

REPORT TO MARR AREA COMMITTEE – 31 MARCH 2020

ABERDEENSHIRE CHARITIES TRUST (ACT2) APPLICATIONS

1 Reason for Report / Summary

- 1.1** This report presents the following applications for funding to ACT2 (Aberdeenshire Charities Trust):
- 1.11 Application from the Aboyne After School Club for £1,000 towards the costs to run an after school club with prices accessible to all, and for up to date staff training;
- 1.12 Application from Mesolithic Deeside for £1,000 to enable the group to start test pitting of a possible site of interest at Porarch;
- 1.13 Application from Inchmarlo Village Hall for £1,000 to assist with costs of purchasing a music/sound system for a VE Street Party Event and future village events;
- 1.14 Application from Banchory Trampoline and DMT ('double mini trampoline') Club (SCIO) for £1,000 to assist with provision of financial support to members competing in England and internationally.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Committee is recommended to consider the following applications for ACT2 funding and determine whether to approve or reject the applications:**

Ward	Trust Purpose	Applicant
15	The relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.	Aboyne After School Club
16	The advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science.	Mesolithic Deeside
16	The advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science.	Inchmarlo Village Hall
16	The relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.	Banchory Trampoline and DMT Club (SCIO)

3 Purpose and Decision Making Route

- 3.1 Aberdeenshire Council is responsible for administering a number of individual charitable trusts which are now amalgamated into ACT2 (Aberdeenshire Charities Trust). The Trust is divided according to Ward Area and subdivided

according to various purposes outlined within the trust deed and in keeping with its original purpose. The routine administration of the Trust has been delegated to Area Committees.

- 3.2 At its meeting on 19 February, 2019 (Item 5), the Marr Area Committee agreed that no award be granted for less than £100 or more than £500 to individuals, £1,000 to groups in Wards 15 and 16, and £2,000 to groups in Ward 14.

4 Discussion

- 4.1 The Area Committee is asked to consider four applications for funding as detailed in **Appendix 1** to the report.
- 4.2 The applicants have been invited to attend the meeting and, in view of the current circumstances, are happy for the Trustees to consider their applications as presented.
- 4.3 The applications have been assessed by officers from Legal and Governance and Finance and have been validated as competent and compliant with the trust purposes within the relevant trust areas.

5 Council Priorities, Implications and Risk

- 5.1 This report helps deliver Council Priority 3 - Providing the best life chances for all our children and young people by raising levels of attainment and achievement.

This report helps deliver Council Priority 4 – Work with parents and carers to support children through every stage of their development.

This report helps deliver Council Priority 5 - Encourage active lifestyles and promote well-being with a focus on obesity and mental health.

The report helps deliver Council Priority 8 – Work to reduce poverty and inequalities within our communities.

- 5.2 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendation(s) is(are) agreed.

Subject	Yes	No	N/A
Financial		X	
Staffing		X	
Equalities			X
Fairer Scotland Duty			X
Town Centre First			X
Sustainability			X

- 5.3 The funding available for the relevant wards and trust purposes:

Ward 15: the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage, is £6,621.25.

Ward 16: the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science is £4,610.72.

- 5.4 An equality impact assessment is not required because Section 193 of the 2010 Act contains an exemption for charities which make positive discrimination to groups or individuals on the basis of their disadvantage. Insofar as the charity purposes discriminate positively in favour of individuals or groups on the basis of poverty, age, disability, or other disadvantage, there is no discrimination on the basis of any other protected characteristic (such as gender or religion). No negative impact on any individual or group as a result of this report has been identified.
- 5.5 There are no staffing implications directly arising from this report.
- 5.6 There are no direct financial implications for the Council but the available funds for Wards 15 and 16 will be reduced if the Committee approves the applications.
- 5.6 The following Risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate Level: Budget Pressures; Working with Other Organisations (see Corporate Risk Register). No risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Strategic Level.

6 Scheme of Governance

- 6.1 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report. Any comments are incorporated within the report and they are satisfied that the report complies with the Scheme of Governance and relevant legislation.
- 6.2 The Committee is able to consider and take a decision on this item in terms of Section B.2.1 of the List of Committee Powers in Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance as it relates to the administration of trusts controlled by the Council for the benefit of their Area.

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Appendix 1 – Project Outline and Costs

APPENDIX 1

Applicant 1: Aboyne After School Club

Trust Ward and Purpose: Ward 15 - the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

Amount Applied for: £1,000

Why the Funding is required: Funds are required to assist with costs to allow the club to offer prices that are accessible to all and to fund staff training.

Who will the Funding help: The funding will help all families with children aged 3 to 16 years who wish to use the After School Club and it will provide funding for relevant training updates for staff. It will also assist the club to meet an anticipated deficit in running costs for the current financial year. The club offers care during out of school hours and school holidays.

Other Funding Applied for: No other funding has currently been sought.

Applicant 2: Mesolithic Deeside

Trust Ward and Purpose: Ward 16 – the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science.

Amount Applied for: £1,000

Why the Funding is required: Funds are required to enable the group to start test pitting of a possible site of interest at Potarch, where intact prehistoric features may be hidden below the ploughsoil. The grant would be used towards the cost of a Co-ordinator, who would plan and organize the dig, manage the volunteers and write up an academic report and towards costs that may arise from Lithic analysis.

Who will the Funding help: The test pitting would be undertaken by local volunteers and the wider community would be encouraged to visit to see the work progressing. Educating children about their ancient past would be at the forefront of the project and two local school classes would be invited to take part in digging and finds identification. The group hopes to create a dedicated exhibition based in Banchory, in conjunction with Aberdeenshire Museum Service, which would further help with the advancement of our ancient heritage and culture in Royal Deeside.

Other Funding Applied for: other funding streams are being explored for match funding.

Applicant 3: Inchmarlo Village Hall

Trust Ward and Purpose: Ward 16 – the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science.

Amount Applied for: £1,000

Why the Funding is required: Funds are required to enable to group to purchase a sound/music system (at a cost of £1,500) for a VE Street Party event, and for future community events. The group has a number of local musicians booked to play at the event and the purchase of a sound system would allow them to hold more community based events with music.

Who will the Funding help: The funding will benefit the community and will enable the hall to hold more outdoor and indoor events with music.

Other Funding Applied for: No other funding has currently been sought, and the remainder of the cost will be funded through fundraising initiatives.

Applicant 4: Banchory Trampoline and DMT Club (SCIO)

Trust Ward and Purpose: Ward 16 – the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

Amount Applied for: £1,000

Why the Funding is required: the Club is very successful in its sport and as a result has gymnasts competing in events outside Scotland, mainly in England and several compete internationally. The funding will be used to give financial support to the gymnasts towards the costs involved in competing outside Scotland and the UK. The Club currently helps the gymnasts and on average each event costs £400. The Club is the most successful trampoline club in Scotland and does not want financial constraints to inhibit its gymnasts from realizing their dreams to take part in top flight events.

Who will the Funding help: The funding will benefit the gymnasts and their families to assist them with costs of travel to competitions outwith Scotland.

Other Funding Applied for: an application has been submitted by the Club to Aberdeenshire Sports Council for a travel grant of £250.