

WIGTOWNSHIRE SPORTS COUNCIL - INFORMATION SHEET



Wigtownshire Sports Council has been in existence since June 1996 and aims to promote and develop sporting opportunities in the Wigtownshire Area.

The Sports Council disburses small grants of up to £500 for individuals and up to £1,000 for Clubs to assist with training, coaching costs, equipment, entry fees or travel to competitions and training.

The Local Sports Council is made up largely of representatives of local Sports Clubs and Organisations supported by an elected Member and professional staff.

The Sports Council is able to advise on other funding opportunities, information on club accreditation, coaching qualifications and a forum to discuss sporting facilities at local level.

The Sports Council organises the Wigtownshire Sports Personality Awards annually to recognise the sporting achievements of local individuals and groups during the previous calendar year.

The Sports Council is funded by Dumfries and Galloway Council through an annual grant.

Cllr Graham Nicol is the elected member who currently sits on the Sports Council.

The Chairman is Raymond Smith and Vice Chairman Dave Hesford. Committee: Martin Marsh, John Galloway, Colin Dewar, Brendan Handling, Jim Keenan, Bobby McKie and Mark Taylor.

WHY SHOULD I or MY CLUB AFFILIATE?

Affiliated clubs become part of a larger area wide organisation dedicated to promoting the interests of local sports people. Affiliation will benefit your club in many ways:-

- Advice on our Grant Aid Scheme and other funding opportunities
- Assistance and advice with event organisation
- Provides a forum to enable sports clubs and other organisations to meet and discuss issues relating to sport and to be involved in decision making
- Offers advice regarding all aspects of sport
- Assisting in the foundation of clubs where none exist and supporting existing clubs

The membership year runs from 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015.

Affiliation fees (per annum): Club = £20 Adult = £20 Junior (16 years and under) =£10

Wigtownshire Sports Council - Grant Criteria

Only individuals and Clubs affiliated to Wigtownshire Sports Council may apply for a grant - application forms available from the Secretary.

Funding is usually limited to a maximum award of £500 per annum up to 50% of the eligible project costs. Up to £1,000 may be awarded in exceptional circumstances. Applications are normally considered at the monthly Sports Council meetings, which are held on the last Monday of the month (except December but applicants should submit their applications at least five weeks before the meeting at which their application requires a decision. The Sports Council cannot retrospectively fund any activity that has taken place before the meeting at which the application is submitted for consideration.

- In the first year of affiliation, a maximum of 20% of eligible project costs can be awarded.
- In the second year, a maximum of 30% of eligible project costs can be awarded.
- In the third and subsequent years a maximum of 50% of eligible project costs can be awarded.

Successful applicants must ensure that Wigtownshire Sports Council is acknowledged in any publicity.

Please bear the following in mind before submitting an application:

- Constitutions must state that account signatories are not related persons
- Constitutions must be signed and dated
- Clubs must be signed up to the D&G Sports Club Accreditation Scheme (more information from D&G Council website or the Secretary)
- Grants can only be allocated and used in the financial year in which the award is made
- Grant recipients must submit a report that details how the award was actually spent and what benefit it contributed. The report needs to confirm details of the actual costs incurred in connection with the expenditure outlined in the application and be supported by copies of relevant receipts. If the costs are significantly lower than the estimates given, the grant may be adjusted down accordingly and payment reclaimed. Failure to provide such evidence may also result in the grant being reclaimed and no future bids for grant support being considered.

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