

Report on	Community Development
Date of Meeting	11 th March 2021
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	Community Grants; to agree the rolling grants for Good Relations.
1.2	Derrynoid Forest and future strategic use – to agree Council support.
1.3	Paupers' Grave (South Tyrone Hospital site) Dungannon Memorial – to update members and agree way forward.
1.4	Good Relations Plan – for Members' consideration and approval.
1.5	Community Development – to note the community development update.
2.0	Background
2.1	Community Grants – the Good Relations Grant remains a rolling programme for delivery.
2.2	Derrynoid Forest – Council has been approached by the Workspace Group Draperstown to provide some lobbying and networking support to identify potential usages for the Derrynoid Forest Rural Centre.
2.3	Paupers' Grave (South Tyrone Hospital site) Dungannon Memorial – Members have previously sought Council officials to engage with the Trust to seek to partner in the development of the memorial of the site.
2.4	Good Relations Plan – As part of Council delivery of the Good Relations annual plan, in partnership with the NI Executive Office under the Together Building a United Community, an update action plan is required within the parameters of the 3 year plan submitted in 2019.
2.5	Community Development includes the following areas: Community Support, Good Relations, PCSP, Connecting Pomeroy and facilitation of Community Planning.

3.0	Main Report
3.1	Community Grants – A recommendation for 2 grants is proposed for approval at a total value of £2040. Please refer to Appendix 1.
3.2.	Derrynoid Forest – The Derrynoid Forest Rural Centre houses a large conference and training room supported by residential chalet accommodation. It does still remain in a good state of repair, although it has not been used for over 8 years. Workspace Drapertstown, who have the lease for the site and developed the facility, has been exploring a number of uses with a range of stakeholders. A number of obstacles do exist for the site; the partnership with DAERA and Forest Service regarding the use of the site and flexibility for private sector use, and the need for support for the promotion of the site as a regional facility for public service delivery. Council has been asked to support Workspace in their negotiations with Forest Service regarding flexibility for sub-let provision, and to promote the site as a strategic location for potential public sector delivery e.g. decentralised offices/hub for government delivery. It is proposed that Council would seek to support Workspace as above.
3.3	<p>Paupers' Grave (South Tyrone Hospital site) Dungannon Memorial – An update has been sought from the Southern Health and Social Care Trust with regard to plans for the memorial site for the Paupers' Grave Dungannon (located at South Tyrone Hospital). Council has shared images with the Trust of the Cookstown site which was developed sensitively by the legacy Cookstown District Council; these have also been welcomed by the local History Group that has been campaigning for the memorial site to be recognised.</p> <p>Council has asked the Trust to partner in the development of the site alongside the local history group. We are waiting confirmation of this request; to date the Trust has stated they have a draft design for the garden element of the site but not for the memorial. Council has asked to see the design as a stakeholder. Council would ask permission for use of funding from the Good Relations underspend up to a value of £10,000 from the Decade of Anniversaries fund to support the recognition of the memorial site and development of an exhibition with the History Group to be displayed later 2021.</p>
3.4	<p>Good Relations Plan – Mid Ulster District Council submitted a 3 year plan to the NI Executive Office in 2019 for delivery under Together Building a United Community. As part of this process an annual update is undertaken of the plan to take account of programme delivery learning whilst still adhering to the 3 year plan objectives. Given the Covid 19 restrictions on delivery a substantial amount of the action plan in 2020 was transferred online. This was successful in keeping groups engaged and in sustaining the programmes. A number of the cultural events were cancelled and did not take place and the uptake of grants was lower than in previous years. The underspend that could not be delivered in an alternative format under the agreed objectives and outcomes of the 2020 – 2021 Action Plan is £20,000 (£15,000 NI Executive funding and £5,000 Council).</p> <p>It is proposed to retain the 2021- 2022 Action Plan similar to the 3 year plan with minor amendments. Please see attached the Good Relations Action Plan 2021 – 2022 in Appendix 2.</p>

3.5	<p>Community Development Update</p> <p>Community Support The Community Support team continues to work with groups regarding the delivery of grants to respond to their communities. The DEA meetings are still being progressed with members and community groups.</p> <p>Grants Update It is proposed to open the grants at the start of April and close at the end of April – early May to allow groups to plan for community activity next year with some direction on social distancing.</p> <p>It is proposed that flexibility would remain for the strategic grants, including venues, in relation to sustaining groups and activity.</p> <p>The small grants will be assessed based on activity programmes to be delivered.</p> <p>The events and festivals will remain to be guided by NI Executive Office guidelines on allowing large groups of people to come together.</p> <p>Emergency Support Funding The Fuel stamps are currently being allocated in partnership with the schools. All post primary schools received their stamps on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd February. The primary schools are receiving their allocation week commencing 29th February, with follow up with a small number still to engage or to confirm numbers.</p> <p>The original budget was exceeded by £10,000 due to increasing numbers of free school meals being registered during the Covid19 period which are not yet registered on the annual DE FSM. The budget was found within the existing Emergency Support funding.</p> <p>Good Relations Good Relations is currently finalising the current plan and as per above is developing the new Plan for 2021 – 2022, in line with the 3 year plan submission previously to the Northern Ireland Executive Office.</p> <p>Peace IV Local Action Plan – The request for the extension to the programme and the Towns Shared Space project (awnings and equipment to support outdoor events) is with SEUPB for decision.</p> <p>The PCSP team is currently finalising their plan and has commenced development of their new plan under DOJ and NIPB. A copy of this will come to Committee for information.</p> <p>Please see attached PCSP minutes for information in Appendix 3.</p> <p>All of the partnership meetings are continuing via Zoom to accommodate members and external partners.</p>
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4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u></p> <p>Community Grants – Budget £2040.00</p> <p><u>Professional Support</u> None</p>
4.2	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u> None</p>
4.3	<p><u>Risk Management Implications</u> None</p>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	To agree the Good Relations Grants
5.2	To agree to support Workspace in seeking potential usage for the Derrynoid Rural Centre.
5.3	To agree to support the provision of a memorial site at the Paupers Grave site Dungannon and to continue to seek to partner the Trust on this.
5.4	To agree the annual Good Relations Action Plan 2021 - 2022.
5.5	To note the Community Development update.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	<p>Appendix 1 Community Grants</p> <p>Appendix 2 Good Relations Plan</p> <p>Appendix 3 PCSP Minutes</p>

Appendix 1

Good Relations March 2021 (Maximum £1,200)

No	Organisation Name	Organisation Aim	Title Of Event/project	Band	Requested	Awarded
1	Rock – St Patrick's	Community	Community Hub – community engagement	3	£1,200.00	£840.00
2	Desertcreatives	Community	Cross Community expression of music/ choir	1	£1,200.00	£1,200.00
					<u>Total</u>	<u>£2,040.00</u>

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%