

REPORT TO MARR AREA COMMITTEE – 14 JUNE 2016

AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET APPLICATIONS

1 Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to:-

1.1 Consider applications for Area Committee Budget funding from:-

- (a) Alford Heritage Museum for up to £400 towards the cost of archival quality storage materials for the museum's collection of historical photographs and postcards;
- (b) Kincardine O' Neil Village Hall for up to £485 towards the cost of new tables for the hall;
- (c) Third Stage for up to £2752 towards the cost of weekly arts sessions for retired people; and
- (d) Tap O Noth Community Council for up to £488.40 towards the cost of a flower planter to be placed at the entrance to Rannes Hall, Kennethmont.

1.2 Note an award of up to £250 to Tap O Noth Community Council, towards the cost of plants and compost for Clatt Village Hall Golden Anniversary Garden, approved by the Area Manager under delegated powers.

2 Background / Discussion

- 2.1 The Area Committee, at its meeting on 29 March, 2016, approved priorities for expenditure of the Marr Area Committee Budget for the financial year 2016/2017.
- 2.2 The Committee is requested to consider applications for funding from Alford Heritage Museum, Kincardine O' Neil Village Hall, Third Stage, and Tap O Noth Community Council. Further information on each application is provided in the **Appendix**.
- 2.3 The Area Committee, at its meeting on 31 March, 2015, agreed to delegate authority to the Area Manager, following consultation with the Chair and relevant Ward Members, to determine applications for funding below £250 subject to majority agreement being achieved.
- 2.4 The Committee is asked to note an award of up to £250 to Tap O Noth Community Council for a contribution towards the cost of plants and compost for Clatt Village Hall Golden Anniversary Garden approved by the Area Manager under delegated powers.

2.5 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report and any comments received have been incorporated within the report.

3 Equalities, Staffing and Financial Implications

3.1 An Equality Impact Assessment is not required as the applications will not have a differential impact on any of the protected characteristic groups.

3.2 There are no staffing implications directly arising from this report.

3.3 The budget provision for the 2016/2017 Area Committee Budget is £104,500 and is located on page 99, line 15 of the Council's budget.

3.4 To date £26,805.80 has been committed and £40,000 has been identified to introduce a large project grant scheme, leaving a balance of £37,694.20. If the applications are supported to the level requested this will leave a balance of £33,568.80.

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APPENDIX

AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET APPLICATIONS

(A) Name of Organisation – Alford Heritage Museum

Details of Project – An application for funding from the Area Committee Budget has been received from Alford Heritage Museum for a contribution towards the cost of archival quality storage materials for the museum's collection of historical photographs and postcards.

A team of volunteers has recently completed works on sorting and cataloguing the printed works in the museum library. The next phase of work will be the preservation and cataloguing of historical photographs and postcards. This requires archival quality storage materials such as acid-free storage boxes and polyester envelopes which are available from specialist suppliers. This will preserve the collection safely and allow handling by interested parties such as local history groups, schools and individual researchers, without damage to the items.

Support for Project – Alford History Group support the project and will also assist if required with identification of subjects in the photographs through open sessions with their members and the local community.

Maintenance Arrangements – The work will be carried out, and the collection maintained on an ongoing basis, by museum volunteers, three of whom are qualified librarians.

Full Cost – £800

Amount Requested – £400

Funds Raised at time of application – Alford History Group have offered financial support of £400.

Other Funding Applied For – No other funding had been applied for at the time of application.

(B) Name of Organisation – Kincardine O' Neil Village Hall

Details of Project – An application for funding from the Area Committee Budget has been received from Kincardine O' Neil Village Hall for a contribution towards the cost of new tables for the Kincardine O' Neil Village Hall.

The hall requires new tables as two of the existing large tables broke last year and the remainder have cracks, damaged edges, and warping due to the recent floods which affected the hall's basement. Some of the hall's square tables were also lost due to the flooding and the remainder, although still functional, are too small for most purposes.

The group wish to purchase eight new 8ft. long folding tables. These would also be easier to handle and store than the existing trestle tables. They also wish to purchase eight new 2ft. 10in. square folding-leg tables.

Support for Project – The Kincardine O' Neil Village Hall is used by a wide range of local groups including the Kincardine O' Neil Community Association, Kincardine O' Neil Twinning Group, British Legion, local church and local individuals for events such as parties, sales, barbeques and meetings. These groups have given clear feedback that more and better quality tables would be highly desirable.

Maintenance Arrangements –The Hall Committee is responsible for the maintenance of the hall and its contents. They monitor storage of goods and would draw users' attention to the folding instructions for the tables. The committee has also agreed to put a raised platform in the basement for the storage of the tables to avoid future moisture damage.

Full Cost – £735.20

Amount Requested – £485

Funds Raised at time of application – £250 has been allocated from hall reserves.

Other Funding Applied For – An application for £250 has been made to the Mid Deeside Church "Bread of Life" Charity Shop Fund. A decision on this application is anticipated at the end of June and the group would not need the full amount requested if this was approved.

(C) Name of Organisation – Third Stage

Details of Project – An application for funding from the Area Committee Budget has been received from Third Stage for a contribution towards the cost of weekly arts sessions for retired people.

Third Stage was set up at Woodend Barn, Banchory, over a decade ago and offers high quality arts provision for retired people. The group offers a sense of community and friendship and aims to reach out to those experiencing loneliness. The group provides taxis to bring people to the Barn, including those living in sheltered housing. It is some people's only social event during the week.

The programme is organised and run by a volunteer committee who work with professional artists to provide experiences in painting, drawing, writing, crafts, and music and movement. Currently around 24 people attend weekly. The group are looking for funding to cover artist fees, art materials and transport costs for 21 weekly sessions between September 2016 and March 2016.

Support for Project – The group's sessions take place at Woodend Barn who give an in-kind contribution towards hiring the space. The group have also received financial support from the Banchory Rotary. Volunteers give their time in-kind.

Maintenance Arrangements – N/A

Full Cost – The total cost is estimated at £4058 plus in-kind costs of £2942 (volunteer administration and discounted venue hire)

Amount Requested – £2752

Funds Raised at time of application – £200

Other Funding Applied For – Third Stage charges members £3 a session which contributes to their income and the group are currently searching for other community grants.

(D) Name of Organisation – Tap O Noth Community Council

Details of Project – An application for funding from the Area Committee Budget has been received from Tap O Noth Community Council for a contribution towards the cost of purchasing a tiered flower planter to be placed at the front of Rannes Hall, Kennethmont.

Support for Project – The project is supported by the Rannes Hall Committee and Tap O Noth Community Council.

Maintenance Arrangements – Members of Rannes Hall Committee and Tap O Noth Community Council will maintain the planter.

Full Cost – £934.40

Amount Requested – £488.40

Funds Raised at time of application – Part funding of £450 has been received from the Cairnmore Windfarm Fund. Rannes Hall continually fundraise towards the upkeep and refurbishment of the hall.

Other Funding Applied For – No further funding has been applied for.