

REPORT TO BUCHAN AREA COMMITTEE – 31st January 2023

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

1. Executive Summary/Recommendations

1.1 This report requests Members' consideration of an application from Peterhead Sailing Club for funding from the Area Committee Grant Scheme.

1.2 Recommendation

The Committee is recommended to

1.2.1 consider the application from Peterhead Sailing Club who are seeking funding towards carrying out a topographic survey of the Lido area; the Committee is asked to note the recommendation of Buchan Development Partnership (BDP) to award £840 as applied for

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 To date, a total of 15 applications have been successful, committing a total of £53,448. One application submitted by The Sanctuary, and successfully awarded £5,000 by Committee on 28th June 2022, was withdrawn. As a result, the total committed had reduced to £48,448, leaving a remaining balance of £13,052.

2.3 As per Item 5(a) of today's Area Committee Agenda, should Committee have agreed to award £5,000 to Buchan Community Farm the balance will now sit at £8,052.

2.4 If this application from Peterhead Sailing Trust is successful, the funds remaining for allocation will be £7,212.

3. Discussion

- 3.1 Peterhead Sailing Club is applying on behalf of the Peterhead Lido Users Group. The group was set up to develop improved facilities for water sports in the area. The group is a partnership of organisations providing water sports activities in Peterhead. The Sailing Club are acting as the lead organisation for funding and will be responsible for administration of the group's activities.
- 3.2 The group are requesting funding to carry out a topographic survey of the area. This group are investigating the design and construction of a new watersports hub building that would serve the current and future needs of the Lido users. The aims of the project are to improve the area visually, provide better facilities, and make the area more of a destination for visitors.
- 3.3 The project will harness the collective power of the many different groups. Rather than each group attempting to develop their own facilities, they are committed to delivering a building that works for all water users and improves the area as a whole.
- 3.4 The steering group have been awarded £10,000 of funding through Coastal Communities to engage specialists to undertake feasibility work on the project. In order to complete work on building design and location a topographic survey is needed. Grampian Survey has submitted a quote for the survey at £840.
- 3.5 Facilities at the Lido are needed to make the most of what the area has to offer and allow more people to learn water sports on the sea safely. The steering group have looked at similar projects in the West of Scotland and they have found it much easier to develop viable business models where multiple organisations are sharing a building
- 3.6 The survey and feasibility will allow the steering group to confirm if their plans for a new water sport hub are viable and if so put them in a stronger position to attract funding for construction of the hub. In the long term, if the feasibility confirms the viability of a new build, the facilities will benefit local people through increased provision of outdoor activities. The development of a shared water sports facility will also allow the partnership groups to host national events and promote packages for courses and training.
- 3.7 Detail of the application received, total cost and recommended award are included within the appendix attached to this report. The application has been fully assessed by BDP and meets the criteria.
- 3.8 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.

- 3.9 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.
- 3.10 The help and support of Buchan Development Partnership has been fundamental in the development of this application.

4. Council Priorities, Implications and Risk

- 4.1 The application helps deliver our Council Priorities –

Our People – Education, Health & Wellbeing

Our Environment – Infrastructure, Resilient Communities

Further information can be found at –

<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 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.

Ritchie Johnson
Director of Business Services

Report by Theresa Wood, Area Committee Officer
Date : 18th January 2022

List of Appendices –
Appendix 1 – Summary of Application from Peterhead Sailing Trust.



Group Name	Peterhead Sailing Club	Charity No.	SC 034067
Description of Organisation	Peterhead Sailing Club is applying on behalf of the Peterhead Lido Users Group. The group was set up to develop improved facilities for water sports in the area. The group is a partnership of organisations providing water sports activities in Peterhead. The Sailing Club are acting as the lead organisation for funding and will be responsible for administration of the group's activities.		
Current Free Reserves		Annual Income	
Total Project Cost	£10,840	Amount Requested	£840
Minimum for Impact	£840		
Previous Applications	The Lido steering group have no previous applications.		
Purpose of Grant	<p>The group are requesting funding to carry out a topographic survey of the area. This group are investigating the design and construction of a new watersports hub building that would serve the current and future needs of the Lido users. The aims of the project are to improve the area visually, provide better facilities, and make the area more of a destination for visitors.</p> <p>The project will harness the collective power of the many different groups. Rather than each group attempting to develop their own facilities, they are committed delivering a building that works for all water users and improves the area as a whole.</p> <p>The steering group have been awarded £10,000 of funding through Coastal Communities to engage specialists to undertake feasibility work on the project. In order to complete work on building design and location a topographic survey is needed. Grampian Survey quote for the survey is £840.</p>		
Need/Support for Project and Grant	Facilities at the Lido are needed to make the most of what the area has to offer and allow more people to learn water sports on the sea safely. The steering group have looked at similar projects in the West of Scotland and they have found it much easier to develop viable business models where multiple organisations are sharing a building.		

Impact/Outcomes	<p>The survey and feasibility will allow the steering group to confirm if their plans for a new water sport hub are viable and if so put them in a stronger position to attract funding for construction of the hub.</p> <p>In the long term, if the feasibility confirms the viability of a new build, the facilities will benefit local people through increased provision of outdoor activities. The development of a shared water sports facility will also allow the partnership groups to host national events and promote packages for courses and training.</p>
Recommendation	£840
Conditions	None