

Report on	Community Development
Date of Meeting	11 th November 2021
Reporting Officer	Claire Linney, Assistant Director of Development
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Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	Community Grants - to agree the rolling grant awards - Local Community Festivals, Good Relations and Decade of Anniversaries, and to agree to open the Strategic Events Grant.
1.2	VPRS Storage Scheme - to approve request from DFC Syrian Refugee Team to contribute towards the VPRS storage scheme.
1.3	Community Development - to update on Community Development.
2.0	Background
2.1	Community Grants – Council annually delivers an open call for its main grants, and then delivers a number of rolling community grants programmes; Good Relations and Local Community Festivals. Council also annually delivers the Decade of Anniversaries Grant.
2.2	VPRS storage scheme – a scheme to support Syrian Refugees in Northern Ireland. Donations of food, household items etc. are stored at the central 'Storehouse' at North Down. The Storehouse North Down is an ideal space to collect, hold, sort and distribute the donations received, and in partnership with their sister charity Kiltonga Christian Centre are providing volunteers and resources towards the refugees' needs.
2.3	Community Development includes the following areas: Community Support, Good Relations, PCSP, and Strategic Community Development.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Community Festivals grant is a rolling programme – 4 applications recommended for awards total £2,755.

	<p>Good Relations – no submissions See grant award recommendations in Appendix 1 for approval.</p> <p>Council publically advertised all of its grants this year with the exception of the strategic events grant (minimum number attendance 1000 people), due to Covid 19 and the guidance for events and gatherings during the year. The strategic events that were in the system, as part of the 3 year process were informed that they could approach Council regarding their strategic event as long as they had permission to proceed with the event in line with Covid 19 guidance. As part of the 3 year process Council publicises all grants with the proviso for the strategic grants and venues; where groups can choose to have their previous application used, or resubmit. This process was introduced 2 years ago, based on consultation with groups, and allows groups who deliver similar activity each year to use their same application. It is proposed, to ensure the process remains the same for all grants, and in light of the new Covid 19 guidance, that the strategic events be publically advertised. This will allow community groups with strategic events that meet the criteria to apply (this will not impact on the current grants). The criteria that an event and claim must be submitted by 31st March would still apply.</p> <p>3.2 VPRS storage scheme - Support from Council is requested towards the logistical operation of the store house and distribution of essential items to assist the Syrian Refugee Resettlement scheme (led by DFC). The amount requested is £300.</p> <p>3.3 Community Development</p> <p>Community Support The Community Support team is currently working with groups to open up their community facilities. The team has also recommenced its supporting communities activity with regard to estate inspections.</p> <p>Good Relations Good Relations is continuing to deliver the Plan for 2021 – 2022.</p> <p>Peace IV Local Action Plan – the local shared space projects are now complete.</p> <p>Closure of programmes and grants is currently taking place; alongside the communications, and research projects.</p> <p>An extension to SEUPB to June 2022 has been submitted to allow the completion of the towns shared space project which is at design stage for part of the project and pre tender for the remainder.</p> <p>Connecting Pomeroy – as per previous.</p> <p>PCSP –Ongoing as guided by the PCSP Partnership.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u>

	<p>Community Festival awards £2,755 VPRS Storage Scheme - Kiltonga Christian Centre £300 Strategic Events – budget £75,000 (allocated to date £41,000, balance £34,000)</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	<p>Recommendation(s)</p>
5.1	Community Grants - to agree the rolling grant awards - Local Community Festivals, Good Relations and Decade of Anniversaries, and to agree to open the Strategic Events Grant.
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5.3	Community Development - to update on Community Development.
6.0	<p>Documents Attached & References</p>
	Appendix 1 Good Relations and Local Community Festivals Grant Awards

Appendix 1

Community Festivals November 2021 (Maximum £1200)

No	Organisation Name	Aim	Title Of Event/project	Band	Requested	Awarded
1	Friends of Killymoon Castle	Community	Festival of Crafts and Carols at Killymoon Castle	4	£1,200	£840
2	Brocagh Emmett's GFC	Sports	Brocagh Bay Run	4	£4,450	£840
3	Kilnaslee community and development group	Community	Christmas festival	6	£950	£475
4	Rock Ladies Gaelic Football Club	Sports	Rock New Year's Day Run 2022 ("RNYDR")	6	£1,200	£600
					Total	£2,755

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%

