

TITLE OF REPORT Queen's Birthday Fund Grant Awards 2016/17	DATE 24th May 2016
To: Full Council	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Resilient, Health and Engaged Communities
Outcome	Stable and Cohesive Communities
Lead Officer	Moira Quinn
Cost: (If applicable)	£6,970

The purpose of this report is to recommend eligible grants awards to organisations who have applied for grant aid to help them celebrate the momentous occasion of the 90th birthday of Queen Elizabeth II.

Background

The Queen's Birthday Fund was launched on 3rd May with a closing date of 18th May 2016. With the assistance of the Funding Unit and by using Council's online funding Hub, invitations to the competitive process were issued. Applications were invited from Community groups, registered charities, community organisations and informal event committees (operating under a formally constituted group). The fund was advertised on Councils website, social media, local press through press releases, the local Community networks (BCRC, NACN, CRUN) and notification was distributed via Councils distribution lists and via the Council Funding Roadshows held on 27th and 28th April.

Purpose of the Fund

To help local groups and community organisations to celebrate the 90th birthday of Queen Elizabeth II 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	Overall Score
1. Clear and concise evidence of a developed project with a start and end date within the scope of the advertised fund.	Max available 20 points
2. Clear and realistic objectives set for the project	Max available 30 points
3. Ability, skills and experience of the group which enables them to deliver the project	Max available 20 points
4. Detailed explanation of planned promotion of project	Max available 30 points

Outcome

The Funding Unit carried out the Stage 1 eligibility checks on the afternoon of 18th May. 35 applications were passed for scoring. The grant assessment panel met on 19th May 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.

No of applications received	36
No of applications eligible for funding	35
No of unsuccessful applications	6
No of successful applications	29
Total eligible levels of funding requested	£6,970

A summary of the applications received and recommended grant levels is included within **Annex 1**.

Recommendation

Approve recommended grant awards for The Queen's Birthday Fund Grant Scheme as detailed in Annex 1, totalling £6,970.

Annex 1

Queen's Birthday Fund Grant Scheme Awards 2016/17: Maximum eligible award amounts

Applicant Organisation	Amount requested	Pass/Fail	Maximum Eligible Award (£)
Aghadowey Preschool Playgroup	£250	Pass	£250
Ballykelly Community & Youth Association	£250	Pass	£200
Ballynarrig Cultural Group	£250	Pass	£250
Building Ballysally Together	£250	Pass	£250
Burnfoot Community Development Association	£250	Pass	£250
Castlerock Community Association	£250	Pass	£250
Castleroe Primary School	£250	Pass	£250
Coleraine Branch, The Royal British Legion	£250	Pass	£250
Coleraine Festival Committee	£250	Pass	£250
Craft Collective	£150	Pass	£150
Crow's Nest Community Playgroup	£250	Pass	£250
Dervock Parent and Toddler Group	£250	Pass	£250
Focus On Family Nurturing & Development Centre	£250	Pass	£250
Garryduff Flute Band	£250	Pass	£250
Garryduff Primary School PTA	£250	Pass	£250
Garvagh Cultural Awareness	£250	Pass	£250
Garvagh Development Trust	£250	Pass	£150
Gorran Primary School	£250	Pass	£220
Harpurs Hill Children And Family Centre	£250	Pass	£250
Harpur's Hill Primary School	£250	Pass	£250
Kingdom of Dalriada Ulster Scots Society	£250	Pass	£150
Knockahollet Primary School PTA	£250	Pass	£250
Macosquin Village Community Association	£250	Pass	£250
Marconi Radio Group	£250	Pass	£250
Moneydig Rural Network	£250	Pass	£250
Mother Goose Playgroup	£250	Pass	£250
The Glens Community Association	£250	Pass	£250
The Royal British Legion (Ballymoney Branch)	£250	Pass	£250
Windyhall Community Association	£250	Pass	£250
Total amount awarded	£7150.00		£6,970

Applicant Organisation	Amount Requested	Pass/Fail
1st Bovevagh Scouts	£250	Fail
1st Castlerock Scout Group	£250	Fail
Ballybogey's Over 50 Club	£470.30	Fail
Bovalley Community Association	£250	Fail
Dervock & District Community Association	£250	Fail
Millburn Community Association	£250	Fail
Total	£1720.30	

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Japanese Cultural Centre	£250	ineligible