

REPORT TO BUCHAN AREA COMMITTEE – 27th September 2022

AREA COMMITTEE GRANT SCHEME 2022/2023 – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING – Admiralty Gateway Charitable Trust

1. Executive Summary/Recommendations

1.1 This report requests Members' consideration of an application from Admiralty Gateway Charitable Trust 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 Admiralty Gateway Charitable Trust who are seeking funding towards installing a stair lift that will be used by staff and visitors who have disabilities and are unable to climb stairs; in determining the application, the Committee is asked to note the recommendation of Buchan Development Partnership (BDP) to award £3,769 to Admiralty Gateway Charitable Trust

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 Admiralty Gateway Charitable Trust who has requested funding towards installing a stair lift that will be used by staff and visitors who have disabilities and are unable to climb stairs. Admiralty Gateway has a number of exhibitions planned which will be located on the newly refurbished first floor of the original Governor's office block. These will cover many genres and appeal to an even greater audience and therefore increase footfall. Many visitors require extra help and support with mobility and the stairlift will allow visitors to access all areas of the museum independently.
- 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 Admiralty Gateway Charitable Trust



Group Name	Admiralty Gateway Charitable Trust	Charity No.	SC049803
Description of Organisation	<p>The Admiralty Gateway Charitable Trust has maintained the Peterhead Prison Museum for a number of years and was registered as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation in December 2019. The museum has won numerous awards and has attracted more than 500,000 visitors to the area since it opened. The management team is skilled with a range of trustees from business backgrounds. Trust members meet every quarter and review the previous work and look at future developments and growth.</p> <p>The organisations purposes are the advancement of education, arts, culture and heritage through encouraging public engagement in local history and the preservation and maintenance of the Peterhead Prison Museum and the lifeboat museum preserving and commemorating the work of the "Julia Park Barry" of Glasgow Lifeboat.</p>		
Current Free Reserves	3 months	Annual Income	
Total Project Cost	£5890	Amount Requested	£3769
Minimum for Impact	£3769		
Previous Applications	None		
Purpose of Grant	<p>Admiralty Gateway is applying for £3769 funding to install a stair lift that will be used by staff and visitors who have disabilities and are unable to climb stairs.</p> <p>Working alongside the travelling exhibitions from the Robert Gordon University, Admiralty Gateway has a number of exhibitions planned which will be located on the newly refurbished first floor of the original Governor's office block. These will cover many genres and appeal to an even greater audience and therefore increase footfall to the visitor attraction. Many visitors require extra help and support with mobility and the stairlift would allow visitors to access all areas of the museum independently</p>		
Need/Support for Project and Grant	<p>The visitor numbers (500,000) are evidence of the continual growth and interest in the museum. From feedback the committee are aware that, while they need to attract new visitors it is essential that they offer new attractions to encourage repeat visitors. They plan to utilise other space of the building (the first floor) to feature new exhibitions but without a stairlift this area of the building would be inaccessible to visitors with poor mobility.</p> <p>Installing the chairlift will ensure all exhibitions and facilities are available for all to enjoy.</p>		

Impact/Outcomes	<p>The Visitor attraction is one of the most successful tourism projects in the area. It attracts large number of visitors from out with Buchan providing potential economic benefits to the wider community through increased footfall in local businesses including hospitality.</p> <p>The museum also provides learning opportunities for all, and has good links with local schools and Robert Gordons University, with student placements being offered during the summer holidays. The museum encourages interest in the heritage and the story of Peterhead and the prison for all ages.</p>
Recommendation	£3769
Conditions	None