

REPORT TO BUCHAN AREA COMMITTEE – 27th September 2022

AREA COMMITTEE GRANT SCHEME 2022/2023 – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING – Mintlaw and District Men’s Shed SCIO

1. Executive Summary/Recommendations

1.1 This report requests Members’ consideration of an application from Mintlaw and District Men’s Shed SCIO 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 Mintlaw and District Men’s Shed SCIO who are seeking funding towards fitting a wood burning stove in their new premises, Gardener’s Cottage (Aden Country Park); in determining the application, the Committee is asked to note the recommendation of Buchan Development Partnership (BDP) to award £2,880 to Mintlaw and District Men’s Shed SCIO

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 Mintlaw and District Men's Shed SCIO who has requested funding towards fitting a wood burning stove in their new premises, Gardeners Cottage (Aden Country Park). To date, they have installed a kitchen and toilet so the space is usable, but there is no source of heating. The group have expressed a willingness to contact Zero Waste Scotland for an energy assessment, but feel that they need an affordable solution to ensure they can inhabit the cottage as soon as possible.
- 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 |
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| 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 Mintlaw and District Men's Shed SCIO



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| Group Name | Mintlaw and District Men's Shed SCIO | Charity No. | SC049326 |
| Description of Organisation | <p>Mintlaw and District Men's Shed SCIO, formed in 2018 is a two tier Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation. MDMS provide recreational facilities to meet the social and physical and mental well-being needs of adult males aged 18 and over living in Mintlaw and the surrounding area.</p> <p>The group has fifteen core members, with a wide range of skills including practical trades, administrative, financial, and Health and Safety. The group are based in Aden Country Park and hope to move into Gardiners Cottage soon, as this will allow them to expand their activities to deliver technology, cooking and all-important social area.</p> | | |
| Current Free Reserves | 17 months | Annual Income | |
| Total Project Cost | £3,600 | Amount Requested | £2,880 |
| Minimum for Impact | £2,880 the balance will be met from their reserves and through donations for work in the community. | | |
| Previous Applications | <p>2022 – Award of £3888 to resurface the compound area. 2021 – Award of £5000 for electrical upgrade 2020 – award of £1312 to buy a generator, materials for workbenches and fencing 2019 – award of £5570.76 for insurance and cladding of the container/workshops</p> | | |
| Purpose of Grant | <p>The group are requesting £2880 funding to fit a wood burning stove in Gardiners Cottage.</p> <p>They have installed a kitchen and toilet so the space is usable, but there is no source of heating. The group have expressed a willingness to contact Zero Waste Scotland for an energy assessment, but feel that they need an affordable solution to ensure they can inhabit the cottage as soon as possible.</p> | | |
| Need/Support for Project and Grant | <p>The group will be carrying out sedentary activities so the cottage needs to be maintained at a comfortable temperature. Installing the burner will provide a cost-effective source of heating that will provide a warm comfortable temperature for their social area.</p> | | |
| Impact/Outcomes | <p>This project meets the Resilient communities, Health and Wellbeing, and Estate Modernisation priorities as the groups work supports peoples mental and physical wellbeing by encouraging social interaction, active healthy lifestyles, lifelong education opportunities and providing economic benefits to the local groups they work with.</p> | | |
| Recommendation | £2880 | | |
| Conditions | | | |