



REPORT TO BUCHAN AREA COMMITTEE – 25th June 2019

COMMUNITY COUNCIL PROJECT GRANT APPLICATIONS – BUCHAN EAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL – ST COMBS FOOTPATH PETERHEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL – DUAL PETERHEAD CAMPAIGN AND DEFIBRILLATOR INSTALLATION COSTS BODDAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL – HIRE OF EQUIPMENT TO CARRY OUT EARTHWORKS FOR NEW PARKING AREA AT BODDAM PITCHES

1. Recommendation

1.1 The Committee is requested to consider awards of,

(a) £1,000 to Buchan East Community Council towards the creation of a path with information lecterns at St Combs Beach;

(b) £400 to Peterhead Community Council towards the “Dual Peterhead” Campaign and £200 towards the installation of the Defibrillator at Buchan House Peterhead, and

(c) £396 to Boddam Community Council towards the cost of hiring equipment to carry out earthworks relating to the formation of the new parking area at Boddam Pitches

Background/Discussion

- 2.1 A total of £7,801 was made available to the Buchan area for disbursement to Community Councils for administration and project grants for the financial year 2019/2020.
- 2.2 The Buchan Area Committee, on 23rd April 2019 (Item 9), agreed that a sum of £3,661 would be made available for Project Grant applications.
- 2.3 The Buchan Area Committee, on 13th November 2018 (Item 8) agreed an award of £1,000 to Buchan East Community Council towards the formation of a path with information panels at St Combs Beach. Although Officers did work with the group, due to difficulties encountered whilst establishing ownership of the site and related planning delays, this project failed to meet the deadline and therefore the allocation of £1,000 was not released and has gone back to central funds.
- 2.4 This worthy project is now in a position to progress and it is proposed to allocate the £1,000 previously awarded, from this year’s allocation.
- 2.5 The Buchan Area Committee, on 9th October 2018 (Item 10) agreed an award of £200 towards the installation of a defibrillator at Buchan House, Peterhead and on 5th February 2019 (Item 8) agreed an award of £400 towards the

purchase of promotional materials for the “Dual Peterhead” campaign to Peterhead Community Council.

- 2.6 In previous years, unpaid grants for projects that have been initiated but not completed have been allowed to be carried forward. Unfortunately this has not been the case this year, and we are therefore requesting that the £600 awarded to Peterhead Community Council in financial year 2018/19 and, who have now completed both projects, be paid from this year’s budget.
- 2.7 Boddam Community Council has submitted an application, on behalf of Boddam Recreation Trust, who are developing the Boddam Pitches Project. As part of that development, a new parking area is to be created within the site to relieve traffic congestion on surrounding streets, especially Claymore Crescent, when football matches and other sporting or community activities are taking place at the pitches.
- 2.8 The Trust is working closely with the Council’s Landscape Services who have assisted with drainage and general improvement works that have brought the pitches back to a playable standard. Landscape Services presently maintain the area but will be withdrawing this support in March 2020.
- 2.9 In partnership with Landscape Services, the Trust will prepare the space where the car park will be located, lay the hard core and compact the material creating a hard standing area where cars and buses will be able to park.
- 2.10 The total cost of the project is £2,000, excluding the materials. The hardcore material will be provided by Landscape Services as part of their in-kind support. Much of the improvement work carried out by Landscape Services on the pitches has been covered by Developer Obligation funding. Volunteers from the Trust will carry out all the preparatory work and the compaction of the material as an in-kind contribution to the project.
- 2.11 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer from Business Services have been consulted and any comments received have been incorporated into the report.

3. Scheme of Governance

- 3.1 The List of Committee Powers in Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance enable the Committee to consider applications for and approve the award of grants to Community Councils within the approved budget under 3.3 of Section B.

4. Equalities, Staffing and Financial Implications

- 4.1 An equality impact assessment is not required because the report does not propose any change to previous allocation arrangements.
- 4.2 There are no staffing implications arising from this report. Supporting the work of Community Councils helps to sustain communities within Buchan and supports the Empowered Communities theme in the Buchan Local Community Plan around increasing opportunities for participation in community life.

- 4.3 The following risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate Level: Budget Pressures; Working with another organisation. No risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Strategic level.
- 4.4 The Community Council budget for the current financial year is £64,000, therefore no additional financial or staffing implications arise as a result of this report.
- 4.5 If the award is approved a balance of £1,665 will remain available for Community Council Project Grant Applications.

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