

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL
Report by Chief Officer, Resources
Alexander Cross Cameron Fund Committee
23 November 2022

Subject: Grant Applications

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to provide information on a grant application to the Alexander Cross Cameron Trust Fund and to make an officer recommendation for Members consideration.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** Members are advised to note that the applicant has been unable to provide a recent copy of audited accounts due to a delay in their completion. Should members agree with the officer recommendation they may wish to consider withholding payment of the awarded grant pending receipt of the applicant's audited accounts.

3. Background

- 3.1** The Trust Deed states that the purpose of the Alexander Cross Cameron Fund is for 'considering applications by or on behalf of non-profit making community groups for grant assistance towards the cost of one-off community activities within Clydebank the objectives of which are in the opinion of the Trustee, to assist and relieve those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage. For the avoidance of doubt no grant assistance shall be paid in respect of the normal running costs of the community group itself'.
- 3.2** Alexander Cross Cameron Fund grants are administered by the West Dunbartonshire Council and are reported to the fund as and when applications are received.
- 3.3** Per the audited 2021-22 Financial Statements, the value of fund as at 31 March 2022 was £120,205. Since 31 March 2022 one grant of £1,000 has been awarded, therefore £99,205 remains available for distribution as £20,000 is invested in a 2 year fixed interest account with no access to the funds.

4. Main Issues

Grant Applications

- 4.1 One application for grant funding has been received. Members should note that an amount of £800 is being recommended with full details being provided in the attached Appendix.
- 4.2 Members will note the reasons provided by officers in relation to the recommendations of award and will need to ensure that when making awards that these are made in line with the aims and purposes of the Trust Fund.
- 4.3 Members are advised to note that the applicant has been unable to provide a recent copy of audited accounts due to a delay in their completion. Should members agree with the officer recommendation they may wish to consider withholding payment of the awarded grant pending receipt of the applicant's audited accounts.

5. Option Appraisal

- 5.1 No option appraisal consideration was required for this report.

6. People Implications

- 6.1 There are no people implications.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1 It is recommended that £800 grant is awarded from the Alexander Cross Cameron Fund with consideration to the point raised in paragraph 4.3 above.

8. Risk Analysis

- 8.1 The Committee must consider financial and reputational risks when considering grant applications. The financial risk is not only that the Alexander Cross Cameron Fund remains financially viable, but also that the organisations funded by the Fund comply with the Conditions of Grant which cover issues such as discrimination, health and safety, insurance, etc. As stated at 4.2 above, Members must ensure funds awarded are for the purposes of the Trust Fund.

9. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

- 9.1 No equalities impact assessment was required in relation to this report.

10. Environmental Sustainability

10.1 No environmental sustainability issues require to be raised in connection with this report.

11. Consultation

11.1 All organisations are consulted regarding recommendations of grant prior to the report being submitted to committee.

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Appendices: Appendix 1: Detail of applications for assessment

Background Papers: Grant Application Forms.

Wards Affected: Ward 4, 5 and 6