

REPORT TO KINCARDINE AND MEARN'S AREA COMMITTEE – 3 OCTOBER 2017.

AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2017 - 2018

1 Recommendation

1.1 It is recommended that the Kincardine and Mearns Area Committee considers the following applications:

1.1.1 St James Episcopal Church - £6,000.00

1.1.2 Portlethen & District Men's Shed - £1,836.00

1.1.3 Portlethen & District Community Council - £4,000.00

2 Background / Discussion

2.1 The Council has allocated £104,500 to each Area Committee for the financial year 2017/18 for the Area Committee Budget. Twelve applications have been approved this year leaving a balance of £54,961.22.

2.2 An application has been received from St James Episcopal Church, Stonehaven for £6,000 towards the cost of a project costing £40,783.00. The project entails installing an exhibition space in St James Episcopal Church, the purpose of the exhibition spaces is to demonstrate what history and social stories there are associated with St James' and Stonehaven. History from the period (1688) and some historically important pewter ware, silverware and books will be displayed. An explanation of who helped shape Scotland's history. There are some 30 artefacts dating back as far as the 1600s, these are currently unavailable to the public. The Exhibition Space will also celebrate the work of John Wardle and the Wadsworth organ companies. An organ will be built to show how an organ works, and will be available for educational programmes. The church organ is available on request for tuition, practice or general enjoyment. As part of the exhibition there is a desire to create a smartphone enabled app to provide a friendly modern way to show people round the Exhibition Spaces and the church building, in an interactive and appealing way.

2.3 An application has been received from Portlethen and District Men's Shed for £1,836.00 towards the cost of refurbishment of the former toilet block in Portlethen into a fit for purpose community facility for the Men's Shed. The group were granted a Community Asset Transfer of the building some time ago and have been actively involved in raising funds to undergo the necessary refurbishment. Much of this work is now complete however to enable them to open without completing the whole project works it is essential that they relocate the entrance by installing a new doorway and create a disabled toilet in the Cabin. The disabled toilet sanitary ware has been donated but they need to form a concrete ramp area for access. The group received a £2,000.00 grant from The Co-op earlier this year and will use that to match fund this project.

- 2.4 An application has been received from Portlethen and District Community Council to purchase and refurbish a disused and derelict lock up in Portlethen at a total project cost of £8,000.00, the Community Council are seeking £4,000.00. This converted space would offer storage for Christmas lights, gazebo etc. It would also be considered a better solution to what currently exists as it would be wind and water tight.
- 2.5 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report, their comments are incorporated within the 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 of the List of Committee Powers in Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance as it relates to the authorisation of expenditure from the Area Committee Budget.

4 Implications and Risks

- 4.1 An equality impact assessment is not required because the recommended actions will not have a differential impact on people with protected characteristics. Access to the exhibition in the Church will be open to all. The Men's Shed also allow open access.
- 4.2 There are no particular staffing implications arising from this report.
- 4.3 The management of this budget will be undertaken within existing Area Manager's resources. The proposals outlined in this report are in line with the allocation of financial resources as contained in the 2017/18 Revenue Budget for Area Managers.
- 4.4 The following risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate Level: Budget Pressures; Working with other organisations. No risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Strategic Level.

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20 September 2017.**

KINCARDINE and MEARNs AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET FINANCIAL YEAR 2017-18						
APPLICANT	PURPOSE	DATE RECEIVED	BUDGET AMOUNT REQUESTED	DATE TO COMMITTEE	£104,500 AMOUNT AGREED	RUNNING TOTAL
FINANCIAL YEAR 2017-18						
K&M Local Community Planning group.	Participatory Budgeting Event	06.03.17	£5,000.00	21.03.17	£5,000.00	£99,500
Stonehaven Recreation Grounds Trust.	Fencing (Beach Road).	16.03.17	£7,926.00	25.04.17	£7,926.00	£91,574.00
Auchenblae Parks Committee.	Pump & Bike Track	12.11.16	£8,000.00	25.04.17	£8,000.00	£83,574.00
Mearns Area Partnership – Mearns Cycle Hub.	Cycle safety equipment	20.03.17	£252.78	25.04.17	£252.78	£83,321.22
Kinneff Old Church Preservation Trust Ltd.	Structural work on the Church	20.03.17	£5,000.00	25.04.17	£5,000.00	£78,321.22
Aberdeenshire Council - Stonehaven Town Centre Improvement Group.	Signage, Banners and seagull management.	27.03.17	£5,415.00	25.04.17	£5,415.00	£72,906.22
Friends of Stonehaven Open Air Pool.	Visitor Survey	10.05.17	£1,875.00	13.06.17	£1,875.00	£71,031.22

Stonehaven Town Partnership	Court Building refurbishment	24.05.17	£8,000.00	22.08.17	£8,000.00 (time bound)	£63,031.22
1 st Stonehaven Scout Group	Refurbishment of the Scout Hall	01.06.17	£4,000.00	22.08.17	£4,000.00 (time bound)	£59,031.22
Royal Burgh of Inverbervie Heritage Group	Heritage display	18.07.17	£570.00	22.08.17	£570.00	£58,461.22
Stonehaven & District Angling Association	Commission a full hydrological flood risk assessment report	17.08.17	£3,000.00	12.09.17	£3,000.00	£55,461.22
Marykirk Village hall Management Committee	Resurface hall car park	23.08.17	£500.00	12.09.17	£500.00	£54,961.22
St James Episcopal Church	Exhibition Space	20.08.17	£6,000.00	03.10.17		
Portlethen & District Men's Shed	Men's Shed refurbishment	04.09.17	£1,836.00	03.10.07		
Portlethen & District Community Council	Purchase and refurbishment of a lock up to be used for storage of Community Council equipment.	17.09.17	£4,000.00	03.10.07		