

REPORT TO BUCHAN AREA COMMITTEE – 27th September 2022

AREA COMMITTEE GRANT SCHEME 2022/2023 – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING – Peterhead Bowling Club

1. Executive Summary/Recommendations

1.1 This report requests Members' consideration of an application from Peterhead Bowling Club for community project funding from the Area Committee Grant Scheme. The Committee is being asked to consider five separate applications as part of today's agenda.

1.2 Recommendation

The Committee is recommended to consider the application from Peterhead Bowling Club who are seeking funding towards the cost of replacing their shed roof; in determining the application, the Committee is asked to note the recommendation of Buchan Development Partnership (BDP) to award £1,571 to Peterhead Bowling Club

2. Decision Making Route

2.1 At the Buchan Area Committee on 19th April 2022 (Item 11) Councillors agreed to make available £61,500 of the Area Committee Budget to an Area Committee Grant Scheme, similar to that run in previous years. It was further agreed that the grant scheme would be publicised and developed in tandem with BDP.

2.2 On 28th June 2022 (Item 9) the Buchan Area Committee considered 11 applications for funding from the scheme. Nine of the 11 applications were awarded grant funding totalling £35,551, leaving a balance of £25,949. The other two applications were deferred for further information and remain outstanding at this time.

2.3 A further 5 applications have now been received. Should Committee approve all 5 applications, as recommended by BDP, the remaining balance will reduce to £11,555.

2.4 The communities have prioritised their projects and it is suggested that they are all worthy of support. The recommended projects allow for a balanced geographical spread, are deliverable and reflect value for money.

3. Discussion

- 3.1 This report deals specifically with the application from Peterhead Bowling Club who has requested funding towards replacing their shed roof. The group keep their mower and other green keeping equipment in the shed, which, at this time, is not water tight and is also unsafe. The mower and equipment (part funded by the Area Committee grant in 2018) is essential for maintaining the greens in top condition and therefore crucial for the Club's sustainability.
- 3.2 Detail of the application received, total cost and recommended award are included within the appendix attached to this report. The application has been assessed by BDP and meets the criteria.
- 3.3 Any award is based on the agreed limit of £10,000 or 80% of the project costs. Councillors do have the discretion, should they agree that a project is of exceptional merit, to allocate funds accordingly. Where an award has been given, but falls short of the amount requested, BDP will work with these groups to help them identify the gap funding required.
- 3.4 The fund attempts to achieve a good spread of schemes, with broad community benefit across the Buchan area and to focus on local priorities. As in previous years the projects that have been recommended will help deliver towards the Council's priorities and the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP). Where possible the grant will also help groups attract match-funding.
- 3.5 The help and support of Buchan Development Partnership has been fundamental in the development of this application.
- 3.6 A condition of the award is that each group must take photos and a video throughout their project, which will be shown at a virtual 'Celebration of Awards' in the Spring of 2023.

4. Council Priorities, Implications and Risk

- 4.1 Collectively, the applications help deliver our Council Priorities –

Our People – Education, Health & Wellbeing

Our Environment – Infrastructure, Resilient Communities

Our Economy – Economy & Enterprise, Estate Modernisation

Further information can be found –

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/councilplan/delivering-our-priorities-across-services/>

- 4.2 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	

- 4.3 An Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) was carried out and, at initial screening, no negative impact has been identified. The screening section as part of Stage One of the Integrated Impact Assessment process has not identified the requirement for any further detailed assessments to be undertaken, as the positive impacts relate to projects outwith the Council's control, but which are in pursuit of the Council's priorities relating to community benefits.
- 4.4 There are no staffing implications arising from this report. The management of this budget will be undertaken within existing area management resources.
- 4.5 The proposals outlined in this report are in line with the allocation of financial resources approved as part of the Councils Revenue Budget.
- 4.6 The following Risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate Level: Budget Pressures - ACORP001; Working with other organisations - ACORP005 [Corporate Risk Register](#).
- 4.7 No risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Strategic Level [Directorate Risk Registers](#)

5. Scheme of Governance

- 5.1 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report and their comments are incorporated within the report and are satisfied that the report complies with the Scheme of Governance and relevant legislation.

- 5.2 The Committee can 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.

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Director of Business Services

Report by Theresa Wood, Area Committee Officer
Date : 16th September 2022

List of Appendices –
Appendix 1 – Summary of Application from Peterhead Bowling Club



Group Name	Peterhead Bowling Club	Charity No.	
Description of Organisation	<p>Peterhead Bowling Club is a constituted group whose objects are to encourage the promotion and provide facilities for the practice of the sport of lawn bowls. It is the only bowling club in Peterhead. The group has 100 members with ages ranging from teenagers to 90-year-olds. It is managed by a committee of President, Vice president, past president, secretary, treasurer and up to 7 other committee members. The group is affiliated to Bowls Scotland.</p> <p>The group host Buchan Area Finals, Aberdeen Presidents Association and Ladies competition games as well friendly games and competitions. A team of volunteers maintains the bowling surface and gardens to a high standard.</p>		
Current Free Reserves	Unknown	Annual Income	
Total Project Cost	£2107	Amount Requested	£1571
Minimum for Impact	£1571		
Previous Applications	2018 - £2000 towards the cost of a mower		
Purpose of Grant	<p>The group wish to apply for £1571 to replace their shed roof. The group keep their mower and other green keeping equipment in the shed. It is not water tight and it is also unsafe. The mower and equipment (part funded by the Area Committee grant in 2018) is essential for maintaining the greens in top condition and therefore crucial for the club's sustainability.</p>		
Need/Support for Project and Grant	The new roof will protect the valuable green keeping equipment.		
Impact/Outcomes	<p>Repair of the shed will ensure that club member and the wider community who visit the bowling club will continue to enjoy the physical and mental health and wellbeing benefits that a social outdoor sport like bowls provides.</p>		
Recommendation	£1571		
Conditions	None		