

REPORT TO FORMARTINE AREA COMMITTEE – 30 JUNE 2015

AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2015-2016

1 Recommendations

1.1 It is recommended that Members consider the applications for funding.

2 Discussion

2.1 The Area Committee budget was set at £52,500 for 2015-16. At its meeting on 24 March, 2015, the Committee agreed the broad allocation of the budget.

2.2 Allocations to date are detailed in **Appendix 1** to the report. The balance of funding available for projects is currently **£12,907**.

Ellon Parkrun

2.3 An application has been received from Ellon Parkrun towards funding to support the formation of a 'parkrun' in Ellon. A parkrun is a free, timed 5k run held on Saturday mornings and the initiative is currently run all over Scotland, England and Wales. The runs are organised each week by local volunteers and are supported centrally by a not-for-profit organisation. The runs would take place on public footpaths, starting and finishing near the centre of Ellon.

2.4 The group are seeking a contribution of **£3,000** which equates to **50%** of the one-off start-up costs of £6,000. The project can thereafter run indefinitely with support from Parkrun UK and its sponsors.

2.5 A copy of the application form and accompanying supporting information has been provided to members.

Newburgh Playgroup and 2's Group

2.6 Members will recall that on 28 October, 2014, the Committee agreed to award £1,500 to the Newburgh Playgroup and 2's Group towards safe flooring and secure fencing for their outdoor area. Unfortunately, due to poor weather, the group were unable to carry out the works within the 2014-2015 period and the monies were therefore recalled and reallocated to other projects within the area.

2.7 The group have applied for the funding again and are seeking a contribution of **£1,500** which represents **21%** of the total project cost for the creation of an outdoor space / classroom of £7,000.

2.8 It should be noted that the fence has recently been replaced by the group. The old fence, which was in a very poor state of repair, fell down causing a major safety issue for the children. The group have asked the committee to consider this as a retrospective application, due to the urgency of the works required, in order to reimburse their reserve funds to ensure their continued sustainability.

- 2.9 A copy of the application form and supporting documents has been provided to members.

Blackdog Resident Committee

- 2.10 An application has been received for funding towards a sit on mower for grass cutting in the village park during the summer season. The landscaping of the park was completed under the Local Community Plan and the village are now keen to maintain the area. The group have sought insurance and have given consideration to the future maintenance of the equipment.
- 2.11 The group are seeking a contribution of **£2,556** which represents **75%** of the overall project cost of £3,409.
- 2.12 A copy of the application form and supporting information has been circulated to members.

Ellon Pedal Car Race

- 2.13 An application has been received for funding towards two additional pedal cars, the hire of the starting towers, additional banners and posters, an event programme and the hire of a PA system.
- 2.14 This event, now in its sixth year, relies heavily on the goodwill of participating organisations and sponsors to meet costs but requires additional equipment and advertising in order to ensure the continued success of the event.
- 2.15 The event provides a community fun day and in the last three years of Rotary stewardship has raised £19,500 which has been distributed to worthy causes.
- 2.16 The group are seeking a contribution of **£1,500** which represents **75%** of the overall project cost of £2,000. The event, prior to Rotary stewardship, received Area Committee Top-Up funding towards initial start-up costs.
- 2.17 A copy of the application form and supporting documents has been circulated to members.

Rothienorman Village Hall

- 2.18 An application has been received for funding towards the installation of a bio-mass boiler and radiators in the preschool room, small hall, and male and female toilets at the Rothienorman Village Hall. The current system is not fit for purpose and is also very costly. The proposed new system will be of great benefit to the current users of this community facility as well as assisting in increasing capacity at other times.
- 2.19 The group are seeking a contribution of **£4,000** which represents **9%** of the overall project cost of £44,975.
- 2.20 A copy of the application form and supporting documents has been circulated to members.
- 2.21 The Monitoring Officers within Business Services have been consulted and are satisfied with the contents of the report.

3 Equalities, Staffing and Financial Implications

- 3.1 An equality impact assessment is not required because the recommended actions will not have a differential impact on people with protected characteristics.
- 3.2 There are no particular staffing implications arising from this report and proposals outlined in this report.
- 3.3 The applications for funding are affordable within the limits of the allocated budget.

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17 June, 2015

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2015-2016 Allocations to Date

	Budget	Projects	Available
	£	£	£
Improving the Appearance of Towns and Villages	17,000		
Town & Village Tidy Scheme		10,500	
Town & Village Enhancement Grant Scheme		4,000	
Formartine In Bloom Scheme		1,500	
Beginning to Blossom Scheme		1,000	0
Hospitality and Events	2,000		2,000
Area Plan/Community Planning	33,500		
Ellon and District Men's Shed		4,000	
Oldmeldrum Sports Committee Ltd		4,000	
Methlick Football Club		1,462	
Royal British Legion Scotland – Fyvie Branch		4,000	
Slains & Collieston Community Council and Collieston Harbour Heritage Group		1,748	
Turriff District Agricultural Association		4,000	
Ellon Farmers' Market		1,383	12,907
TOTAL	52,500	37,593	14,907