

Annandale and Nithsdale Community Benefit Company Award Summary for 2015

Applicant Name	Amount applied for	Amount Awarded	Project Description - Summary	Declarations of Interest/ Comments/ Conditions/ Feedback to applicant
Annandale and Nithsdale Community Benefit Company:2015.05.18				
Wamphray Community Council	£30,000	£30,000	To replace the kitchen and meeting rooms area of the Village Hall which is presently a wooden structure in poor repair.	Standard large grant conditions apply. Also: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That final approved plans, a project budget and evidence of a building warrant and planning permission are provided. • That the amount of award be reduced accordingly if the final project budget is less than originally requested.
Dumfries and Galloway Blood Bikes	£16,000	-	To purchase 2 liveried motorcycles, training and safety clothing for transportation of blood and samples for Dumfries Royal Infirmary.	Feedback to applicant: ANCBC is excluded from funding activity that is the responsibility of a statutory authority. The Board noted with concern that the NHS proposes to outsource its existing provision to Blood Bikes under a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with no funds attached. The Blood Bikes service will save the NHS a substantial amount of money and the Board is of the view the NHS could support 100% of Blood Bikes costs and still make substantial savings. They recommend Blood Bikes reviews the Service Level Agreement with the NHS and negotiates a full cost recovery SLA
Kirkmahoe Parish Hall Committee	£1,500	£1,250	To replace village hall windows with UVPC windows.	Part of the request was ineligible, as planning permission has already been paid for and the fund does not support retrospective funding. The amount awarded has therefore been reduced accordingly.
Dalswinton Village Hall	£4,513	£4,513	To tarmac driveway to the hall and a path for wheelchair access for future disabled entrance.	Condition: That the applicant forwards the third quote on receipt.
Nith Valley Leaf Trust	£4,914		To buy and install Solar PV Panels onto a house, owned by NVLT, that is rented out to a local family at a reasonable cost.	David Dick declared and interest and left the room. Feedback to applicant: The Board felt that the benefit would primarily be to families occupying the house, in the form of free electricity, and that the Feed In Tariff income to the wider community, via the Trust, would be comparatively low. They felt the project would therefore not provide sufficient community benefit to merit an award.
Thornhill Music Festival	£5,000	£2,500	To provide an annual multi-genre music festival in Thornhill.	Feedback to applicant: The Board felt unable to support a free event at the level requested. They noted that the un-ticketed nature of the event makes it difficult to evidence the proportion of audience members from within the ANCBC area of benefit. They are supportive of the event but would encourage the Festival to develop a business plan and become more commercial and self-sustaining in the future.

Proudfoot Indoor Sports and Social Club	£2,318		To provide an accessible computer suite with WiFi and laptop computers for use by residents who are unable to access the Internet at home.	Feedback to applicant: The Board noted the very high level of reserves held by the organisation and felt there was insufficient evidence of financial need to merit an award.
Learner's Together	£1,320		To provide additional training and progression in IT and technology to 'Silver Surfers' in an area of disadvantage.	Feedback to applicant: ANCBC is excluded from funding activity that is the responsibility of a statutory authority. The Board noted the funding would be used to extend existing provision from Dumfries & Galloway Council's Community Learning and Development service and took the view that the project is therefore not sufficiently eligible.
Jazz Scotland	£3,300		To provide a 12-week jazz participation programme with workshops for pupils at Lockerbie and Moffat Academies, including musical tuition and performance.	Feedback to applicant: The Board are supportive of the Jazz Festival in principle but noted that the proposed workshop activity would take place within school hours and be accessible only to pupils. Activity which is the responsibility of a statutory authority is excluded from ANCBC funding. In addition, they noted the high levels of reserves held by Jazz Scotland and felt there was insufficient evidence of financial need demonstrated.
Oasis Events Team	£19,000	£3,000	To contribute to the cost of marketing, stall hire and activities for Youth Beatz.	Feedback to applicant: The Board felt unable to support a free event at the level requested and would encourage the group to consider introducing a small charge in order to become more self-sustaining. They were also reluctant to support the costs of entertainment attractions such as a dry ski slope, which they feel have limited community benefit. They are supportive of the event in principle but in the future would prefer to consider requests for workshops or similar youth engagement activity, which they feel has clearer long term benefits for the young people involved.
Dumfriesshire Hunt branch of The Pony Club	£2,754		To update safety equipment and provide training for cross-country jumping at open competitions and summer camps.	Feedback to applicant: The Board felt the club's requirement that members must own or have access to their own pony creates an inherent financial barrier to participation by the general public and that there was insufficient evidence of community benefit from the proposed project.
North West Dumfries Community Cafe Ltd.	£2,283	£1,000	To provide entertainment, catering and insurance for the 'Summer Fling' community fun event.	Feedback to applicant: The Board is supportive of the event in principle but felt unable to award a grant at the level requested. They were concerned at the lack of quotes or similar evidence that it has been robustly costed. They also noted an apparent lack of tangible contributions from the other statutory and third sector partners and encourage the group to seek in-kind or match funding support from other sources.

Discover Kirkmahoe	£4,970	£2,924	To design and install 6 notice boards with information about local walks that can also be used as space to put up public notices for local groups/events.	Feedback to applicant: The Board felt that the option of four basic noticeboards was sufficient to meet the community's needs and has therefore awarded a grant at that level.
Boreland Village Hall	£4,978	£1,979	To install a high performance acoustic treatment bonded to the ceiling of Boreland Village Hall to improve acoustics.	Feedback to applicant: The Board noted the additional match funding secured since the application was made and has therefore reduced the level of award accordingly.
Johnstonebridge Centre and Community Development Trust Ltd	£35,000	£35,000	To replace the existing village hall that is due to close in October 2015.	Declaration of Interest: Richard Mann (Johnstone CC) but the application is for a separate body within his parish. The Board felt this was an indirect interest and Richard participated in the meeting. Conditions: Standard large grant conditions apply
Junction 17	£2,000	£1,953	To host a free family-friendly Fun Day in McJarrow Park in August 2015.	Conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That quotes be provided. • That Magnox funding, Community Council funding and use of the group's own reserves be confirmed, with the outcomes notified to Foundation Scotland prior to payment of grant.
Alive 107.3	£5,000	-	To change existing studio into two studios, allowing the organisation to provide training and pre-record output.	Feedback to applicant: ANCBC is excluded from funding activity that supports the advancement of religion. Since this is a core aim of the applicant organisation, the Board are unable to support the project.
D&G American Football Academy	£4,994	£4,994	To purchase equipment needed to coach American Football.	
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Queensberry Initiative	£40,000	-	To provide outdoor learning and training to children and pupils of Wallace Hall Academy and six local primary schools.	The Board felt that the level of reserves held is too high to merit an award at this stage. A new application would be considered in the future, once a reserves policy has been established and the group's own funds utilised to reasonable levels. In addition, the Board would wish to see other match funding secured before any future application is made.
Lets Get Sporty CIC	£37,620	-	To provide 30 weekly early years parent and child physical education classes throughout the region.	The Board felt that the project has merit but needs more robust planning. They would consider a new application, which should include a fully costed budget; evidence of provision mapping across the area to avoid duplication with other similar activity and to evidence where gaps have been identified;

				and evidence of consultation with potential host communities, including realistic estimates of numbers of potential participants per community. In addition, the child protection policy should be revised, to provide clear guidance to staff and volunteers on how to act and who to contact in statutory services if a child protection issue arises.
Annandale Transport Initiative	£27,500	£27,500	To purchase a 16-passenger seat accessible community minibus to replace a vehicle which has been in use since 2004 and completed over 260,000 miles.	Jean Purves noted a conflict of interest and left the room. Conditions of award: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That two further quotes for the purchase of the bus are provided. • That match funding is secured
Hub Dumfries and Galloway	£31,185	£27,790	To provide free logs and kindling for vulnerable older residents living in fuel poverty.	The award is for £7,000 in year one; £10,395 in year two and £10,395 in year three, subject to conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That second and third year grant payments are subject to approval of a satisfactory monitoring report by the Board. • That confirmation of match funding is received
Nith Inshore Rescue	£40,000	£20,000	To build an extension to the Lifeboat Station.	Conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That three quotes are provided for the extension. • That full match funding is secured • That legal title to the property is secured by the group
Upper Eskdale Development Group	£19,800		To develop a community response to care by increasing use of community owned hub; use of 'tele-medicine'; and increasing skills in local care and support services.	The Board felt there was merit in the proposed project but would like to see a more robust plan, including evidence of mapping existing provision to identify gaps and related consultation with the NHS and other health and social care providers, to demonstrate support and identify potential partnership approaches
Speddoch Community Association	£50,000	£35,000	To rebuild Speddoch Community Hall to meet the needs of the community in Dunscore.	Conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That evidence of full match funding is provided • That evidence of appropriate insurance is provided • That Planning Permission is granted and a building warrant obtained.
Royal Four Towns Hall Association	£5,000	£5,000	To install solar panels on the Village Hall.	Conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That evidence of appropriate public liability, trustee indemnity and buildings insurance, including for the solar panels, is provided and all relevant permissions are in place.

Thornhill and District Community Transport	£2,500	£2,500	To purchase an electronic hand-held ticketing machine for the community minibus compliant with Transport Scotland's requirements and to enable reimbursement of concessionary fares for section 22 timetabled services.	
Dumfries Musical Theatre Company	£18,225	-	To replace the old carpets in the auditorium and foyer and complete renovation of the foyer with new light fittings and redecoration.	The Board noted the substantial unrestricted reserves from which this project could be supported. In addition, there were inconsistencies in the project costings and other financial information provided, as well as details of beneficiary numbers and number of volunteers. These issues should be addressed in any future application.
Thornhill Golf Club	£12,000	-	To purchase equipment, for use in the golf club and on the golf course, and pay for repairs to the club building.	The Board felt that the current financial situation of the Club presented too much risk to the long term impact of any award.
Thornhill Bowling Club	£11,213	£3,200	To re-do the sloped access steps to the clubhouse; renew internal and external doors and windows; replace worn out floor coverings; redecorate some of the clubhouse.	
Lochmaben Amateur Football Club	£20,000		To install changing facilities for Lochmaben Football Club, allowing them to join the new Southern Counties League now that the Dumfries Amateur League has folded.	The Board is supportive of the project in principle but felt that plans were not yet sufficiently developed. A new application would be considered, once detailed, costed plans are available and relevant permissions and quotes have been sought. The Board recognises costs may change substantially and for that reason would be willing to accept a large grant application. In addition, the Club may wish to consider removing the restriction on voting membership at its next AGM, which was felt to be unduly limiting.
Lockerbie RBLs Pipe Band	£1,300	£1,300	To purchase a new bass drum, carrier and case as well as five snare drum carriers and cases for members.	

Castle Loch Lochmaben Community Trust	£20,000	£15,000	To employ a joint Project Development Officer for four days per week during 2016 to manage and develop both this project and one in Moffat Community Nature Reserve, with two days each week being devoted to each project.	Jean Purves and Martin Brown noted a conflict of interest and left the room. Feedback to applicant: The Board would like to encourage the group to identify more ways to generate income from the assets it owns; for example charging for sailing on the loch.
3rd Dumfriesshire Scout Group	£8,915	£9,279	To install a new heating system and create a new kitchen area in the Scout Hall.	Jean Purves noted a conflict of interest and left the room.
Friends of the John Corrie Garden	£20,619	-	To rejuvenate the wildlife garden by clearing the ground, laying paths, creating habitats, and installing 2 picnic benches with wheelchair access.	The Board felt that the current permission to use the ground is insufficient to allow a grant to be offered. It is recommended that the group consider negotiating a legally enforceable lease with the owner, with a minimum term of 20 years.
Aberlour	£11,626	-	To pay core running costs for Abelour Family Outreach in Dumfries and Galloway.	The Board felt that the insecurity of the project in this financial year represented too much risk to an award. Another application would be considered in future but should evidence longer term financial planning.
Bunbury Banter Theatre Company	£19,207	-	To stage two plays, workshops and events focused on further improving the appeal and accessibility of theatre in and around D&G.	The Board did not think the impact on local people would be sufficient to justify a grant.
Dumfries Pipe Band	£4,800	£4,800	To cover the costs of 2 tutors for the pipe band, one for piping and one for drumming.	Conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That evidence is provided of robust governance processes to manage the payment of tutors, who are also committee members
Thornhill Gala Committee	£2,000	-	To provide free activities for Gala week 2016, that will interest all members of the community.	The Board felt that there was insufficient financial need at this early stage, given the group's healthy reserves and proven ability to fundraise. A new application would be considered closer to the July 2016 event, which should include detailed costings and quotes, as well as evidence of other fundraising activity and any shortfall in funding required.

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Peter Pan Moat Brae Trust	£50,000	£30,000	To add two new extensions to the house; a Visitor Entrance on the west of the house which will include a shop, café, kitchens, reception and cloakrooms; and an Education and Learning Pavilion to the east of the house.	Conditions: That evidence be provided that full funding for the project has been secured
Loreburn Retirement Group	£2,746	£2,746	To pay towards the costs of a 20th Birthday party of the group, the annual Christmas party and a theatre / pantomime trip.	Conditions: That a dated copy of the group's latest annual accounts be submitted
Moffat Town Hall Redevelopment Trust	£5,000	£3,500	To purchase a variety of musical instruments, instruction and equipment to enable the provision of regular music-orientated community sessions for local residents.	Conditions: That quotes are received for the music tuition and stage improvements. That MTHRDT provide the difference as match funding from their unrestricted reserves and agree to cover any unforeseen costs in relation to the stage improvements.
Soul Soup Counselling and Training Ltd	£20,000	£19,112	To provide three drop-in sessions per week and workshops to enable young people to become more resilient and tackle stigma around mental health issues.	Conditions: That a copy of the lease agreement is provided, confirming the annual cost of premises. That written confirmation is provided that the items to be paid for by this award are not already provided for by another grant or funder.
Upper Annandale AFC	£2,998	£2,998	To purchase two new dug-outs for home and visiting teams.	Conditions: That the club provides a copy of its PVG policy. That two further quotations are supplied.
Dumfries and Galloway Aviation Museum	£15,948	£15,948	To erect a new perimeter fence around the extension and car park.	Conditions: That the land title is clarified and confirmation received that the fence will remain the property of the museum and is not at risk of reverting to become the property of Scottish Enterprise.

Wide Open (South Scotland)	£5,000	-	To run a Pilot Art and Wellbeing Retreat that would bring together a group of talented young people from the region to celebrate local history and sense of place, through art.	The Board felt that although working to broadly charitable aims, Wide Open appears to operate as a private consultancy business. ANCBC criteria specify that applicants must be set up on a not for private profit basis and, despite the distribution clause noted above, the organisation works in a grey area with respect to private profit, with Directors able to determine their own remuneration. In addition there is a lack of any wider accountability to the community through, for example, an open membership structure. Additionally, the proposed project would appear likely to make a limited difference to a small number of beneficiaries and to the community as a whole.
Dumfries & Galloway LGBT Plus	£8,7624	-	To fund core organisational costs, including staffing rental, administration, events, promotional materials and capacity building.	ANCBC will only fund up to a maximum of £50,000 over 3 years and the request is in excess of this. Additionally the Board noted the request was predominantly to pay one person's salary when it was evident that a broad range of skills would be required to fulfil the objectives of the project. The Board also questioned the proportionality of the amount of money requested to the number of beneficiaries in relation to the population of the area of benefit covered by ANCBC. You may wish to consider making a revised application to the fund which was smaller and more directly targeted at the area of benefit, with detailed evidence on specific local outcomes.
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Mossburn Community Farm	£49,998	£49,998	To fund salary and administration costs of marketing a three-year project to provide different therapies which integrate horses into the treatment process for people suffering from a number of issues such as mental and physical disabilities.	Conditions: That 50% match funding is received. That annual accounts to the end of September 2015 are provided as soon as they are available. That the second and third year grants are conditional on • Submission of a business plan at the end of the first year and satisfactory progress report against it in the second year • An annual report on the percentage of individuals from within the area of benefit of ANCBC who are receiving sessions That the post of Project and Development Manager is openly advertised.
Patrick Dudgeon Memorial Hall	£3,166	£2,000	To extend the disabled parking provision, improve drainage and level the rear parking area of the hall to improve access and increase the amount of parking space available to users.	Feedback to applicant: The reduced amount of £2,000 has been awarded in the understanding that money is available to you from the Community Council.

Dumfries Sea Cadets	£4,700	£4,000	To fund 15 places on an off-shore sailing course and weekly sailing sessions at Annandale Sailing Club.	The grant is towards the cost of 12 sailing courses.
Visibility	£90,000	-	To improve care and support for those living with the challenges of sight and/or hearing loss in rural, remote and deprived areas of the region.	ANCBC will only fund up to a maximum of £50,000 over 3 years and the request is in excess of this. The Board questioned the proportionality of the amount of money requested to the number of beneficiaries in relation to the population of the area of benefit covered by ANCBC. Additionally the Board noted the request was predominantly to pay salary costs of a small number of people who wouldn't necessarily be from within the area of benefit.
Buccleuch & Queensberry Caledonia Pipe Band	£3,258	£3,258	To purchase 20 pairs of spats, 6 hair sporrans and general instrument maintenance items.	
Moniaive Initiative	£4,829	£4,529	To contribute towards the cost of expanding the range and suitability of equipment in the Moniaive play park.	That full funding for the Multiplay Unit is confirmed. That signed copies of the Constitution and Accounts are provided. That arrangements for maintaining and insuring the equipment are confirmed. The Board are happy to support the purchase of the play equipment but would like to encourage the group to direct applications to their local funds in the first instance.
Thornhill Playgroup	£2,000	£2,000	To provide 3 additional hours of staffing per week to enable staff to plan, evaluate, improve monitoring systems and further develop learning plans and contribute towards running costs.	
SHAX	£15,000	£15,000	To part-fund salary costs for a manager, operations coordinator and administrator / volunteer coordinator for 2016-17.	