



North Ayrshire Council
Comhairle Siorrachd Àir a Tuath

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

for the consideration of
the Ardrossan and Arran,
Saltcoats and Stevenston Area
Committee at its meeting on 21
January 2016

Business

- 6. North Ayrshire Council (Ardrossan) Charitable Trust**
Submit an additional application received in respect of the Ardrossan Charitable Town Trust (copy enclosed).

ARDROSSAN CHARITABLE TRUST

| APPLICANT/ JUSTIFICATION OF CRITERIA | PURPOSE | AMOUNT REQUESTED £ | PREVIOUS AWARDS £ |
|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Ardrossan Music Experience | Intergenerational Music Programme | 4000 | |

Legal, Finance and Economy & Communities have commented on the application, as undernoted:-

Legal

The application is for funding to assist with the costs of planning and delivering a number of events as part of the Ardrossan Music Experience.

In terms of the trust deed there are 3 purposes for which assistance may be given:

Purpose A - the prevention or relief of poverty;

Purpose B - the provision of recreational facilities or the organisation of recreational activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended; and

Purpose C - the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

It is not clear the application falls under Purpose A, but it could be argued it meets the criteria of Purpose B, as it is for the organisation of recreational activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the activities are primarily intended, in this case the elderly and young persons.

The application can therefore be granted as it meets one of the Trust Purposes, provided the Trustees are satisfied that granting the application will be a beneficial use of the trust funds in achieving the main purpose of relief of the poor. It should also be noted that the amount requested is in excess of the annual income available for distribution from the Trust. If minded to grant the request, the Trustees may either restrict the amount awarded to the annual amount available or, as this fund is considered a dormant trust [in terms of the Report to Cabinet on 21 April 2015], consider depleting the capital balance. Note a report to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator will be required in due course if the capital is reduced significantly to the extent that the Trust will require to be wound up.

Finance

Finance have reviewed the application and have noted that the total cost is £13,550, the request is for £4,000 and the bank balance at 1st August 2015 was £5,104.47

The application states that their contribution will be £9,550 but as they only have £5,104.47, there is a deficit of £4,402.53 and although they state that they have applied to the Moffat Trust, they have not detailed where the additional funding is coming from if they do not receive the a grant.

Economy & Communities

The funding will go towards the planning and delivery of

- the main A.M.E.events
- musical master classes for young people
- intergenerational work with three residential homes

All of the above will build a programme that contributes toward the regeneration of the town as a place to visit and enjoy. The master class programme will offer a first class educational experience which will improve the musical skills of the young people who want to develop a career in the creative arts.

The Intergenerational work will also enhance the lives of older people by engaging them with the young people in an intergenerational musical experience, that is both enjoyable and stimulating, increasing the health and wellbeing of both young and old creating a strong sense of social cohesion.

Economy and Communities are supportive of this application.