



REPORT TO GARIOCH AREA COMMITTEE – 31 OCTOBER 2017

GARIOCH AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE – INVERURIE EVENTS SC043539

1 Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to consider the application as detailed in Appendix 1 of this report and determine whether and to what extent to award funding.

2 Background / Discussion

- 2.1 Inverurie Events are the organising committee for the delivery of Christmas Lights within Inverurie. The existing Christmas lights which decorate the town centre have been condemned and are too costly to upgrade or repair.
- 2.2 The cost of purchasing replacement lights is approximately £22,000, excluding VAT, delivery, erection and removal which is an additional cost of £5,500.
- 2.3 The amount applied for is £5,000. Unfortunately this is in excess of the remaining funds within the Area Committee Budget, the balance of which stands at £4,046.21.
- 2.4 The Area Committee is therefore asked to consider the attached application as detailed in Appendix 1 of this report and determine whether and to what extent to award funding.
- 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 they 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 Implications and Risk

- 4.1 An equality impact assessment is not required because the recommendation contained within this report does not have a differential impact on any of the protected characteristics.

- 4.2 There are no staffing implications as a result of this report. The financial implications are outlined in paragraphs 2.2 and 2.3.
- 4.3 No risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate or Directorate Level.
- 4.4 Aberdeenshire Council recognises that town centres have an important role to play in the sustainable development of local economies. Town centres are a common denominator within delivery of our services and they are the heart of our communities, forming a key component of the intensity of civic pride. They can act as a hub for various activities, offering spaces to meet and interact, with access to a range of facilities and services. They are still very much a base for many small businesses and jobs and offer a variety of visitor attractions. Should Members be minded to approve this application there will be a positive impact on Inverurie Town Centre.

Maria Walker
Director of Education and Children's Services

Report prepared by:
Date:

Margaret-Jane Cardno (Acting Area Manager Garioch)
11 October 2017

Aberdeenshire

COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEE BUDGE'

APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE

Name of Applicant: ERIC SIMPSON (SECRETARY)

Name of Organisation (if applicable): INVERURIE EVENTS

Address – c/o 1 High Street Inverurie (BID - WeAreInverurie)

Tel No: 07956929009 E-mail address: inverurieeventssec@gmail.com

Please read the notes of guidance overleaf. DETAILS OF PROJECT

- Criteria to be met:**
- a) Improving the appearance and maintenance of towns and villages
 - b) The development of services for young people
 - c) Projects which are supported by a Community Organisation for the benefit of the wider community
 - d) Groups requiring financial support (see guidance notes overleaf)

Please give details of project, including estimated costs, benefits, which criteria applies and explain how you think the project meets the criteria.

Inverurie Events are the organising charity/committee for the delivery of the Xmas Lights and Firework Display in Inverurie. The 2017 Xmas Festival will be extended over 4 weekends and at this time will include the Switch on of the Xmas Lights with a Firework Display, Xmas Market, Santa Run – Children and Adult, Funfair and School Choirs. The Festival will take place over four weekends commencing Sunday 26th November.

One of the highlights of the Xmas Festival is the Xmas Lights that decorate the town centre. Unfortunately the existing Xmas Lights have been both condemned and too costly to upgrade or repair. Therefore new Xmas Lights have been purchased at considerable cost. The new Xmas lights have been approved by Aberdeenshire Council and fully compliant for erection in the Town Centre

The benefits of the project will be a new and greatly enhanced Xmas Light display encouraging the local community to shop in the town environs and to participate and enjoy the festivities taking place.

It is hoped that the benefit of the Xmas Festival and Xmas Lights will be the substantial increase in footfall and expenditure into the local businesses rather than losing same to nearby Aberdeen therefore delivering a much required economic boost to our local business community. Inverurie Events are committed to working and partnering with BID (WeareInverurie), IBA and local schools to deliver the Xmas Festival

The cost of purchase for the new Xmas Lights is approx. £22,000. This excludes VAT, delivery, erection and removal which is an additional £5500

Total Cost of Project £22,000 (inclusive of VAT)

Describe all fund raising activity in the past 2 years and identify whether it was for this project or another purpose (give sources, in particular other funding received from Aberdeenshire Council)

Inverurie Events have had various fund raising activities prior to Nov 2016 which failed to address the necessary financials that were required to erect, maintain and remove the Xmas Lights. A new committee was formed in Nov 2016 and have made significant inroads to addressing an inherited deficit and to fund raise for the 2017 Xmas Festival. The biggest fund raising event during 2017 was the very successful Pride of Inverurie Awards held in August 2017 which has raised approx. £8000 towards the cost of the Lights. Other fundraising activities will be a Santa Run through the Inverurie Town Centre on 10th December and there are Inverurie Events Collection Cans distributed in local shops which is estimated to raise a further £2000. I am not aware of any financial support from Aberdeenshire Council in the last 12 months

Other funding applied for:

(give details of amount(s) and source(s) as appropriate, in particular other Aberdeenshire Council sources)

Common Good Fund £5000

Inverurie Events have submitted a request of £500 to the Inverurie Community Council

Inverurie Events have requested funding from Inverurie BID but unfortunately at this time there is no available funding to support the Xmas Lights

To assist the Council to decide on your request please enclose: (Please tick appropriate box)

Three copy quotations for the works proposed

 No

Copy of Group's Constitution (for grants over £3,000)

 Yes

Copy of latest audited accounts (for grants over £3,000)

 Yes

IF NOT ATTACHED PLEASE INDICATE WHY

I have attached a quote from the Scotia in relation to the purchase of the Xmas Lights. The Xmas Lights that have been purchased are sourced from a manufacturer in England. On making enquiries with other suppliers of the Lights including the manufacturer this was found to be a fixed price irrespective of supplier. The attached Accounts are from the 2016 November AGM

Any other relevant information:

Due to the timescales it has been necessary to purchase the Lights prior to the outcome of the Application. It is estimated that the lifespan of the Xmas Lights will be 5-7 years. Inverurie Events are confident that this request for financial support is a one off payment and that annual fundraising activities will thereafter be sufficient for the maintenance, erection and removal on an ongoing annual basis. There has been an application made to the Common Good Fund for a similar £5000 that would address the shortfall of the purchase

Return to: Garioch Area Manager, Aberdeenshire Council, Gordon House, Inverurie, AB51 3WA;
(Tel No: 01467 539371/ E-Mail: garioch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

Applications will be considered by the Garioch Area Committee

Garioch Area Committee Budget Criteria for 2017-18

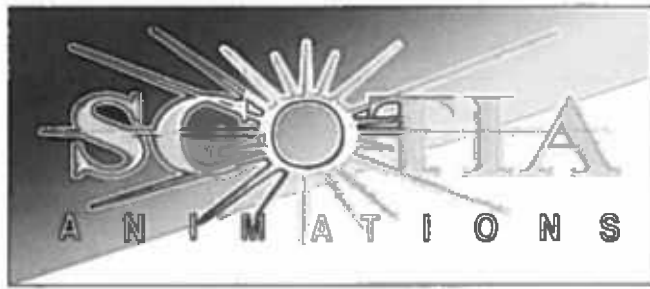
1. The budget should be used to enable the Garioch Area Committee to respond to local needs by adjusting the level of council services within the Area and supporting community based projects which respond to local needs. Projects should be in line with the aims of Aberdeenshire Council and the Aberdeenshire 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.

5. 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.

Inverurie Events SC043539

Inverurie Events Financial Statement 2015-16

			E	IN	E	OVI	E
Inverurie Events Bank Balance as at 01.12.15							<u>1873.12</u>
07.12.15	Deposit	Xmas Light/Inv Weekender	1552.84				
21.12.15	Deposit	Xmas Light/Inv Weekender	348.50				<u>1901.34</u>
							<u>3774.46</u>
03.02.16	Deposit	Xmas Light/Inv Weekender	933.39				<u>933.39</u>
							<u>4707.85</u>
01.04.16	Cheque	Scotia Animations Ltd			4374.00		<u>4374.00</u>
							<u>333.85</u>
05.04.16	Deposit	Shop collection pots	307.76				
07.04.16	Cheque	A/shire Council Inv 4461300				30.65	
20.04.16	Deposit		750.00				<u>1027.11</u>
							<u>1360.96</u>
13.05.16	Cheque	Fireworx Scotland			200.00		
16.05.16	Cheque	Rood Signs			196.08		<u>396.08</u>
							<u>964.88</u>
19.08.16	Deposit	Shop collection pots	296.83				
23.08.16	Cheque	North East S&T			240.00		<u>56.83</u>
							<u>1021.71</u>
06.09.16	Cheque	Clark Thomson			547.50		<u>547.50</u>
							<u>474.21</u>
Inverurie Events Bank Balance as at 30.11.16							<u><u>474.21</u></u>



Scotia Animations Ltd

15 - 17 Bridge Street

Aberdeen AB11 6JL

Tel:- 01224 584440

Fax:- 01224 213656

Email: - steve@scotia-access.co.uk

SC 194543

Estimate

Vat Registration Number 724 1956 32

Customer Inverurie Events

Estimate No SCO3956

Address

Date 20.09.17

Postcode

Order No

Account No

Part No	Product/Service Description	Qty	Trade	£ Value
4009	Star Column Festive Feature	12	£ 667.53	£ 8,010.36
4055	Hades Blue Festive Feature	30	£ 348.83	£ 10,464.90
12107	Forest Waterfall Festive Feature	1	£ 1,245.17	£ 1,245.17
7007	Merry Christmas Festive Feature	1	£ 48.00	£ 48.00
MFEST	LED MAXI Light Festoon (150 Metres)	1	£ 1,450.00	£ 1,450.00
INST / REM	Install / Removal / Storage of Column Features	42	£ 71.50	£ 3,003.00
INST / REM	Install / Removal / Storage of Merry Christmas	1	£ 127.50	£ 127.50
INST / REM	Install / Removal / Storage of Merry Christmas	1	£ 127.50	£ 127.50
TREE INST	Install / Removal of P Lights on Christmas Tree	1	£ 455.00	£ 455.00
FEST INST	Install / Removal of Festoon	1	£ 425.00	£ 425.00

SUB TOTAL £ 25,356.43

VAT RATE 20.00%

VAT £ 4,437.38

TOTAL DUE £ 29,793.81

Notes

Inverurie Events SC043539

Inverurie Events Financial Statement 2015-16

			£	IN	£	OUT	£
Inverurie Events Bank Balance as at 01.12.15							<u>1873.12</u>
07.12.15	Deposit	Xmas Light/Inv Weekender	1552.84				
21.12.15	Deposit	Xmas Light/Inv Weekender	348.50				<u>1901.34</u>
							3774.46
03.02.16	Deposit	Xmas Light/Inv Weekender	933.39				<u>933.39</u>
							4707.85
01.04.16	Cheque	Scotia Animations Ltd			4374.00		<u>4374.00</u>
							333.85
05.04.16	Deposit	Shop collection pots	307.76				
07.04.16	Cheque	A/shire Council Inv 4461300				30.65	
20.04.16	Deposit		750.00				<u>1027.11</u>
							1360.96
13.05.16	Cheque	Fireworx Scotland			200.00		
16.05.16	Cheque	Rood Signs			196.08		<u>396.08</u>
							964.88
19.08.16	Deposit	Shop collection pots	296.83				
23.08.16	Cheque	North East S&T			240.00		<u>56.83</u>
							1021.71
06.09.16	Cheque	Clark Thomson			547.50		<u>547.50</u>
							474.21
Inverurie Events Bank Balance as at 30.11.16							<u><u>474.21</u></u>