

**REPORT TO: POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE ON 22 JUNE 2010**

**SUBJECT: SMALL GRANTS BUDGET (SECTION 20) – APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – JUNIOR COMMITTEE ARCHIESTOWN VILLAGE COUNCIL**

**BY: CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER**

**1. REASON FOR REPORT**

- 1.1 To invite the committee to consider a request for Section 20 grant assistance from the Junior Committee Archiestown Village Council to edit and produce a video of the village for a village trail.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to committee in terms of the Council's Administrative Scheme relating to considering the financial and budgetary policy of the Council.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

**2.1 It is recommended that the committee:-**

- (i) **consider the Section 20 grant application for £500 for the editing and production of a video for a village trail from the Junior Committee Archiestown Village Council; and**
- (ii) **if minded to approve, note that the grant will be met from the Small Grants Budget for 2009/10.**

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 Expenditure of this nature requires to be determined within the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973. Under these provisions, as amended by the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003, such expenditure, now under Section 20, must not only be in the interests of the area, but should also bring direct benefit to the area or inhabitants commensurate with the expenditure incurred.
- 3.2 The Junior Committee first came into being in February, their aim to encourage the youth of the village to be involved with the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations. It consists of ten youngsters ranging from 9-15.
- 3.3 For the birthday opening event they worked on a historical exhibition which involved a dozen A1 boards which are on display in the hall. They spent a cold snowy Sunday visiting three local farms as part of this exhibition.
- 3.4 They have also devised a historic menu which was cooked by the hotel and served by the group. Dressed in vintage outfits they spoke about historic events in the village and escorted the Lord Lieutenant of Moray on a walk around the village.

- 3.5 For the fete on 19<sup>th</sup> June they have found a farrier and sheep shearer willing to give demonstrations and will perform a smally play charting 250 years . In September they will be performing a musical story for which funding has been found (HLF & Leader) and a professional storyteller is involved.
- 3.6 The group are working on a village trail and four of the group have spent a lot of time writing a script and shooting a video of the village and its historic buildings – at no cost but the money requested is for professional help in editing and producing the finished verision. They are also doing some fundraising themselves for village funds.

#### **4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

##### **(a) Single Outcome Agreement/Service Improvement Plan**

This refers to National Outcome 6 “We live longer, healthier lives” and the Local Outcome 9 “Economic Development”.

##### **(b) Policy and Legal**

None

##### **(c) Resources (Financial, Risks, Staffing and Property)**

The Junior Committee of Archiestown Village Council are requesting a grant of £500 and if committee are minded to approve, the fee will be met from the Small Grants Budget.

**Appendix 1** provides details of the Small Grants Budget. A copy of the grant application form is in the Members Lounge.

##### **(d) Consultations**

Consultations have taken place with the Deborah O’Shea, Principal Accountant who concur with the recommendations of the report.

#### **5. CONCLUSION**

- 5.1 That the Committee considers the request from the Junior Committee, Archiestown Village Council for editing and producing a video for the Village Trail to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday.**

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Background Papers: Section 20 Grant application form and information from No Fuss Events

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