

Report on	Community Development Report
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To seek Committee approval for Good Relations and Community Festivals rolling grant award recommendations.
1.2	To Agree Peace IV Local Action Planning Partnership recommendations.
1.3	To agree Good relations audit and plan support
1.4	To update on Community Development.
2.0	Background
2.1	Community Grants Rolling Programme - The Grant Aid Programme for the 2017/18 financial year facilitates applications being made on a rolling basis for Community Festivals and Good Relations.
2.2	Peace IV Local Action Plan 2017 – 2020 – The operational delivery of the Plan is currently in development through guidance by the Peace IV Partnership who make recommendations to Committee for delivery at a local level.
2.3	Good Relations – Council over the last 3 year period for its good relations plan development has been using the analysis of the Mid Ulster Community Plan Good Relations. Good practice and the Executive would encourage that an audit would be completed every 3 years to support the plan development which would take account of previous activity and outcomes.
2.4	Community Development Update - An update is provided on the following areas: Community Support – Grants, Support, Advice, Village Planning, Community Centres, DSD Neighbourhood Renewal Peace IV and Good Relations PCSP
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Community Grants Rolling Programme 15 Community Festival application are recommended for awards totalling £8,919. 5 Good Relations applications are recommended for awards totalling £3,176; 3 applications did not meet minimum threshold and will receive feedback from officers. Please refer to Appendix 1 for detail.

3.2

Peace IV Local Action Plan 2017 – 2020

A summary specification for the cross border Literary programme was agreed for recommendation as below.

A summary Shared spaces design specification for the shared space projects was agreed for recommendation as below.

The grants process for assessment of grants was agreed for recommendation as below.

New partner member for Speedwell was confirmed Joan Reid.

Grant assessment process & appeals

The following process is proposed for assessment:

Panels to be 6 people to include a mix of community, statutory and Council members (1 community representative on each panel, 1 statutory representative on each panel and Council members allocated to panels based on d'hondt). Conflict of interest will be taken into consideration as per Council policy.

All PEACE IV small grant applications will be assessed against eligibility by officers to proceed to panel assessment against a set criteria: Strategic aims, results, project delivery, cross community engagement, need and demand, project management, publicity and evaluation and cross border engagement (building positive relations tier only). To be scored 1-5 and weighted with a minimum score of 2 to be successful.

Grants cannot be transferred between themes or between the set tiers.

Any applicant that is unsuccessful can appeal as per the appeals process agreed in the guidelines and based on Council grant process.

Peace IV Cross Border Literary Trail

The overall estimated project value is £50,000 Mid Ulster Council and up to £25,000 for Sligo coco. The allocation of funding to each area will be as per contribution by each Council. Facilitation of the project is proposed at a budget of £8,000 (£5000 MUDC, and £3000 Sligo). Other direct costs will be paid by each individual Council as they arise.

This project will include the development of links across the border of the noble literary laureate's Seamus Heaney and W.B Yeats. The project will include the development of a trail and associated marketing materials, the development and hosting of connected literary arts festivals/celebrations and cross border group engagement.

The development of an arts literary trail App and cross border signage concepts for approx. 6 interlinking signs in each area linking Seamus Heaney HomePlace and Yeats Country. Facilitating the linkages between a wide range of people between both areas including Council officers and members, community groups, drama groups, literary groups. This will include engaging relevant groups in both areas, developing relevant connections, developing cross border visit itineraries and facilitating group visits.

The programme will also include the facilitation of workshops between groups in both Council areas at the times of the literary celebrations; Tread Softly in Sligo and a literary arts celebration/festival to be developed in Mid Ulster. The project will also explore the literary influence of other writers that inspired the work of both writers.

Programme dates January 2018– June 2020

Programme Targets

Total of 100 people from Mid Ulster participating in the overall programme, through celebration activity and engagement.

15 people from Sligo County Council participating over programme period (including in literary workshops)

15 – 20 people from Mid Ulster Council participating in literary workshops (Minimum 2 overnight stays for groups engaging to link to activity)

Minimum 2 Mid Ulster Visits facilitated and organized and 2 Sligo County Council visits facilitated and feedback evaluated (2 each area can be the Literary Summer Schools and one each area to support the research development).

Seek to achieve a 70/30 split with people participation in the programme

Indicators:

% of people who believe they have a greater appreciation and increased understanding of their own and diverse traditions.

Increase in number of groups who collaborate in shared cultural celebrations

Increased belief that culture can play a vital part in continuing to support communities in collaborating together.

% of people who feel better able to participate in public life and engage together cross community and cross border

Tender submissions will be evaluated on the quality and costs of the service with certain scores and weightings applied to achieve the most economically advantageous tender.

Criteria as follows: - 70% quality and 30% cost

Project Design and Management for Peace IV Capital Projects Environmental Improvements

The Contract is for the provision of a design and project management team working alongside with Mid Ulster District Council (MUDC) staff to prepare all design and legislative requirements and project management for the delivery of the Council Peace IV shared space projects.

The schemes involve a range of environmental works including upgrade of local recreational sites, riverside pathway development and park development. The main elements of works are environmental improvement in nature. A list of projects has been provided below, along with location. The project description is conceptual and may amend during design.

The design specification is for the provision of a design and project management of 5 shared space Peace IV projects.

The overall budget is set and it will be the design to be maximised to meet this budget in line with the overall outcome of the project. Each area budget is £100,000. OB has been provided for all the areas at £100,000; this can be used for unforeseeable costs. The sixth area is Aughnacloy and this will be developed at a later stage following the outcome of the submitted application to SEUPB.

	Indicative Location(s)	Outline Project Description (To be confirmed)
1	Draperstown Council Plantin park and Fairhill amenity space	Environmental works to the Plantin park and Fairhill open space area in Draperstown Plantin – lighting along bottom stretch to bridge, path improvements, shrub clearance, handrails, grass cutting of open area, benches Fairhill – grassing, paving, planting and furniture and links to history of site
2	Moy Riverside Walk	Environmental works to riverside walk village loop – down footpath beside Council Com Centre and along river and Football pitch and out at school– lighting stretch from village to river, path stoning, benches, shrub clearance
3	Castledawson Council Recreation Site	Environmental works to recreation site – MUGA play area hard surface (multi use goals/ basketball) and delineation of areas (small fence), changing pavilion aesthetic upgrade
4	Donaghmore Riverside Walk	Environmental works - Riverside walk and linkages to village path – access path to river from beside

		football pitch (steep slope area), shrub clearance, pathways natural trim trail, benches, signage, fencing where required
5	Moneymore Council Recreational Site	Environmental works to recreation site to include path development around perimeter of facility and low level lighting, with some small fencing along the side of path to separate from pitch area

Actions Required for the design and management will include: site surveys, consultation and support in obtaining all necessary legislative requirements, design consultation with communities supported by Council officers, preparation of detailed design concepts, support with the development of tendering for contract delivery of all 5 schemes and project management of the schemes alongside Council technical team.

The estimated budget available is £25,000 (based on SEUPB).

Tender submissions will be evaluated on the quality and costs of the service with certain scores and weightings applied to achieve the most economically advantageous tender.

Criteria as follows: - 70% quality and 30% cost

Good Relations

3.3

To support the development of the Good Relations Plan 2018 – 2019/2021 it is proposed to appoint professional expertise to support the good relations officer team in the development of an audit and independent analysis of the previous programme activity and outcomes and future plan. The proposed budget is £10,000 to be funded through the Executive 75% and Council 25% within the administration support of the good relations plan.

Community Development Update

Community Support

3.4

Sports Development Small Grant incorporating the “Every Body Active” funding from Sport NI will open the week commencing 2nd of October and have closing deadline of 3pm on 27th October. The grant threshold has been increased to £1,500 with previous successful in year applicants being able to re-apply for a pro-rata award of up to £900.

Rolling programmes for community festivals and good relations are ongoing.

Welfare Reform - Universal Credit Awareness Workshops

Council in association with Citizens Advice NI will be hosting the following workshops across Mid Ulster on the introduction of Universal Credit as the most significant change within the wider Welfare Reform measures.

1 th October	Cookstown	- Council offices
19 th October	Magherafelt	- Council offices
24 th October	Dungannon	- Council offices

All 3 sessions will be evening 7 - 9pm with interested parties asked to register their interest by emailing communitydevelopment@midulstercouncil.org indicating which session you wish to attend.

Engagement with communities is ongoing with officer teams supporting groups on the delivery of village plans. A range of funding opportunities continues to be promoted to a wide range of community groups over 1500 each month.

Ongoing management and promotion of Council community centres.

Neighbourhood Renewal: The Neighbourhood Renewal Plan 2017 – 2018 is in development along with DFC, with a review of all programmes; project development and monitoring continues as per letter of offer conditions. Capital initiatives are also in development and being supported in relation to potential funding sources; match funding to the First Steps Women's Centre has been received from DFC under Neighbourhood Renewal £78,000 to match the Spaces and Place funding with a total investment of region of close to £400,000.

Peace and Good Relations

Peace Regional Shared Space Project; an update has been provided by SEUPB that the new date for assessment of applications is December 2017.

Good Relations; Project development is ongoing with strategic programmes continued to be rolled out and monitoring of outcomes ongoing; cross community engagement and cultural diversity initiatives with a successful international cultural day held in Burnavon with over 300 in attendance and positive feedback and a mini mela in the Junction again with positive engagement of a wide number of migrant communities. Schools engagement programmes continue to roll out successfully with Speedwell and through the cultural diversity music programme with Canavan School of Music. Shared space initiatives with the Arts and Cultural Centres continue to development with a Seamus Heaney Centre Burns event planned for February and cultural evenings in Burnavon and working with Hill of The O'Neill on engagement events. Ongoing support to the wider community on the development of good relations projects for grant support and on Peace applications which have been supported by the Good Relations Officers. Good Relations continues to work with sports development, EA Youth and PCSP on youth diversionary initiatives.

PCSP

CCTV implementation is near completion. Phase I installation has taken place, with the exception of Dungannon which will be finalised in tandem with the public realm works. Phase II has commenced.

PCSP has been engaging on the development of the Ageing Well initiative for Mid Ulster as part of the community planning process and future delivery.

Please see attached PCSP minutes for information.

4.0 Other Considerations

4.1 Financial & Human Resources Implications

Financial:

- Community Festival awards £8,919 and Good Relations awards £3,176
- Peace IV tenders for cross border literary programme and shared space design programme value region of £140,000
- Good Relations Audit and Plan development £10,000

Human: None

Professional Support

	Professional support is required to support the officer team in the development of a good relations audit and future plan to allow for analysis of activity and outcomes.
4.2	<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u> None
4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u> None
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	To approve the grant award recommendations under the Community Festivals and Good Relations grants as per Appendix 1
5.2	To approve the Peace IV Partnership recommendations; Peace Grants Assessment Peace Cross Border Literary Programme to go to tender Peace Shared Spaces Design Programme to go to tender
5.3	To approve the Good relations audit and plan development with a proposed budget of £10,000 to be funded through the Executive 75% and Council 25%.
5.4	To note the community development update report.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 Rolling Grant Programmes award recommendations Appendix 2 PCSP Minutes

APPENDIX 1

Community Local Festival Grants – October 2017

No	Organisation Name	Aim of Organisation	Title Of Event/project	Requested	Band	Award
1	Ballymoughan Flute Band	Flute Band	Evening of Traditional Cultural Music	£800	6	£400.00
2	Brocagh & District Regeneration Group	Regeneration Group	Halloween/Christmas Festival	£510	6	£255.00
3	Cairde Dhroim nDamh	Irish Language Community Grp	Samhain Lantern Walk - Festival of Light	£1,000	2	£900.00
4	CannyMan Community Arts	Drama Group	Spooktacular Halloween Extravaganza	£1,000	4	£700.00
5	Clonoe Rural Development Agency	Regeneration Group	Halloween Event	£1,000	3	£800.00
6	Crilly Cultural and Youth Group	Youth Group	Celebration of 70 years of Crilly Pipe Band	£1,150	6	£500.00
7	Dungannon West Recycled Teenagers	Senior Citizens	10th Anniversary Celebrations	£1,900	5	£600.00
8	Friends of Glencull, Community & Parent Assc	PTA	Annual Community Fun Day	£870	3	£696.00
9	Harps Cycling Club	Sports	Harps CC family Funday 2017	£1,000	4	£700.00
10	Henry joy McCracken GAC	Sports	Moneymore Community Funday	£1,000	5	£600.00
11	Killeeshil Community Centre	Development Association	Halloween Festival	£900	4	£630.00
12	Killowen Drive Residents Association	Residents Association	Annual Halloween Event	£1,000	4	£700.00
13	Kilnaslee Community & Development Group	Development Association	Kilnaslee Christmas Social Event	£345	7	£138.00
14	Lavey Early Years Playgroup	Playgroup	25 Year Anniversary Event	£1,000	6	£500.00
15	Pomeroy Plunketts GAC	Sports	Pomeroy Community Festival Weekend	£1,000	3	£800.00

Total £8,919.00

Bands	Score	%
7	30-39	40%
6	40-49	50%
5	50-59	60%
4	60-69	70%
3	70-79	80%

2	80-89	90%
1	90+	100%

Good Relations Grants – October 2017

No	Organisation Name	Aim of Organisation	Title Of Event/project	Requested	Band	Award
1	Cookstown Local History Group	Cultural	Our Heritage - Our History - Our community	£1,000.00	3	£800.00
2	County Derry Centenaries Group	Cultural	From Selma to Burntollet	£1,200.00	2	£900.00
3	Magheraglass Women's Group	Women's Group	Living History 2017	£740.00	7	£296.00
4	St Patricks Flute Band The Loup	Cultural	Celtic traditions - Hibernian & Ulster Scots	£700.00	7	£280.00
5	CAMDA	Development Assoc	Lighting up Our Community	£1,000.00	2	£900.00
					Total	£3,176.00

Ineligible

No	Organisation Name	Aim of Organisation	Title Of Event/project	Requested	Ineligible
1	Friends of Knocknagin	PTA	Jointly Run Soccer Programme	£1,000.00	Did not meet minimum score threshold
2	Mid Ulster Child Contact Centre	Children	Volunteering Now	£900.00	Did not meet minimum score threshold
3	Order of Malta Coalisland	First Aid	Building our Volunteers skills & Opportunities	£700.00	Did not meet minimum score threshold

Bands	Score	%
7	30-39	40%
6	40-49	50%
5	50-59	60%
4	60-69	70%

3		70-79	80%
2		80-89	90%
1		90+	100%

