide to 4 Angus residents. Their request to the grant scheme is for services for 9 people (including the 4 supported through the SLA) in Angus for a newsletter and information service as well as activities and visits.</p> <p>The organisation has previously applied for a grant. However each year their application is focused on services to a small number of individuals in Angus who access their services and has therefore been rejected as it is benefiting specific individuals. The Angus Council Community Grant Scheme does not support individuals. It would therefore be inconsistent to agree to this similar request.</p> <p>The Council does not have any alternative grants for individuals for which they could apply however if need for such a service was identified this would be reviewed by Social Work &amp; Health. However there may be trusts that might be able to assist and the group will be directed to information sources such as the free <a href="http://www.angus4community.com">www.angus4community.com</a> funding website to access this information.</p> <p><b>Grant recommended - £0</b></p>

#### 4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Provision for the Angus Council Community Grant Scheme is contained within the Education revenue budget (£20,000), Social Work and Health revenue budget (£3,126), Chief Executive's revenue budget (£2,000) and Miscellaneous Other Services revenue budget (£57,000). In addition there is a further allocation of £192,000 to fund projects within the grant scheme for the next three years. This sum is the unallocated funding from the previous Civic Pride and Environmental Improvement Grant Schemes and the Community Priorities Fund (Report No 235/09 refers). The amounts recommended for approval in this report total £18,516.40 (£2,520.00 plus £15,996.40). This combined with other grants approved to date of £111,107 results in a total committed spend of £129,623.40. This funding can be met from a combination of the available revenue budgets in financial year 2009/10 and the additional allocation of £192,000, the balance of which will also be used to fund further projects this year if required.

**5. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no Human Rights implications arising from this report.

**6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 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.

**7. SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT**

7.1 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.

**8. CONSULTATION**

8.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Head of Finance, Head of Law and Administration, Director of Social Work & Health, Director of Neighbourhood Services and the Director of Education 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 a material extent in preparing the above report.

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