ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL | **OBAN LORN AND THE ISLES AREA COMMITTEE**

LEGAL & REGULATORY SUPPORT | **9 SEPTEMBER 2026**

ARCHIBALD DOW BEQUEST AWARD RECOMMENDATION

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 This report gives Members information regarding an application that has been received for support from the Archibald Dow Bequest.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 The Oban Lorn and the Isles Area Committee are asked to award £50 to the individual applicant that meets the criteria of the Archibald Dow Bequest.

3.0 DETAIL

3.1 The Oban Lorn and the Isles Area Committee on 06 March 2024 agreed distribution arrangements for the Archibald Dow Bequest, which had been established to benefit the poor of Taynuilt. The Area Committee agreed to invite applications for individuals and families that are either:

- in receipt of a qualifying benefit (Jobseekers Allowance, Employment Support Allowance, Income Support or Universal Credit); and/or.

- for those people who are employed/self-employed, they must be in receipt of some amount of Universal Credit as well (a nil payment due to deductions for earned income would mean they do not qualify).

3.2 Furthermore, it was agreed that successful individual applicants would receive £50 while those applying on behalf of their family would receive £100.

3.3 Following agreement of the new distribution arrangements a single, individual, application has been received. This application meets the criteria of the Bequest and is therefore recommended for award.

3.4 The total funds available for distribution from the Bequest is approximately £1.4k. Should members be minded a total of £50 will be awarded during this award cycle.

4.0 CONCLUSION

4.1 Members are invited to consider the application that has been received for support from the Archibald Dow Bequest and to approve the financial award recommended within the report.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Policy – Consideration of the questions raised will ensure that the intentions of the original bequests are honoured.

5.2 Financial – None, the Council acts as trustee for the Fund, it does not represent assets of the Council. However, there is a risk that the Council would have to repay the Trust if an objection was raised as to the use of the funds.

5.3 Legal – Area Committees, as Trustees, must ensure that the distribution arrangements comply with the terms of the funds, failure to do so would result in the Council being liable.

5.4 HR – None

5.5 Customer Service – None

5.6 Risk – Recent changes to the benefit system, and low interest rates may result in an oversubscription to the bequest. If there was an objection raised as to the use of the funds in a particular way, there is a risk that the Council could have to pay the costs themselves and repay the Trust the costs. The level of risk is considered to be acceptable.

5.7 Climate Chage – None

5.8 Fairer Scotland Duty – None

5.9 Equalities – protected characteristics – none

5.10 Consumer Duty – none

5.11 Island Communities – none

5.12 Children's Rights and Wellbeing – none

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APPENDICES:

Appendix 1: Application - exempt