

## REPORT TO MARR AREA COMMITTEE – 14 FEBRUARY 2017

### AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET APPLICATIONS

#### 1 Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to:-

- 1.1 Consider an application for Area Committee Budget funding from Tarland Curling Club for £900 towards (a) electrical repairs, (b) external works to Club House, and (c) internal repairs to Club house. It is noted that 75% of the works to be undertaken relate to the impact of flooding damage; and
- 1.2 Note that, following amendments to awards previously made, and some applicants having sourced alternative funding streams, assuming that all remaining applications are completed by the end of March, the balance of funds available in the Area Committee budget is £756.93.

#### 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 the application for funding from Tarland Curling Club. Further information on the application is provided in the **Appendix**. Assurances have been sought from the applicant that the spend can be undertaken, and invoices returned, within the current financial year, primarily by using the funds to purchase materials for the various works.
- 2.3 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. Scheme of Governance

- 3.1 The Committee is able to consider, and take a decision on, this item in terms of Section B.6.3 of the List of Committee Powers, listed in Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance, as it relates to the authorisation of expenditure of the Area Committee budget.

#### 4 Equalities, Staffing and Financial Implications

- 4.1 An Equality Impact Assessment is not required as there will not be a differential impact on any of the protected characteristic groups.
- 4.2 There are no staffing implications directly arising from this report.

- 4.3 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.
- 4.4 The residual balance of £756.93 has increased since the Committee last considered grant applications, Previously there was a balance of £0.01 left unallocated..

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## APPENDIX

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#### (A) Name of Organisation – Tarland Curling Club

**Details of Project** – An application for funding from the Area Committee Budget has been received from Tarland Curling Club for a contribution towards remedial work required to their club house, following flooding in January, 2016 which affected the structure of the club house, damaged the Hydro Electric meter box, leaving them without power. The club also have future plans to upgrade their lighting system around the perimeter of the pond, as this has been in place for some time.

The Club is not a registered Charity.

**Support for Project** – Tarland Curling Club was formed in 1886, and its pond is situated on the Coull Road. Its club house was opened in 1976. As the largest pond in the Deeside area, the club host the Deeside Curling Association league, where local teams play at a weekend. They have recently set up a Facebook page and have placed posters in the local village to attract new players. In November 2016, local Young Farmers came along to try curling on two nights – this was very successful.

**Maintenance Arrangements** – Building maintenance will be carried out by either the Curling Club's members who cover a wide range of trades. Farmer members also assist with keeping the pond clean. The AGM will determine what maintenance is undertaken and its priorities.

**Full Cost** – The total cost of the project is estimated at £7,165. This is based on estimates provided by local tradesmen.

**Amount Requested** – £900.

**Funds Raised at time of application** –£300.

**Other Funding Applied For** – Whilst no other funding applications have been submitted to date, the Club is currently exploring charitable status, to enhance its chances of attracting grants.