

Report on	Capital Discretionary Grant
Date of Meeting	14 th February 2019
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To propose capital funding for Discretionary Capital projects across Mid Ulster.
2.0	Background
2.1	Council agreed a new Capital Discretionary Grant for community led projects. An expression of interest (Stage 1) was called in November 2018. Following receipt of 8 expressions of interest a total of 6 projects were then submitted to full application (Stage 2), one application did not meet eligibility and one decided they were not at a stage or readiness to submit to stage 2.
2.2	<p>A total of 6 projects returned the Stage 2 application forms and were assessed and scored against the grant criteria. As a result, 6 projects have met the criteria and achieved a minimum pass mark of 50%. Details of this are included in Appendix 1. The projects are as follows;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kildress GAC £1.2m 2. Aughnacloy Presbyterian Church Community Group £345,000 3. Ballinderry GAC £338,283 4. Eoghain Ruadh Hurling, Dungannon £463,754 5. Pomeroy £326,388 6. Ballymaguigan £400,000 <p>Dungannon Swifts did not apply as they are at a stage of early development and will apply at a later time. DUY did not meet the eligible criteria.</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	It is proposed that letters of offer are issued to all 6 projects that have been assessed based on agreement of a minimum score of 50 and that they would proceed to receipt of funding up to £50,000, subject to all of the conditions/clauses in the letter of offer being met.

	<p>To allow the budget allocation to be maximised it is proposed that 3 projects would commence financial year 2018 – 2019 and the remaining 3 would commence year 2019 – 2020. The projects would commence based on the timeline for project delivery that has been provided by the Groups, as follows:</p> <p>Current financial year allocation (2018 – 2019) Aughnacloy ready to commence immediately Eoghain Ruadh – commenced (post EOI) Ballinderry – ready to commence immediately Letter of Offer to be issued end February 2019 with all match funding confirmation in place, for completion of project within 18 months end August 2020.</p> <p>New Financial Year 2019 – 2020 Kildress Ballymaguigan Pomeroy Letter of Offer to be issued by end September 2019 with all match funding confirmation in place for completion of project within 18 months end March 2021.</p>
3.2	It is proposed that a special meeting would be arranged for members for the projects to present on their proposals.
3.3	It is further proposed that this would be an annual programme and a call for applications for 2020 – 2021 would take place at the end of 2019 (3 potential applications) with letters of offer to be received April 2020 to complete September 2022.
3.4	<p>One application was informed that it did not meet the essential criteria in that they were not leading and delivering as a community group on a capital community project greater than £300,000; criteria ‘Must be led by a community and voluntary organisation’. The project in discussion is currently being delivered by Council in partnership with the Group.</p> <p>An appeal was received on 11th January, which has been addressed at its first stage by a senior officer not involved in the initial scoring process. The senior officer recommendation was as per the original decision of officers. This has been informed to the Group on 28th January 2019, with the provision that a second stage appeal can be sought.</p> <p>Guidance on the eligibility of the project was provided in advance of an expression of interest being received and this was the same advice given to other similar schemes; including Donaghmore walkway and Pomeroy Recreation building.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: £150,000 year 2018 – 2019 £150,000 year 2019 – 2020
	Human: Community Monitoring
	Risk Management: Project monitoring re spend

4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/A
	Rural Needs Implications: N/A
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	<p>To agree the grant recommendation awards to the maximum value of £50,000 per group as per the list of Groups and as per financial year allocations.</p> <p>To agree to open the Discretionary Grant in November 2019 for a further call, for up to £150,000, pending budget setting.</p>
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	None

Appendix 1

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Organisation	Project Brief	Rank	Score (100)	Project Value	Award
Kildress Wolfe Tones	Community Hub Building (1500 sq. m)	1	100	£1.2m	£50,000
Aughnacloy Presbyterian Church Community Group	Aughnacloy Community Hub Building (345 sq. m)	2	88	£345,000	£50,000
Ballinderry Shamrocks GAC	Ballinderry Community Hub Building (450 sq. m)	2	88	£338,283	£50,000
Eoghan Ruadh Hurling Club Dungannon	Building inc. changing rooms, community room, toilets (268 sq. m) and carpark	4	67	£463,754	£50,000
Pomeroy Plunkett's GAC	Phase 3 of wider Community Hub and Recreation Complex: Includes resurfacing of pitch, carpark and access works	5	61	£326,388	£50,000
Ballymaguigan St Trea's	Replacement Community Hall (380 sq. m)	6	57	£400,000	£50,000
Dungannon Swifts FC	Community Building, full size 3G & training 3G		Propose to submit at a later stage project not at a stage of readiness		

