

BRACKLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL



REPORT TO ANNUAL MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL

20 MAY 2021

REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S EXPENDITURE INCURRED UNDER SECTION 137 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 OR THE POWER OF WELL-BEING

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 As part of its Annual Meeting, Council are requested to review its expenditure under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 or the Power of Wellbeing.
- 1.2 Section 137(1) of the 1972 Act permits each Community or Town Council to spend on activities for which it has no other specific powers if the Council considers that the expenditure is in the interests of, and will bring direct benefit to, the area or any part of it, or all or some of its inhabitants, providing that the benefit is commensurate with the expenditure.
- 1.2 Community and Town Councils are also permitted under section 137(3) to incur expenditure for certain charitable and other purposes.
- 1.3 The maximum expenditure that could be incurred under both section 137(1) and (3) for the financial year 2020-21 was £8.32 per elector.
- 1.4 Brackla Community Council set a budget of £2000.00 for 2020-21 year's donations.
- 1.5 During 2020/21 the Council approved the following donations under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972:
 - Wales Air Ambulance - £250.00
- 1.6 During 2020/21 the Council approved the following donations under the Power of Wellbeing:
 - Tremains Woodland Rangers - £250.00
- 1.7 This brought the total expenditure under the Power to £500.00. Further applications were scheduled to be received at the March Council meeting however these were postponed due to further information required and therefore will now come under the next financial year.

2. CURRENT SITUATION

2.1 The budget set for 2021/22 under 'Donations' heading is £2,000.00.

3. **PROPOSAL**

3.1 It is for the Council to:

- a) note the expenditure under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 and the Power of Wellbeing;
- b) consider when it would wish to receive feedback on these donations in order to schedule this into the Council's Forward Work Programme.