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| Festive Fund Grant Awards 2016/17 | 13th December 2016 |
| To: The Leisure and Development Committee For Information | |

| Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19) | |
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| Strategic Theme | Resilient, Healthy and Engaged Communities |
| Outcome | |
| Lead Officer | Head of Tourism and Recreation |
| Cost: (If applicable) | £5,250 |

The purpose of this report is to update members on the grants awarded to those organisations who applied for grant aid to help them celebrate Christmas.

Background

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council launched the Festive Fund initiative this year to offer assistance to Community Associations from the smaller towns, villages and hamlets in the Borough to help celebrate Christmas. This fund is specifically designed to mark the lighting of the Christmas tree and help facilitate festive celebrations within the Borough.

With the assistance of the Funding Unit and by using Council's online funding Hub, invitations for the competitive process were issued. To be eligible to apply, organisations had to be from within the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area, have a population of over 100 residents or have been allocated a Christmas tree from Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council.

Purpose of the Fund

To help local groups and community organisations to celebrate Christmas by organising events and activities in their local communities.

Level of Grant Aid

Grants of up to £250 are available for eligible projects.

Criteria

| Criterion | Score (0-10) | Weighting | Overall Score |
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| 1. Clear and concise evidence of a developed project with a date within the scope of the advertised fund (activity to take place between 21 st November to 17 th December). | | X 3 | <i>Max available 30 points</i> |
| 2. Clear and realistic objectives set for the project. | | X 2 | <i>Max available 20 points</i> |
| 3. Ability, skills and experience of the group | | X 2 | <i>Max</i> |

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| which enables them to deliver the project | | | <i>available 20 points</i> |
| 4. Detailed explanation of planned promotion of project | | X3 | <i>Max available 30 points</i> |

Outcome

The Funding Unit carried out the Stage 1 eligibility checks on the afternoon of 9th November 2016. 21 applications were passed for scoring. The grant assessment panel met on 10th November 2016 to score the applications. The applications were assessed against the criteria above, as stated in the guidance notes. Applicants were required to attain a score of at least 65% in order to be recommended for funding, in line with Council's grant funding policy.

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| No of applications received | 23 |
| No of applications eligible for funding | 21 |
| No of unsuccessful applications | 2 |

A summary of the applications received and grant awarded are included within **Annex A**.

Annex A

Festive Fund Grant Scheme Awards 2016/17: Maximum eligible award amounts

| Applicant | Event Date | Applied For | Awarded |
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| Armoy Community Association | 02/12/2016 | £250.00 | £250.00 |
| Ballykelly Community & Youth Association | 29/11/2016 | £250.00 | £250.00 |
| Ballyvoy & Carey Development Group | 11/12/2016 | £250.00 | £250.00 |
| Burnfoot Community Development Association | 02/12/2016 | £250.00 | £250.00 |
| Bushmills & District | 02/12/2016 | £250.00 | £250.00 |
| Castlerock Community Association | 08/12/2016 | £250.00 | £250.00 |
| Cloughmills Community Action Group | 10/12/2016 | £250.00 | £250.00 |
| Derrykeighan & District Community Association | 03/12/2016 | £250.00 | £250.00 |
| Dervock & District Community Association | 14/12/2016 | £250.00 | £250.00 |
| Drumsurn Community Association | 06/12/2016 | £350.00 | £250.00 |
| Dunloy Development Association | 11/12/2016 | £250.00 | £250.00 |
| Feeny Community Association | 03/12/2016 | £250.00 | £250.00 |
| Glenariff Improvement Group | 04/12/2016 | £250.00 | £250.00 |
| Glenullin & Agivey Conversation & Development Group | 02/12/2016 | £250.00 | £250.00 |
| Gortnaghey Community Association | 04/12/2016 | £330.00 | £250.00 |
| Greysteel Community Association | 24/11/2016 | £250.00 | £250.00 |
| Heart of the Glens | 02/12/2016 | £250.00 | £250.00 |
| Largy Community Group | 10/12/2016 | £250.00 | £250.00 |
| Magilligan Community Association | 09/12/2016 | £250.00 | £250.00 |
| Moneydig Rural Network | 08/12/2016 | £250.00 | £250.00 |
| Rathlin Community Group | 10/12/2016 | £250.00 | £250.00 |
| Totals | | £5,430 | £5,250 |

| Unsuccessful Applicant | Reason |
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| Bovalley Community Association | Community based in Limavady where switch-on was already happening. |
| Benvarden Friendship And Craft Group | Settlement of less than 100 |