

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council

To: Council

Community Development Support Grant Recommendations

26th May 2015

For Decision

Report to Council

Linkage to Interim Corporate Plan	
Strategic Themes	Transition and Transformation Prosperity Health & Wellbeing Cohesive Community
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Cost: (If applicable)	£112,658

The purpose of this report is to recommend grant awards to be made through the Community Development Support Grant Programme for 2015-16.

Background

Community Development Officers from the 4 legacy Council areas came together to assess the grant applications received to the Community Development Support Grant Programme, the closing date of which was 1st May. In April 2015 Council agreed that due to the timeframe for assessment of a substantial volume of applications, and to facilitate implementation of projects within the communities' timeframe, applications would be presented directly to the full Council meeting in May, bypassing the Leisure and Development Committee.

The purpose of the Community Development Support Grant is to contribute to the running costs/overhead costs incurred by core community development organisations.

The Guidance Notes for the Community Development Support Grant state that eligible organisations are those that are incorporated to provide programmes and offer services aimed at improving the social, economic and environmental situation of a certain locality. The groups must be multi-purpose and meet the identified needs of their whole community not just for a specific group and/or single issue within that community. These may include Community Associations, Residents Groups, Town or Village Committees or similar.

There are two separate levels of grant available:

- i. Community Development groups with premises can apply for a grant of up to a maximum of **£2,000**.
- ii. Community Development groups without premises can apply for up to a maximum grant of **£1,000**.

The budget available for Community Development Support Grant Programme is **£112,658**. **66** completed applications were received and underwent an assessment process as follows:

Stage 1 Assessment:

Stage 1 applications were scored against the following Stage 1 Assessment Criteria:

1. Main objectives of organisation.
2. Constitution/ governing document in place.
3. Registered Charity /Status of Charity Commission NI registration.
4. Evidence provided of proper and timely accounting records with submission of annual accounts and bank statements for the last quarter:
5. Board or management committee - Officers in place, elected at AGM, range of skills and expertise.
6. Up to date insurance certification.
7. Minutes from the latest Annual General Meeting and submission of Annual Report.

Stage 2 Assessment:

Applications were then scored against the following Stage 2 Assessment Criteria:

1. Range of services and activities provided for the benefit of local communities within the CC&G area (weighted x 2).
2. Clear and realistic objectives set for incoming year (x1).
3. Extent of awareness and understanding of specific needs of community / area (x1).
4. Targeted area of benefit in relation to deprivation measures (x3).
5. Engagement in capacity building for group members and wider community (x2).
6. Promotion of social inclusion ensuring that marginalised groups feel valued and included (x2).
7. Promotion of community cohesion ensuring the involvement of the whole community – sharing a common vision (x2).
8. Promotion of partnership working with others – working on a collaborative basis to find solutions to locally identified problems (x2).
9. Extent of volunteer base involved in group activities (x1).
10. Demonstrates value for money and has a realistic budget (x2).
11. Demonstrates ability to lever other additional funding in support of group (x2).

Applications were awarded a score of up to 25% in Stage 1 and up to 75% in Stage 2. Applicants were required to attain a score of at least 65% in order to be eligible. A summary of the applications received, the assessment scores and the recommended amounts of funding is attached at Annex A.

Approximately 17 community development groups which were eligible to apply for the Community Development Support Grant did not submit applications.

A number of applications were received from groups located within communities which were not deemed to be core community development groups based on the eligibility criteria as previously agreed in the Community Development Strategy. Those applications deemed to be ineligible are indicated in the attached table. As per the Grants Funding Policy an Appeals Process will be put in place. Community Development Officers will also be available to provide support to those applicant organisations that are unsuccessful in terms of signposting to other external funding opportunities.

Where all the required enclosures were not submitted with an application, applicant organisations will be required to submit these prior to any grant money being paid out by Council.

The assessment process has provided a useful tool in highlighting areas where groups need support in their governance and will allow Community Development staff to address and tailor their support during the course of the year.

The total amount of grant funding recommended to be allocated through the Community Development Support Grant Programme in 2015-16 is **£80,553**.

£9,000 has already been allocated to Garvagh Development Trust for the GADDA Building and if the amount of funding recommended to be awarded in this report were to be approved a budget of **£23,105** would remain.

There are a number of possible options with regard to the unallocated Community Development Support Grant Programme budget:

- i. Accept that in the 2015-16 period an underspend of £23,105 has been achieved.
- ii. Re-open the Community Development Support Grant Scheme for those organisations that were eligible to apply but which did not apply.
- iii. Re-allocate the £23,105 to one of the alternative grant programmes which were proposed in the Community Development Strategy but which had to be omitted due to lack of funds . ie. Small Scale Capital Improvement Grants; Social Inclusion Small Grants or Seeding Grants.

Recommendation

Recommendation 1: Community Development Support Grants of £80,553 are awarded as per table in Annex A.

Recommendation 2: Council considers the options suggested and makes a decision re. £23,105 unallocated Community Development Support Grant Programme budget.

**ANNEX A - Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT GRANT 2015-16**

Summary of applications and proposed grants to be awarded

	Name of Organisation	Name of Premises (if applicable)	District Electoral Area	Maximum Eligible Amount applied for (£)	Score (%)	Proposed Grant to be awarded (£)
1	Ballymacconnelly Renewal Group	Ballymacconnelly Orange Hall	Ballymoney	2,000	72.38	2,000
2	BRG Lint Dam Allotments Group	N/A	Ballymoney	Not eligible – single issue		0
3	Cloughmills Community Action Team		Ballymoney	1,000	85.70	1,000
4	Dunloy Development Association	Dunloy Community Centre	Ballymoney	2,000	80.86	2,000
5	Japanese Cultural Centre	Japanese Cultural Centre	Ballymoney	Not eligible – single issue gp		0
6	Killyrammer & District Comm Assoc	Killyrammer Community Centre	Ballymoney	1,282	76.22	1,282
7	Stranocum Community Centre	Stranocum Community Centre	Ballymoney & The Glens	2,000	80.23	2,000
8	The Open Door	The Open Door Drop In Centre	Ballymoney & Causeway Coast, Coleraine	Not eligible – single issue gp		0
9	Articlave Community Development Group	Articlave Community Facility	Bann	1,444	65.27	1,444
10	Boveedy Community Association	Boveedy Community Hall	Bann	2,000	78.05	2,000
11	Castlerock Community Assoc	Castlerock community office	Bann	2,000	86.31	2,000
12	1st Castlerock Scout Group	N/A	Bann	Not eligible – single issue gp		0
13	Eagle Glen Community Partnership	Eagle Glen Community Centre	Bann	2,000	77.05	2,000

14	Garvagh & District Community Forum	N/A	Bann	465	67.14	465
15	Glenullin & Agivey Conservation & Development Group	Glenullin Resource Centre	Bann	2,000	73.88	2,000
16	Killyvalley Residents Association	N/A	Bann	337	65.59	337
17	Macosquin Village Community Association	Macosquin Community House	Bann	2,000	75.20	2,000
18	Ardinariff Historical & Cultural Society	Ardinariff Historical & Cultural Society Hall	Benbradagh	Not eligible – single issue gp		0
19	Benbradagh Community Association	Benbradagh Community Facility	Benbradagh	1,797	81.81	1,797
20	Benedy Community Association	Benbradagh Community Hall	Benbradagh	2,000	82.11	2,000
21	Burnfoot Community Development Association	Burnfoot Community Hall	Benbradagh	2,000	79.93	2,000
22	Dromboughil Community Association	Drumboughil Community Hall	Benbradagh	2,000	74.00	2,000
23	Feeny Community Association	Feeny Community Hall	Benbradagh	2,000	84.81	2,000
24	Foreglen Community Association	Foreglen Community Centre	Benbradagh	2,000	75.99	2,000
25	Gelvin Area Community Association	Gelvin Area Comm Association Hall	Benbradagh	1,407	75.01	1,407
26	Glenshane Care Association	Glenshane Care Association Premises	Benbradagh	Not eligible – single issue gp		0
27	Glenshane Community Development Ltd	Glenshane House	Benbradagh	2,000	70.25	2,000
28	Gortnahey Community Association	Gortnahey Community Hall	Benbradagh	2,000	81.13	2,000
29	Greysteel Community Association	Greysteel Community Centre	Benbradagh	2,000	80.61	2,000
30	Greysteel Community Enterprises	The Vale centre	Benbradagh	2,000	76.74	2,000
31	Largy Community Group	Largy Community Hall	Benbradagh	2,000	75.84	2,000

32	Bushmills Residents & Environmental Forum	Dundarave Community House	Causeway Coast	2,000	84.74	2,000
33	Glenmanus Residents Association	N/A	Causeway Coast	375	75.09	375
34	Portballintrae Residents Association	N/A	Causeway Coast	836	75.67	836
35	Portstewart Community Association	N/A	Causeway Coast	918	82.38	918
36	Building Ballysally Together	BBT Community House	Coleraine	2,000	75.67	2,000
37	Focus on Family	Focus on Family Community Centre	Coleraine	2,000	88.75	2,000
38	Killowen & Churchlands Community Assoc (KACCA)	N/A	Coleraine	900	69.06	900
39	Killowen Community Association	N/A	Coleraine	975	74.79	975
40	Millburn Community Association	Millburn Community House	Coleraine	2,000	80.05	2,000
41	Somerset Residents Association	N/A	Coleraine	938	73.13	938
42	West Bann Development	West Bann Development Centre/ Bertie Peacock Centre	Coleraine	2,000	85.38	2,000
43	Windyhall Community Association	N/A	Coleraine	1,000	74.73	1,000
44	Causeway U3A	N/A	Coleraine & Bann, Causeway, Limavady	Not eligible-single issue gp		0
45	Coleraine Ulster Scots Regeneration Group	Coleraine Ulster Resource Centre	Coleraine & Ballymoney, Causeway Coast, Bann, Limavady	Not eligible-single issue gp		0
46	Causeway Hospital Radio	N/A	Coleraine & Ballymoney, The Glens, Causeway Coast, Bann, Benbradagh, Limavady	Not eligible -single issue gp		0
47	Riding for the Disabled	N/A	Coleraine & Ballymoney, The Glens, Causeway Coast, Bann	Not eligible-single issue gp		0

48	Zomba Action Project (ZAP)	N/A	Coleraine & Causeway Coast, Bann	Not eligible – not directly benefitting residents of CCGBC		0
49	Aghanloo Community Association	Aghanloo Community Hall	Limavady	2,000	68.19	2,000
50	Coolessan Community Association	N/A	Limavady	1,000	79.00	1,000
51	Drumsum Community Association	Drumsum Community Hall	Limavady	1,725	79.41	1,725
52	Friends of Moving On Up	Moving on Up Premises	Limavady	Not eligible – single issue gp		0
53	Faughanvale Community Project	N/A	Limavady	Not eligible – single issue gp		0
54	Glens Community Association	Glens Community House	Limavady	2,000	77.50	2,000
55	Keady Clachan Community Group	Keady Clachan Community House	Limavady	750	74.95	750
56	Magilligan Community Association	Magilligan Community Centre	Limavady	1,388	74.15	1,388
57	Restore Community Group	Restore Community Facility	Limavady	2,000	77.00	2,000
58	Roe Valley Residents Assoc	Roe Valley Comm House	Limavady	2,000	89.88	2,000
59	Armoy Community Association	Tilly Molloy's	The Glens	2,000	82.49	2,000
60	Cairns Residents Group	N/A	The Glens	476	75.62	476
61	Cushendall Development Group	Old School House	The Glens	2,000	84.13	2,000
62	Glenariff Improvement Group	N/A	The Glens	1,000	74.49	1,000
63	Glens Youth Club	Glens Youth Centre	The Glens	Not eligible – single issue gp		0

64	Loughiel Communtiy Association	Millennium Centre	The Glens	2,000	87.73	2,000
65	Marconi Radio Group	N/A	The Glens	Not eligible – single issue gp		0
66	Waterfoot Residents Association	N/A	The Glens	540	73.02	540