

REPORT TO GARIOCH AREA COMMITTEE – 27 JUNE 2017

AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2017/18

1 Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to consider and agree to:-

1. a grant of £4,500 to Wartle Community Association for upgrading existing toilets and replacement of two fire exit doors;
2. award £8,202 to Westhill District Amateur Swimming Club to purchase equipment which will enhance training across the district;
3. a grant of £599.16 to Millbank & Tillyfourie Playing Field Committee to purchase electricity generator; and
4. award £3,555.35 retrospectively to Kemnay Church Centre for emergency repair works carried out to a key community path.

2 Background/Discussion

2.1 Wartle Community Association

Meikle Wartle is a small village of approx. 120 residents and the Wartle Community Association maintains and raises finance towards funding the provision of a village hall for the benefit of the local community. The hall was redeveloped in 2000 and is well used by local groups and also for private functions. A programme of renewal works were drawn up by the group and first of the major works were undertaken in 2015 – central heating replacement. The next project is to renew the toilet facilities and upgrade two fire exit doors to meet health & safety legislation.

Total cost of the project is £15,500, the grant amount request is £4,500. The remainder of the funding has been met from private donations and funding raising activities. The application fits the criteria for Area Budget support and it is recommended that Committee agree this application.

The recommendation is to approve the request for £4,500.00

2.3 Westhill District Amateur Swimming Club

Westhill District Amateur Swimming Club is currently looking to purchase starting blocks. The blocks are the latest used in competitive swimming with adjustable footrests and can accommodate the new backstroke ledges as used by competitive swimmers. The blocks help to optimise swimmers performance during competitions. The project will directly benefit every swimmer in the club (approximately 150+ swimmers ranging from age 7 upwards), as they will be able to use them during training and competitions. It

will also benefit Westhill District and the surrounding area, as it would hope the pool could be used to hold more swimming galas with the attraction of new blocks, thus enhancing the club and benefiting all swimmers who enter events.

Total cost of the project is £16,404, the grant amount request is £8,202. The remainder of the funding has been met from funding raising activities throughout the last year. The application fits the criteria for Area Budget support and it is recommended that Committee agree this application.

The recommendation is to support the request for £8,202.00

4.4 **Millbank & Tillyfourie Playing Field Committee**

Millbank Tillyfourie Playing Field Committee is seeking funding to purchase a generator which will supply electricity to the football pitch and portacabin. The group is an umbrella organisation who lease the site from Cluny Estate and offer it to the community for recreational use, users include Tennis Club, Bowling Club, Kemnay Football Club and Cluny School Football. The supply of electricity to the site will provide floodlighting for the pitch and basic power for the changing rooms. This help greatly enhance the facilities on offer and help to attract new groups looking to use the playing field.

Total cost of the project is £798.88 +VAT, the grant amount request is £599.16. The remainder of the funding will be met from funding raising activities. The application fits the criteria for Area Budget support and it is recommended that Committee agree this application.

The recommendation is to approve the request for £599.16

2.5 **Kemnay Church Centre**

Kemnay Church Centre is applying retrospectively for funding for the Community Path Project. The Path which leads from the High Street in Kemnay to the Church Centre is a key path used by the whole community for getting about the village. Emergency repairs were required to the path due to flooding which washed it away entirely.

Total cost of the project is £4,740.47, the grant amount request is £3,555.53. The remainder of the funding will be met from the local community. The application fits the criteria for Area Budget support and it is recommended that Committee agree this application.

The recommendation is to approve the request for £3,555.35

- 2.4 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report and are satisfied that the report complies with the Scheme of Governance and relevant legislation.

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 in Part 2A, List of Committee Powers in the Scheme of Governance, as it relates to the authorisation of expenditure from the Garioch Area Committee budget.

4 Equalities, Staffing and Financial Implications

- 4.1 The Garioch Area Committee budget for 2017/18 is £105,000, £35,358.28 has already been committed. The remaining balance is £69,641.72.
- 4.2 If the above applications totalling £16,856.51 are approved, this will leave a balance of £52,785.21 to allocate.
- 4.3 An equality impact assessment is not required as there are no impacts on any protected characteristics group arising from this report.

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Garioch Area Committee Budget Criteria for 2016-17

1. The budget should be used to enable the Garioch Area Committee to respond to local needs by adjusting the level of council services within the Area and supporting community based projects which respond to local needs. Projects should be in line with the aims of Aberdeenshire Council and the Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnership. Projects should promote social and economic development, and relate to
 - Improving towns and villages;
 - Community Action Plans;
 - A Town Centre First approach;
 - The Local Community Plan;
 - Promoting resilient communities, wellbeing, and tackling inequality;
 - The development of services for young people;
 - Projects which are supported by a community organisation for the benefit of the wider community
 - The Community Empowerment Act – in support of producing business plans; feasibility studies etc.
2. In normal circumstances the maximum payment to any group or towards any project will be £10,000 unless the Committee considers the application to be of strategic importance.
3. The Area Committee Budget should only be used as part of a wider funding package with a maximum contribution of 75% of the overall cost of the project. Voluntary/in kind contributions will be considered as part of the contribution to a project.
4. Area Committee Budget is open to applications from Council services and constituted groups that can demonstrate that a funding package is being put together, and that costs cannot be met from normal budgets.
5. The Area Committee Budget may not be used to directly fund a continuation of a service or a grant which has been stopped or reduced as a result of budget savings agreed by the Council. It can, however, be used to facilitate the transfer of service delivery or a council facility to the community or other third sector partner.
6. Applications for grants in excess of £3,000 should be accompanied by a copy of the Group's Constitution and the latest available audited accounts.