

REPORT TO FORMARTINE AREA COMMITTEE – 3 OCTOBER 2017

AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2017-2018 – APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

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 2017-18. At its meeting on 21 March, 2017, 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 **£35,405.33**.

Tidy Village Scheme 2017/2018

- 2.3 A request has been received from Ythan Community Council that the Ythan Community Council catchment be added to the list of communities who can apply for an award from the Tidy Village Scheme.
- 2.4 There are several hamlets and small villages within the Ythan Community Council area that would benefit from being included in the Tidy Village Scheme, including Ythanbank, Berefold, Arnage, Auchmacoy, Tipperty and Esslemont.
- 2.5 Ythan Community Council wish to recruit a volunteer or group of volunteers from within these communities to take on the responsibility of maintaining and watering tubs and planters, as well as grass cutting and other tidy village duties as appropriate to each settlement.
- 2.6 The Community Council has reported that Berefold has seen almost a doubling in size in the last ten years with new builds and Ythanbank is similar. Auchmacoy has remained fairly static but with the regeneration planned for the “Poachers Rest” site, a brightening up of the surrounding area would be welcomed. Tipperty would also benefit from investment to counter the likely increase in traffic passing by when the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route becomes active.
- 2.7 If members are in agreement to this addition, it is suggested that the amount that the amalgamated area would be entitled to would be £1,000, in line with it being a larger area. The monies would require to be transferred from the Community Projects portion of the Area Committee Budget.

Balmedie Leisure Centre Association

- 2.8 An application has been received from the Balmedie Leisure Centre Association, seeking a contribution towards the upgrade of existing CCTV and additional security cameras for the leisure centre.

- 2.9 The group are seeking a contribution of **£3,000** which represents 74% of the overall approximate project cost of £4,081.20.
- 2.10 A copy of the application form and accompanying information has been circulated to members.

Turriff Gymnastic Club

- 2.11 An application has been received from the Turriff Gymnastic Club, seeking a contribution towards the replacement and upgrade of their apparatus.
- 2.12 The group are seeking a contribution of **£3,000** which represents 69% of the overall approximate project cost of £4,348.80.
- 2.13 A copy of the application form and accompanying information has been circulated to members.

Meldrum Amenities Improvement Group

- 2.14 An application has been received from the Meldrum Amenities Improvement Group, seeking a contribution towards necessary repairs to the Christmas illuminations for the Oldmeldrum area.
- 2.15 The group are seeking a contribution of **£837** which represents 75% of the overall approximate project cost of £1,116.66.
- 2.16 A copy of the application form and accompanying information has been circulated to members.

Belhelvie Community Council

- 2.17 An application has been received from Belhelvie Community Council, seeking a contribution towards a local community Christmas celebration event.
- 2.18 The group are seeking a contribution of **£1,012** which represents 75% of the overall approximate project cost of £1,350.
- 2.19 A copy of the application form and accompanying information has been circulated to members.

Rotary Club of Ellon

- 2.20 An application has been received from the Rotary Club of Ellon, seeking a contribution towards a secure, fenced and gated area with a level flat surface, for users of the Bothy Day Care Centre who have mobility issues.
- 2.21 The group are seeking a contribution of **£1,000** which represents 29% of the overall approximate project cost of £3,410.
- 2.22 A copy of the application form and accompanying information has been circulated to members.

Foveran Community Council

- 2.23 An application has been received from Foveran Community Council, seeking a contribution towards information boards to direct Newburgh beach visitors to an appropriate area to watch the seals that have hauled out on to the sands. There will also be information provided on types of seals and information about safety in relation to seals.
- 2.24 The group are seeking a contribution of **£1,921.50** which represents 75% of the overall approximate project cost of £2,562.

Daviot Amenities Improvement Group

- 2.25 An application has been received from the Daviot Amenities Improvement Group, seeking a contribution towards a festive light display for the Daviot Community and the light switch on event.
- 2.26 The group are seeking a contribution of **£2,106.45** which represents 75% of the overall approximate project cost of £2,808.60.
- 2.27 The Monitoring Officers within Business Services have been consulted and their comments have been incorporated within this 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 in Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance as it relates to the authorisation of expenditure from the Area Committee Budget.

4 Implications and Risk

- 4.1 An equality impact assessment is not required because the recommended actions will not have a differential impact on people with protected characteristics.
- 4.2 There are no particular staffing implications arising from this report and proposals outlined in this report.
- 4.3 The financial implications are inherent within the report.
- 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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Report prepared by Area Committee Officer
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Appendix 1

2017-2018 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
Participatory Budgeting	5,000	5,000	0
Community Projects	81,500		
Belhelvie Landfill Tax		4,275.16	
Ellon Golden Oldies Rugby Team		4,102.00	
Ellon and District Pipe Band		4,500.00	
Ythan Biodiversity Volunteers		3,260.50	
Aberdeen and District Angling Association		5,000.00	
1 st Turriff Girls Brigade		750.00	
The Hut, Tarves Youth Project		3,029.00	
Turriff Winter Wonderland		5,000.00	
Turriff and District Citizens Advice Bureau		1,500.00	
Haughs Redevelopment Partnership Group		3,000.00	
Turriff Business Association – Christmas Lights Fund		2,000.00	
Methlick Playpark Team		3,480.00	
Gallowshill Sports Hub		3,654.75	
Rothienorman Hall		2,000.00	
Turriff and District Heritage Society		<u>543.26</u>	
		46,094.67	
TOTAL	104,500		35,405.33