

REPORT TO MARR AREA COMMITTEE – 24 JANUARY 2023

MARR AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET – REVISED SMALL GRANT APPLICATION

1 Executive Summary/ Recommendations

1.1 The report seeks consideration of a revised application for Area Committee Budget funding (Small Grant Scheme) from Ballater Winter Festival. The Committee previously approved an award towards the cost of a carousel, helter-skelter and stall for Ballater Winter Festival. Due to the supplier of the fairground rides cancelling, the Committee is asked to consider a revised application towards the cost of hiring Cairngorm Reindeer who were booked for the event instead.

1.2 The Committee is recommended to:-

1.2.1 Consider, and determine whether to approve or reject, the revised application for Area Committee Budget funding (Small Grants) Scheme from Ballater Winter Festival for up to £2,000 towards the cost of booking Cairngorm Reindeer for Ballater Winter Festival 2022.

2 Decision Making Route

2.1 The Marr Area Committee, at its meeting on 29 March 2022 (Item 6), approved the allocation of the Marr Area Committee Budget for 2022/23, including an allocation of £27,700 for the provision of a Small Grant Scheme offering grants of up to £2,000 for community projects. At its meeting on 20 September 2022, the Committee agreed to reallocate £3,175 from the Small Grants Scheme to the Large Grants Scheme, meaning there is a revised allocation of £24,525 to provide the Small Grants Scheme.

2.2 The Committee considered the original application from Ballater Winter Festival for funding from the Small Grant Scheme at its meeting on 11 October 2022 (Item 9).

3 Discussion

3.1 At its meeting on [11 October 2022 \(Item 9\)](#), the Committee agreed an award of up to £2,000 from the Area Committee Budget (Small Grant Scheme) towards the cost of a carousel, helter-skelter and stall for Ballater Winter Festival.

3.2 Ballater Winter Festival have advised that unfortunately the carousel and helter-skelter that had been booked was cancelled last minute by the supplier. They managed to book Cairngorm Reindeer to attend instead which was reportedly a great success.

3.3 A revised application has been submitted to use the funds towards the cost of Cairngorm Reindeer and other costs involved in the festival as detailed below. It is suggested that the funds from the Area Committee be used towards the

booking of Cairngorm Reindeer and the community group can use their match funding towards the other costs.

Cairngorm Reindeer	£2,100
Other Costs (Hire of Village Halls, Ballater Films, Insurance, Christmas Décor, Grotto Gifts, Gala Tent)	£2,428.97
Total	£4,528.97

- 3.4 The total cost of hiring Cairngorm Reindeer is £2,100 and the amount requested is £2,000.
- 3.5 The community group have raised £1,850 through grants from Ballater Royal Deeside (£1,500) and Ballater Business Association (£350) and have funds of £4,360 from the previous year's event.
- 3.6 All grants must be paid within the current financial year. Projects awarded funding will be monitored to ensure they are progressing. Grant offers will be withdrawn if milestones are not met to ensure that the Area Committee Budget can be fully utilised.

4 Council Priorities, Implications and Risk

- 4.1 The following Council Priorities are relevant to this report:

Pillar	Priority
Our People	Health & Wellbeing
Our Environment	Resilient Communities
Our Economy	Economic Growth

- 4.2 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendations are agreed:

Subject	Yes	No	N/A
Financial	X		
Staffing		X	
Equalities and Fairer Scotland Duty		X	
Children and Young People's Rights and Wellbeing		X	
Climate Change and Sustainability		X	
Health and Wellbeing	X		
Town Centre First		X	

- 4.3 The Committee previously agreed an award of up to £2,000 to Ballater Winter Festival.

- 4.4 An Integrated Impact Assessment was carried out and reported to the Committee on 11 October 2022 (Item 9). Positive impacts were identified in relation to health and wellbeing.
- 4.5 The following Risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate Level: ACORP001 Budget Pressures; ACORP005 Working with Other Organisations (see Corporate Risk Register). No risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Strategic Level.

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 any comments received have been incorporated within the report. They are satisfied that the report complies with the Scheme of Governance and relevant legislation.
- 5.2 The Committee is able to 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.

Alan Wood
Director of Environment and Infrastructure Services

Report prepared by Kirsty Macleod, Area Committee Officer (Marr)
28 December 2022