ABSTRACT: This Report makes recommendations to the Infrastructure Services Committee for applications to Angus Council of over £1,000 and informs the Committee of applications of £1,000 or less since 11 October 2011.

1. RECOMMENDATION

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 grant awards for £1,000 or less since 11 October 2011.

2. BACKGROUND

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 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.

2. APPLICATIONS OF £1,000 OR LESS – SUB TOTAL £1,560.72

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<td>Angus Riding for the Disabled</td>
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<td>(based in Inverarity, by Forfar)</td>
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Department Neighbourhood Services - Leisure

Summary Grant requested towards the purchase of lightweight plastic jump poles and for a computer and printer

Decision Angus Riding for the Disabled is part of a national organisation providing riding opportunities in a friendly and safe environment. Angus Council has used this service in the past.

The group has a reasonable bank balance, but it is acknowledged that money has to be available for veterinary charges when required.

It is recommended the group be offered a grant to cover the costs of the sports equipment to the value of £500.

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<td>Montrose Stroke Club</td>
<td>£386.82</td>
<td>Corporate</td>
<td>Grant requested towards hire of a bus for a trip and the purchase of an electronic bingo machine.</td>
<td>This is a newly established group providing social activities for people who have had strokes. The group's finances are limited, but they have clear intentions to become self-sufficient.</td>
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<td>Hope Paton Bowling Club (Montrose)</td>
<td>£400</td>
<td>Neighbourhood Services – Leisure</td>
<td>Grant requested towards the purchase of rink markers.</td>
<td>A well established group catering for bowling in Montrose with public access to their facilities. The equipment is required as a result of changes and improvements to the green.</td>
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<td>Carnoustie Recorded Music Society</td>
<td>£273.90</td>
<td>Neighbourhood Services – Cultural</td>
<td>Grant requested towards the purchase of a portable wheelchair ramp.</td>
<td>The group has had to relocate to alternative premises which have steps, and several of their members have difficulty with using stairs</td>
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4. APPLICATIONS OVER £1,000 – SUB TOTAL £16,678.32

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<td><strong>Angus Young Engineers (AYE) After School Club (based in Forfar)</strong></td>
<td>£5,000</td>
<td>Education</td>
<td>Grant requested towards the purchase of a wireless internet hub and switches, CAD software, laptops, start up materials and test track with timing accessories. This is for a newly formed engineering/IT based club based in the community wing of Forfar Academy. Members will participate in national young engineers projects such as scalextrics4schools and Formula 1 challenges where teams compete to design, build and compete nationally.</td>
<td>It is recommended that the group be offered a grant of £5,000 on condition that all efforts are made by them to promote wider access and usage of the club’s facilities throughout Angus.</td>
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<td><strong>Carnoustie Musical Society</strong></td>
<td>£5,000</td>
<td>Neighbourhood Services - Cultural</td>
<td>Grant requested towards production of a commemorative flyer and centenary yearbook, and signage for their premises.</td>
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<td><strong>Carnoustie Panmure Youth Football Club</strong></td>
<td>£1,838.36</td>
<td>Neighbourhood Services - Leisure</td>
<td>Grant requested towards a set of wheeled goals and nets, and a set of portable goals and nets.</td>
<td>This is a very active club with around 170 members. Although the group has given details of how their substantial bank account resources are to be spent in the coming year it is felt they could purchase one set of goals themselves. It is recommended the club be offered a grant of up to £1,010 as a contribution to the cost of purchasing the more expensive wheeled goals and nets.</td>
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### Scottish Wildlife Trust

**Amount requested**: £2,120  

**Department**: Neighbourhood Services - Cultural  

**Summary**: Grant requested towards the installation of wildlife information boards at Montrose Station, from where passengers have an opportunity to view wildlife in Montrose Basin.  

**Decision**: The project is aimed at raising the profile of the Montrose Basin Wildlife Centre, in partnership with Montrose Station. It is recommended that a grant be offered for the design and supply of two panels, but not towards their erection which it is felt can be arranged at a cheaper price locally.  

**Grant Recommended**: £1,800

### The Arbroath “Royal Observer Corps Post” Museum

**Amount requested**: £5,000  

**Department**: Neighbourhood Services - Cultural  

**Summary**: Grant requested towards improvements to the museum and grounds to enable a wider range of visitors to the site. These would be a new toilet unit, disabled parking, insulation of and improvements to display facilities for, portable buildings and signage boards and display signs for visitors. The portable buildings contain a webcam enabling viewing of the bunker for disabled visitors.  

**Decision**: This was an important local site during the Cold War, and includes a bunker monitoring room, aircraft identification post and museum with memorabilia. The full grant is recommended subject to the owner of the land issuing a 20 year lease to the group.  

**Grant Recommended**: £5,000

### Montrose Air Station Heritage Centre

**Amount requested**: £3,047  

**Department**: Neighbourhood Services - Cultural  

**Summary**: Grant requested towards the purchase of computers, software and chairs. These are to complete the equipment in the Learning and Research centre which will become the heart of the museum’s activities, enabling archive work, public access to records and design and display work.  

**Decision**: This project seems to be central to the successful development of the museum and the group do not have sufficient funds to fund the project themselves.  

**Grant Recommended**: £3,047

## 5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

### 5.1 Provision for the Angus Council Community Grant Scheme is contained within the 2011/12 revenue budget; Education revenue budget £16,500, Chief Executive’s revenue budget £2,000 and Other Services revenue budget £51,000 giving a total budget provision of £69,500.
5.2 In addition to the £51,000 provided within the Other Services base budget, a further one-off allocation of £100,000 was provided via the 2011/12 budget setting process, giving total revenue resources within Other Services of £151,000 in 2011/12.

5.3 In addition to the provision within the base budget, there is a further sum of £7,125 within General Fund balances to fund projects within the grant scheme. This sum is the remaining unallocated balance of the previous Civic Pride and Environmental Improvement grant Schemes and the Community Priorities fund (Report 235/09 refers).

5.4 In total therefore a budget of £176,625 is available to fund grants in 2011/12.

5.5 In addition to the budget available in 2011/12 for the Angus Council Community Grant Scheme, report 75/11 considered by the Strategic Policy Committee on 1 February 2011 approved a carry forward of £80,000 from the 2010/11 Community Planning revenue budget. This funding is to allow the Council to pursue local priorities and the delivery of small projects of a non-recurring finance obligation with £10,000 being earmarked for each of the Council Wards. As outlined in Report 75/11 the £80,000 funding will be added to the community grants budget within Other Services in 2011/12, but ring fenced pending a further report setting out proposals for use of this funding. Report 469/11 to Angus Council committee on 22 June 2011 agreed the procedure for deciding on the allocation of this funding.

5.6 The amount recommended for approval in this Report for 2011/12 totals £10,907.52 (£1,560.72 and £16,678.32). The recommended amount of £18,239.04 combined with other grant approvals in 2011/12 of £85,015.17 brings the total commitment to date to £103,254.21.

6. RISKS
6.1 This report does not require any specific risk issues to be addressed.

7. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS
7.1 There are no human rights implications arising from this Report.

8. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS
8.1 The issues dealt with in this report have been the subject of consideration from an equalities perspective. An equalities impact assessment is not required.

9. CONSULTATION
9.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Head of Finance, the Director of Neighbourhood Services and the Head of Law and Administration have been consulted in 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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26 October 2011