

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**  
**Report by Chief Officer - Resources**  
**Dumbarton Trust Committee: 8 March 2022**

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**Subject: Grant Applications**

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to provide additional information on a grant application to the Dumbarton Trust Fund from Friends of Levensgrove Park that was initially considered on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021 and to make an officer recommendation for Members consideration.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1** The Committee is asked to agree £19,800 award is made to Friends of Levensgrove Park for the reasons provided within Appendix 1.

**3. Background**

- 3.1** The Trust Deed states that the purpose of the Dumbarton Trust Fund is for the benefit of the people of Dumbarton, to assist and relieve those in need by reason of age
- 3.2** Dumbarton Trust Fund grants are administered by West Dunbartonshire Council and are reported to the fund as and when applications are received.
- 3.3** Per the draft Financial Statements, the value of the fund as at 31 March 2021 was £24,731. Since 31 March 2021 no grants have been awarded, therefore £24,731 remains available for distribution.
- 3.4** At a meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council on 31 August 2016 members agreed the following action in respect of this Trust Fund, "Publicise the availability of the Trust during the current financial year and seek to disburse available funds arising from investment income attained".
- 3.5** At a meeting of Dumbarton Trust Fund Committee on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021 an application from 'Friends of Levensgrove Park' was considered. That application is included as Appendix 1 to this report. At that Committee meeting members requested further information should be sought in support of the application and reported back to a future committee meeting. The additional information received is set out in Appendices 3 and 4.

#### **4. Main Issues**

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- 4.1** One application for grant funding has been received from Friends of Levensgrove Park. Members should note that an award of £19,800 is being recommended with full details of the application provided in Appendix 1 to this report and further supporting information set out in appendices 3 and 4.
- 4.2** Members will note the reasons provided by officers in relation to the recommendation of award and will need to ensure that, when making awards, these are made in line with the aims and purposes of the Trust Fund.

#### **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 £19,800 grant is awarded from the Dumbarton Trust Fund
- 7.2** Members should note that in awarding this grant the remaining funds available would be £4,931.

#### **8. Risk Analysis**

- 8.1** The Committee must consider financial and reputational risks when considering grant applications. 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** An Equalities Impact Assessment has been carried out on this grant application. Details are available in the attached Appendix 2.

#### **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  
Appendix 2: Equalities Impact Assessment  
Appendix 3: Additional Information in support of the application  
Appendix 4: Cycling Without Age – Annual Report 2019-20

**Background Papers:** Grant Application Forms

**Wards Affected:** Ward 4, 5 and 6