

REPORT TO FORMARTINE COMMITTEE - 29 June 2021

MISS E MACKIE BEQUEST – FUNDING REQUEST

1 Reason for Report / Summary

- 1.1 An application has been made by Dawson Court, Very Sheltered Housing in Turriff, requesting funding of £1,727 from the Miss E Mackie Bequest to assist with the purchase of a summer house.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Committee is recommended to consider the application and determine the level of grant to be awarded to Dawson Court.**

3 Purpose and Decision-Making Route

- 3.1 Aberdeenshire Council is responsible for administering a number of individual trusts and bequests, among them the Miss E Mackie Bequest. The routine administration of the Trusts in their area is delegated to Area Committees.
- 3.2 This report has not been discussed at any other Committee.

4 Discussion

- 4.1 The Miss E Mackie Bequest was left for the benefit of residents in Eventide Homes for the elderly in the Turriff District. The bequest is essentially a sum of money given to the Council to be used as directed. This does not form a trust.
- 4.2 Dawson Court does not fall under the strict definition of an Eventide Home but there are currently no residential care homes operated by Aberdeenshire Council in Turriff. In the absence of any other information regarding the purpose of the Bequest, it is for the Committee to determine whether the funding can be awarded to Dawson Court given that it is a sheltered housing site which provides services to older residents.
- 4.3 The total balance of the fund at 30th April 2021 was £7,953.94. The revenue balance, which is available to be disbursed, was £4,965.85 and the capital balance, which is invested to generate future income, was £2,988.09. As part of a project to improve the garden space at Dawson Court, the tenants have requested a summer house. It will promote health, wellbeing, and mobility by encouraging tenants to go outside. It will also be used for more outdoor visiting.
- 4.4 £1,727 is being requested to purchase an Adley 10' by 8' Loxely summer house. The ground preparation and erection of the summer house will be funded from the tenants' amenity fund.

5 Council Priorities, Implications and Risk

- 5.1 This report helps to deliver:
Council Priority 1 – Our People - Education, Health & Wellbeing; and
Council Priority 2 – Our Environment - Infrastructure, Resilient 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
Children and Young People's Rights and Wellbeing			x

- 5.3 An equality impact assessment is not required because Section 193 of the 2010 Equality 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.
- 5.4 There are no additional staffing or financial implications arising from this report.
- 5.5 The following risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate Level: ACORP001 Budget Pressures. No risks have been identified as relevant to these matters 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 and had no comments to make and 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 its area.

Ritchie Johnson, Director of Business Services

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