

The Highland Council
Resources Committee - 27 August 2014

Agenda Item	10.ii.b
Report No	RES/33/14

Kinlochshiel Shinty Club Ltd Playing Field Project – Application to Capital Discretionary Fund 2014/15

Report by the Chief Executive

Summary

This report seeks Members' approval to provide a contribution of up to £45,000 from the Capital Discretionary Fund and £5,000 from the Ward 6 Discretionary Budget towards a £361,540 project by Kinlochshiel Shinty Club Ltd to develop a new site at Reraig, Balmacara as a sports playing field with attendant facilities.

The Club is contributing £161,540 to the project and the outcome of a Stage II application to sportscotland for £150,000 is pending.

The project will replace the current sub-standard pitch and relocate it to a more level site with safer access, adequate drainage and a full-size pitch which will be able to be used as a neutral venue for prestigious matches.

1. Background

- 1.1 The Kinlochshiel Shinty Club was formed in 1960 by the amalgamation of Kintail, Lochalsh and Glenelg Shinty clubs. While Kinlochshiel Shinty Club remains as an unincorporated membership organisation, Kinlochshiel Shinty Club Ltd was formed as a Company Limited by Guarantee in 2011 to provide an incorporated format to take forward the ownership and development of new facilities. The Company has applied to OSCR for registration as a charity.
- 1.2 The Club currently plays in the National Premier League, Division 2 and has a strong commitment to youth development through the Kinlochshiel Junior Shinty Club.
- 1.3 Since before WWII, the Club has used a field at Kirkton on croft land owned by the National Trust for Scotland. The site is sloping, poorly drained and adjacent to the A87 trunk road. Parking tends to be on the verge of the trunk road and changing facilities are a converted byre on the opposite side of the road from the pitch.

2. The Project

- 2.1 The Club identified that the current facilities were inadequate and potentially dangerous and that expansion and improvement at the present location was not possible due to lack of available land and difficulty of access from the trunk road.
- 2.2 In 2010, the Club acquired 3 hectares of land at Reraig, Balmacara and identified two phases of development work:
 - Phase 1: Development of access road, car-parking and pitch.
 - Phase 2: Construction of changing facilities and children's playing area.

2.3 Planning permission was granted in September 2013 for Phase 1 of the Project. A condition of Planning was that the Access road improvements would be carried out before the development proceeded. A portion of the site has been conveyed to a local builder for housing and a legal agreement is in place requiring the builder to construct the required access road.

2.4 The current application relates to Phase 1 of the Project.

3. Fit with Council Programme

3.1 The Project supports the “Programme for The Highland Council 2012-2017: Working together for the Highlands” themes: Working together for the economy and Working together to empower our communities.

4. Budget

4.1 A full budget is presented as Appendix A. Total Project costs are £361,540.

4.2 Funding of £161,540 is being provided from the Club’s own resources. A Stage II application has been made to sportscotland for £150,000.

4.3 The Project currently has a shortfall of £50,000.

4.4 Ward 6 Members support a £5,000 contribution being made from the Ward Discretionary Budget.

5. Implications

5.1 Resources - there are no resources implications beyond the grant sum requested and no ongoing commitments arising from the Council’s involvement.

5.2 Legal - there are no legal implications for The Highland Council.

5.3 Equalities and Climate Change - there are no negative equality or climate change implications arising from this report.

5.4 Risk, Gaelic and Rural - there are no risk, Gaelic or rural implications to The Highland Council.

6. Recommendations

6.1 Members are asked to approve a total, capped contribution of £50,000 from the Council, to the Kinlochshiel Shinty Club Ltd, subject to a successful outcome of The Club’s funding application to sportscotland.

6.2 The Council’s contribution to be made up of £45,000 from the Capital Discretionary Fund and £5,000 from the Ward 6 Discretionary Budget.

Designation: Chief Executive

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Date: 14 August 2014

KINLOCHSHIEL SHINTY CLUB Ltd. PLAYING FIELD PROJECT

Financial Information

Costs:

Item	Tender cost
1 Groundworks	£81,600
2 Fill & Drainage	£81,600
3 Topsoil/Ball fence	£105,600
4 Seeding	£42,600
5 Sand slitting	£42,436
6 Professional Fees	£7,704
Total Project Costs	£361,540

Funding:

Own Funds	£161,540	Approved
sportscotland	£150,000	Pending Decision
Highland Council – Ward 6 Discretionary	£5,000	Current Application
Highland Council - Capital Discretionary	£45,000	Current Application
Total Project Funding	£361,540	