

## ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Finance and Resources
<b>DATE</b>	6 December 2011
<b>DIRECTOR</b>	Stewart Carruth
<b>TITLE OF REPORT</b>	Applications for Financial Assistance 2011/12
<b>REPORT NUMBER</b>	CG/11/155

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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to present applications for financial assistance which have recently been received by the Head of Finance and to allow Members to make a decision on providing funding from the financial assistance budget.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that the Committee review the applications and suggested funding levels and approve:

- i) £500 towards the hire of the Beach Ballroom, in support of the RNLI.

### 3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial assistance budget for 2011/12 was originally £54k. Prior to this Committee, approvals for support to partner organisations, affiliation fees and grants have amounted to £46.5k. If approval were given to the suggested funding levels detailed in this report then a balance of £7k will be available for future applications.

### 4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

If the proposed assistance is not provided it may raise issues on the sustainability of organisations or their ability to hold specific events which will bring or provide benefits to the City of Aberdeen and its citizens.

### 5. BACKGROUND

In considering ad-hoc applications for grants or donations the following general criteria are applied -

a) applications from individuals seeking sponsorship, for taking part in fund-raising events abroad or for placements with charitable organisations or trusts in developing countries, are declined.

b) applications from individuals or groups seeking assistance towards costs of excursions outwith the City are declined.

c) applications which tend not to be supported are those from national organisations unless there was some clear and measurable local benefit, and health related applications which are seen as the clear responsibility of the health authorities.

d) on a number of occasions assistance is provided to both local and national organisations, either in whole or in part, with the costs of hiring accommodation such as the Beach Ballroom for various fund-raising events and gatherings.

## **Applications**

### **5.1 Royal National Lifeboats Institution (RNLI) (letter attached)**

A request has been received from the RNLI to defray the costs of hiring the Beach Ballroom, in order to host their fundraising ball, the "Aberdeen Lifeboat Bon Accord Ball", which is scheduled to take place on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

The cost of hiring the Beach Ballroom for the event has been set at £500, which will have to be met from the funds raised.

In order to derive the maximum benefit from the event in support of the running costs of the Aberdeen Lifeboat Station the request is made to cover the costs of the Beach Ballroom hire.

It is suggested that this funding should be approved.

### **6. IMPACT**

The City Council will within financial constraints seek to support the voluntary sector and partnerships with the local community. All applicants will be given equal consideration within the general criteria for the disbursement of grants and donations from this budget.

Financial support from this budget can provide beneficial impact to those citizens and local organisations that make application and provide an opportunity to support the objective within the vision of being a Vibrant, Dynamic and Forward Looking council.

### **7. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Attached letter

### **8. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS**

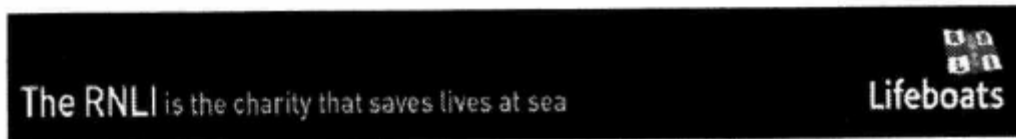
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Date: 14 September 2012

Dear Mr Jenkins

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**Aberdeen Lifeboat Bon Accord Ball  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2012  
The Beach Ballroom, Aberdeen**

Aberdeen Lifeboat Station was established in 1802 and our volunteer crew currently operate both a Severn Class All Weather Lifeboat (RNLB Bon Accord) and an IB1 Inshore Lifeboat, averaging over 30 rescues per year.

Every year the Aberdeen branch of the RNLi runs a fundraising ball to raise essential funds for the running and maintenance of the boats and station as well as providing a high standard of training to its volunteer crew. This years ball will be held on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2012** at the Aberdeen Beach Ballroom. All proceeds will go towards helping the Aberdeen Lifeboat continue its crucial life-saving role.

I have been told that Aberdeen City Council have the means available to assist with the cost of venues for fundraising and charitable events, therefore I am writing to enquire as to whether Aberdeen City Council might be willing to assist with the cost of the Beach Ballroom. If this is possible it would greatly assist us in directing more profit from the event back in to the charity.

Please do not hesitate to call me should you require further information at this time on 07734682735, or at [aberdeenlifeboatball@gmail.com](mailto:aberdeenlifeboatball@gmail.com)

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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