



REPORT TO BANFF AND BUCHAN AREA COMMITTEE – 18 JUNE 2019

ACT2 (ABERDEENSHIRE CHARITIES TRUST) APPLICATION

1 Recommendation

The Committee, as Trustees under Act 2 are asked to:

- 1.1 consider an application for ACT2 funding from Rosehearty Bowling Club (Ward 2) and determine whether, and to what extent, to fund the application.

2 Background / Discussion

- 2.1 Aberdeenshire Council had been responsible for administering a number of individual charitable trusts which are now amalgamated into ACT2 (Aberdeenshire Charities Trust). The Trust is divided according to Ward Area and subdivided according to various purposes outlined within the trust deed and in keeping with its original purpose. The routine administration of the Trust has been delegated to Area Committees.
- 2.2 The Area Committee, at its meeting of 16 April 2019 (Item 10 of the minute refers) agreed in principle that no award be granted for less than £25, or for more than £1,000. Companies, associations and other organisations who provide services, projects or facilities in the areas may apply for grants of up to £1,000 and the available funds for Ward 2 are detailed in **Appendix 1** to this report.
- 2.4 The Area Committee is asked to consider an application for £580.00 of funding from Rosehearty Bowling Club as detailed in **Appendix 2** to the report. The Club has provided a copy of its constitution.
- 2.5 In Ward 2, £8,722.07 has been made available for allocation for the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage. For the advancement of public participation in sport, £1,756.43 has been made available. The award, if Councillors wished to grant it, could be taken from either part of this fund.
- 2.6 The application has been assessed by officers from Legal and Governance, and Finance and has been validated as competent and compliant with the Trust purposes within the relevant trust area.
- 2.7 The applicant has not made any previous applications for awards from the ACT 2 fund.
- 2.8 The applicant has been invited to attend the meeting but does not wish to address Trustees in regard to the application.

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

3 Scheme of Governance

3.1 The Committee is able to consider and take a decision on this item in terms of Section B.2.1 of Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance as it relates to the administration of trusts controlled by the Council for the benefit of its Area.

4 Implications and Risk

4.1 An equality impact assessment is not required because Section 193 of the 2010 Act contains an exemption for charities which make positive discrimination to groups or individuals on the basis of their disadvantage. Insofar as the charity purposes discriminate positively in favour of individuals or groups on the basis of poverty, age, disability, or other disadvantage, there is no discrimination on the basis of any other protected characteristic (such as gender or religion). No negative impact on any individual or group as a result of this report has been identified.

4.2 There are no staffing implications directly arising from this report.

4.3 The funding available for the relevant ward and trust purpose is £1,756.43. This funding is available from the “advancement of public participation in sport” part of the fund.

4.4 The following Risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate Level: Budget pressures and Working with other organisations. No risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Strategic Level.

4.5 A Town Centre Impact Assessment is not required because there will be not be a positive or negative impact on the town centre as a result of this report.

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APPENDIX 1**PURPOSES OF THE ABERDEENSHIRE CHARITIES TRUST FUNDING****WARD 2 – TROUP
(Gardenstown, Macduff, Rosehearty and Sandhaven)**

Fund Purposes	Funds available
The prevention or relief of poverty	£8,772.07
The relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability , financial hardship or other disadvantage	
The advancement of public participation in sport	£1,756.43

APPENDIX 2

Name of Organisation	Rosehearty Bowling Club
Trust ward and purpose	Ward 2 - The advancement of public participation in sport
Amount applied for:	£580.00
Why is the funding required?	The funding has been requested to provide proper and safe storage of bowling equipment used by any disabled visitors and members.
Who will the funding help?	Visitors and members, some of whom are disabled, especially those from local care homes who visit the club.
How will the funds relieve need?	<p>The funding will allow the club to increase storage capacity so that infirm/disabled members can be allocated a lower locker. At the moment, bowls used by visitors are lying on the clubhouse floor causing a safety hazard to all users. The purchase of 12 lockers would alleviate this problem.</p> <p>The Club's constitution states that "the Membership of the Club and its facilities is open to all without discrimination" and provision of lockers would ensure that people who are infirm/disabled have equal opportunities.</p>
Other funding applied for	The Club has not applied for funding from any other source.