

<b>Report on</b>	Community Development
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> November 2019
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Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To agree the rolling grant awards - Good Relations and Local Community Festivals
1.2	To agree the Peace IV Recommendations and process for SEUPB advances.
1.3	To note the Community Planning Performance Statement report.
1.4	To note the update on Community Development.
2.0	Background
2.1	Community Grants – Council annually delivers two rolling community grants programmes; Good Relations and Local Community Festivals.
2.2	Peace IV Local Action Plan 2017 – 2020 and Partnership oversees the delivery of the Plan and recommendations to Council.
2.3	Community Planning - As part of the community planning process Council as lead facilitator has to complete a performance statement for the Department for Communities.
2.4	Community Development Update - An update is provided on the following areas: Community Support – Grants, Support, Village Planning, Community Centres, DFC Neighbourhood Renewal Peace IV and Good Relations PCSP
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Rolling Community Grants Good Relations 5 applications recommended for awards totalling £4,235 – Two applications did not meet the minimum score threshold and Community Local Festivals 8 applications recommended for awards totalling £3,900 – Two applications did not meet the minimum score threshold. <b>Please refer to Appendix 1.</b>

3.2	<p>At the Development Committee of 10<sup>th</sup> October it was requested that further consideration be given to reallocation of budgets to allow the Community Festival Grant to remain open for applications.</p> <p>As previously noted, the budget for the Community Local Festivals has been expended as at the end of September. To allow the grant to remain open to the end of the financial year it is proposed to reallocate 'as a one off contribution' £15,000 from; Community Development – Community Services salaries to Community Festivals budget. The saving in community services salary is due to a delayed appointment of the Community Services Assistant post. This post is currently being recruited at present. The budget for grants 2020 – 2021 will be considered as part of the budget process.</p> <p>Peace IV Partnership</p> <p>No current Partnership recommendations.</p> <p>Connecting Pomeroy and Local Peace IV Action Plan – As part of the process of funding by SEUPB, requests can be submitted to SEUPB for advances to be paid to project partners to support project delivery by alleviating the cash flow problems which would otherwise arise due to the time-lapse between expenditure being incurred, claimed and receipt of funding.</p> <p>To date, advance requests were submitted by all project partners including Council. SUEPB have subsequently agreed in principle to make advances to CWSAN and Rural Action. However, SEUPB requires that, as part of the advance process, the lead partner (Mid Ulster District Council) has to formally underwrite the advance made to each of CWSAN and Rural Action.</p> <p>The officers consider that, if Council is minded to support the partners who require cash flow support by way of advance to deliver projects, Council should formally adopted relevant robust and equitable criteria, which will enable Council to underwrite such advances without inappropriately binding Council to having to support all such requests in the future.</p> <p>The officers recommend that Council adopt the following criteria to support the underwriting of advances within the Peace IV project (CWSAN £36,000 and Rural Action £59,560):</p> <p>“Requests for the underwriting of advances will only be considered in exceptional circumstances, where: –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EU funding is involved and no feasible alternative solution can be provided;</li> <li>• Project costs will be funded at 100% from the European fund;</li> <li>• Council is named as the lead partner in the letter of offer;</li> <li>• The advance is to be made to a programme delivery partner of Council and who must be a named partner in the letter of offer</li> <li>• The letter of offer must specify the governance arrangements to be associated with the making and reimbursement of the advance;</li> <li>• Council has, prior to agreeing to underwrite any advance, made a proportionate and transparent financial assessment and evaluation of the partner's ability to</li> </ul>
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	<p>discharge their responsibilities in relation to the project and determined that, in all the circumstances of the case, it is reasonable to underwrite the advance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The maximum amount of advance (regardless of the number of projects in which the partner is involved with Council) which may be considered for underwriting by Council in respect of any single project partner is £100,000</li> <li>• Council has the sole discretion to distribute the advance when received in such smaller amounts as it deems appropriate and to require repayment on such terms as it deems reasonable.'</li> </ul>
3.3	<p>Community Planning – Please find attached the Draft Mid Ulster Community Planning Performance Statement. Please note there are 2 parts to the Statement. Part 1 – 'Mid Ulster Community Planning Performance Statement' is an update of all Community Planning delivery for each of the 5 Thematic Delivery Plans. Part 2 'Mid Ulster Community Planning Performance Monitoring Data' is all the performance monitoring data for each individual action. The intention is to issue Section 1 to the public and issue both sections to all partners and to the Department of Communities, as per the "Community Planning: Monitoring and Reporting Guidance 2018". Note this is still in draft until it is agreed by all partners on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019.</p>
3.4	<p>Community Development Update</p> <p><u>Community Support</u> Community support to groups across the District is ongoing. Meetings are continuing with members in DEAs to provide an update on village plans. Dates are being scheduled to suit member's diary.</p> <p>The Discretionary Grant to open in December, pending grants report.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Renewal: DFC projects for 2018 – 2019 are continuing to deliver. The DUY capital build is now complete and hand over took place on the 4<sup>th</sup> October and was officially opened on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2019. The Gortgonis project remains as previous at planning stage.</p> <p>Previously Committee requested a plan/strategy to seek to address poverty and deprivation in Mid Ulster, through a community planning integrated approach. Poverty and deprivation are a number of strategic actions within the Mid Ulster Community Plan. A 1/2 day workshop took place with community planning partners and an evening discussion session was held with members. An update on discussion will be provided at the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Peace and Good Relations</u> Good Relations Action Plan 2018 – 2019 - Project development and delivery ongoing.</p> <p>Peace IV delivery is ongoing – All projects are delivering to target and timescale.</p> <p><u>PCSP</u> PCSP plan 2019 – 2020 is ongoing.</p> <p>CCTV for the town centres and for the park and ride provision is being delivered.</p>

	Please see a copy of the PCSP minutes for information (Appendix 3).
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<p><b><u>Financial &amp; Human Resources Implications</u></b></p> <p>Community Grants awards – Good Relations (£4,235) and Local Community Festivals (£3,900).</p> <p>Reallocation of £15,000 from Community Development – Community Services salaries to Community Festivals budget.</p> <p>Peace IV – Underwriting of advances based on mitigating risk to Council.</p> <p><b><u>Professional Support</u></b> None.</p>
<b>4.2</b>	<p><b><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></b></p> <p>None</p>
<b>4.3</b>	<p><b><u>Risk Management Implications</u></b></p> <p>None</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	<p>To agree the rolling grant awards - Good Relations (£4,235) and Local Community Festivals (£3,900).</p> <p>To agree to reallocate £15,000 from Community Development – Community Services salaries to Community Festivals budget.</p>
5.2	To support the underwriting of advances within the Peace IV project (CWSAN £36,000 and Rural Action £59,560) based on the criteria to mitigate risk.
5.3	To note the Community Planning Performance Statement.
5.4	To note the update on Community Development.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
6.1	<p>Appendix 1 Good Relations and Local Community Festivals</p> <p>Appendix 2 Community Planning Performance Statement</p> <p>Appendix 3 PCSP Minutes</p>

## Appendix 1

### Good Relations – November 2019

No.	Organisation Name	Organisation Aim	Title Of Event/project	Band	Request	Award
1	Eoghan Ruadh Hurling Club	Sporting	Halloween community event	2	£1,450	£1,080
2	Cookstown Fife & Drumming Club	Cultural	It's only a drum!	4	£1,160	£815
3	Moy Area Playgroup	Play group	Halloween Walking Treasure Hunt	5	£1,097.10	£660
4	O'Neill Country Historical Society	Historical	Book Launch	2	£1,500	£1,080
5	Termoneeney Young at Heart	Community	Information and social networking event.	6	£1,450	£600
					<b>Total</b>	<b>£4,235</b>

#### Ineligible or Unsuccessful

The Ambassadors Community Group		Did not meet minimum threshold
The Institute of Irish Leadership	Reading Group	Did not meet minimum threshold

### Community Local Festivals – November 2019

No.	Organisation Name	Organisation Aim	Title Of Event/project	Band	Request	Award
1	Apprentice Boys M'felt Browning Club	Cultural	Burns Night	6	£992	£500
2	CannyMan Community Arts	Arts	Halloween Extravaganza	4	£1,200	£840
3	Cookstown Sons of William Flute Band	Cultural	An Evening of Musical Entertainment	5	£1,700	£720
4	Little Rainbow Playgroup	Play Group	Playgroup Fundraiser	7	£700	£280
5	Rock Ladies Gaelic Football Club	Sporting	Rock New Year's Day Run	6	£1,200	£600
6	St Columba's Camogie Greenlough	Sporting	St Columba's Camogie 75 Years Festival	6	£3,029	£600
7	Tober Tinys Community Playgroup	Play Group	Christmas Craft Fair & Coffee Morning	6	£335	£170
8	Valley Voices Cross Community Choir	Arts	Annual Community Carol Service	6	£384	£190
					<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,900</b>

#### Ineligible or Unsuccessful

Mid Ulster Drumming Association	50 Year Anniversary Festival	Did not meet minimum score threshold
St Mary's Primary School PSG	Fashion Show Festival	Did not meet minimum score threshold