

REPORT TO FORMARTINE AREA COMMITTEE – 16 JUNE 2016

AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2016-2017

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 £104,500 for 2016-17. At its meeting on 22 March, 2016, 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 community projects is currently **£72,525**.

Arnage Primary School

- 2.3 The Formartine Committee previously considered an application form from Arnage Primary School who were seeking funding to aid the decoration of and purchase of furniture for their Rainbow Room which is utilised as a Community Café, as well as the school music room and library. A recent reconfiguration of rooms within the school led to the additional usage of this room.
- 2.4 The Formartine Area Committee deferred consideration of this application on 26 April, requesting that officers liaise with Education and Children's Service (ECS) to ascertain whether the Service were in a position to provide a contribution.
- 2.5 ECS have now advised that they are unable to provide any funding towards this project, having already spent £6,000 to various works associated with the improvement of privacy and health and safety issues within the school. They appreciate that the Parent Council are now looking for further funding to improve the resultant space, but there is minimal discretionary spending remaining for 2016/17 for revenue improvements which needs to be spread across every Education & Children's Services facility in Formartine.
- 2.6 ECS have further highlighted that it would not be appropriate for the Parent Council to carry out any painting works within the school, due to insurance, liability and Health & Safety factors. However they would be permitted to hire an approved contractor, should they wish these works to be completed.
- 2.7 The group have revised their application to remove the painting element and are now seeking funding towards furniture / storage and café equipment only. They are seeking a contribution of **£2,693** which represents **64%** of the overall project cost of £4,227.83.
- 2.8 A revised copy of the application form and accompanying financial information has been circulated to the members.

Ellon Men's Shed

- 2.9 Having secured a lease from Aberdeenshire Council on the former waste recycling building and surrounding area, the Ellon Men's Shed are seeking funding towards the conversion of the current building into a workshop and social area for use by the men.
- 2.10 The group are seeking a contribution of **£5,000** which represents **8%** of the overall project cost of £63,182.40
- 2.11 A copy of the application form and accompanying financial information has been circulated to members.

Haddo Egg Hunt

- 2.12 An application has been received from the Rotary Club of Oldmeldrum, seeking a contribution towards the shortfall in costs associated with the Haddo Egg Hunt held earlier this year.
- 2.13 The group are seeking a contribution of **£394** which represents **12%** of the approximated project cost of £3,318.
- 2.14 A copy of the application form and accompanying financial information has been circulated to members.

Ellon and District Sports Development Trust (The Meadows)

- 2.15 An application has been received from the Ellon and District Sports Development Trust (The Meadows), seeking a contribution towards a new trampoline.
- 2.16 The group are seeking a contribution of **£3,137** which represents **75%** of the approximated project cost of £4,183.
- 2.17 A copy of the application form and accompanying financial information has been circulated to members.

Whitehorse Inn

- 2.18 An application has been received from the Whitehorse Inn in Balmedie, seeking a contribution towards the attendance of Cairngorm reindeer at the Christmas fayre for the local community.
- 2.19 The group are seeking a contribution of **£750** which represents **75%** of the approximate project cost of £1,000.
- 2.20 A copy of the application form and accompanying financial information has been circulated to members.

The Outreach Christian Trust

- 2.21 An application has been received from the Outreach Christian Trust in Turriff, seeking a contribution towards a new snooker / pool table and table tennis table for the Lighthouse Project.

- 2.22 The group are seeking a contribution of **£1,125** which represents **75%** of the project cost of £1,500.
- 2.23 A copy of the application form and accompanying financial information has been circulated to members.
- 2.24 The Monitoring Officers within Business Services have been consulted and their comments have been incorporated within this 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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2016-2017 Allocations to Date

	Budget	Projects	Available
	£	£	£
Improving the Appearance of Towns and Villages	18,000		
Town & Village Tidy Scheme		11,500	
Town & Village Enhancement Grant Scheme		4,000	
Formartine In Bloom Scheme		1,500	
Beginning to Blossom Scheme		1,000	0
Retail Improvement Scheme	5,000		5,000
Community Projects	81,500		
Methlick Cricket Club		2,250	
Ythan Biodiversity Volunteers		5,000	
Collieston Offshore Rowing Club		1,725	72,525
TOTAL	104,500	26,975	77,525