

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

RESTRICTED

Title of Report: Donations/Subventions Budget 2008/09 and 2009/10

Paper No: 91/09

Date: 28 May 2009

Report of: Government Secretary

1. **Purpose**

This paper reviews the Donations/Subventions budget for 2008/09 and proposes a budget for 2009/10. Projections for subsequent years are included on **Annex E**.

2. **Recommendation**

Honourable Members are invited to -

- a) note the grants approved by the Government Secretary from the Donations/Subventions budget for 2008/09 (items 15, 16 and 17 on **Annex E**).
- b) approve the proposals for the budget for 2009/10 as shown in **Annex E**.

3. **Financial Implications**

3.1 No increase in budget of £70,000.

<u>08/09</u>	<u>09/10</u>	<u>10/11</u>	<u>11/12</u>	<u>12/13</u>
£70,000	£70,000	£70,000	£70,000	£70,000

3.2 A 3% reduction in this budget would amount to £2,100 reducing the budget to £67,900. This would be achievable if traditional assistance to local youth and charitable organisations was reduced, however it is believed that Honourable Members would wish to continue to provide the existing levels of support to the various organisations (some of the larger of whom have had their subventions cut in previous years).

3.3 One option for savings is not to accept any new subventions for 09/10 and future financial years.

4. **Background**

- 4.1 The Donations/Subventions budget was reduced from £75,000 to £70,000 for 2008/09. This included an anticipated contingency of £3,320 (depending on the final cost of the children's cricket team tour to Chile in early 2009). Executive Council agreed (on the basis of paper 127/08) that the contingency could be disbursed by the Government Secretary with a report being produced to Executive Council showing any grants approved. It has been customary to provide an annual report showing the budget for forthcoming financial years.
- 4.2 **Annex E** shows the original budget for 2008/09 and the grants (items 15, 16, and 17) made by the Government Secretary from the contingency. Item 18 has been earmarked for a subvention of £613 to be made to the Karate Club (see 5.1 d) below).

5. **The Budget for 2009/10**

- 5.1 Some new requests have been made for grants from Government in 2009/10; these are from –

a) **Jelly Tots Club – see Annex A.**

This is a new request for an ongoing subvention. A small amount (£400) was granted in 2008/09 to assist with cash flow and rising costs. A continuing subvention would seem fair as most other small clubs involving children and young people are supported from this budget.

b) **Falklands Islands Motorcycle Association – see Annex B.**

This is also a new request for an ongoing subvention to cover insurance costs. In view of the tight nature of the budget it is recommended that 50% of the amount requested is granted (£1,500) as an ongoing subvention.

c) **SAMA (82) (Falkland Islands) Trust – see Annex C.**

This request restores the amount of grant to the previous level of £15,000 (a saving of £5000 was offered in 2008/09). There is also an element of support included for Liberty Lodge. The fundraisers for Liberty Lodge originally asked for separate support, however it was felt that it would be better all being channelled through the SAMA subvention and the relevant parties have agreed that this is the best way to proceed. It is recommended that this subvention be increased as requested.

d) **Karate Club – see Annex D.**

The Karate Club has made a bid for one-off assistance with flight costs for a trainer to visit in October 2009. This has been set aside on the spreadsheet for payment before end June 2009 provided no other more pressing calls for funds are received.

- 5.2 The table attached at **Annex E** contains the above bids.

5.3 Falkland Islands Association. The London Representative was asked for a view on whether the Association might be approached to see if they could offer a saving in view of the fact that they are the largest recipient of funds from this budget. She responded to say that she did not think that would be appropriate at this time as the Association itself was struggling financially and doesn't have any paid employees; they use a desk in FIGO and she believes that most of their funds go on the newsletters they produce each year.

5. **Legal Implications**

None.

6. **Human Resource Implications**

None.

The Secretariat
Stanley

7 May 2009

Ref: TRE/41/3

Jellytots Playgroup
Registered Charity
Stanley
Falkland Islands
Tel: 22759

Mr Peter King
Falkland Island Government
Stanley
Falkland Islands

25th April 2009

Re: Request for Permanent Subvention funding

Dear Peter,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Jellytots playgroup. Jellytots is a parent / toddler group which takes place twice weekly in the Parish Hall. It is the only group of its kind in Stanley, and welcomes all children aged five and under with their carers. Jellytots has been in existence for about 20 years and offers play and socialisation for children in a safe environment. Parents and carers are also provided with an opportunity to get out and meet other people.

With the current rising costs of fuel and food the Jellytots committee is finding that, despite fundraising efforts, our financial reserves are quickly becoming depleted and we are now finding ourselves facing a shortfall of approximately £1000 per year.

In order to meet the additional costs, we have already put up our subscription fees by approximately 50%, and we are also working on ideas for several additional fundraising events this year (over and above the ones we usually do). However, even with this extra income we are still likely to be left with a deficit.

The number of children attending ranges from 10 to 30 per week and the fees are 50p for babies and £1.50 for the over one year olds. Attendance is usually lower in winter than in the summer months. Parents attending with their children pay 50p for tea/coffee. Jellytots holds several fundraising events each year, mainly the mid-winter Fancy Dress party and a children's Christmas party. This year we have also held an Easter party and are planning another event for later in the year to raise more funds. We hope to raise between £200 - £300 at each event.

Recently the cost of hiring the Parish hall has almost doubled from £15 to £28 per week. Other costs include food and drinks for the children/adults, wages for our employee, Keva Hansen, insurance and other general expenses. We have looked into alternative venues as a way of reducing costs, but found they were either similarly priced or not suitable. One cost saving measure we have introduced is reducing the amount of time the hall is heated for. We have also discussed the possibility of ceasing to employ Keva, but

as she is a valuable employee who ensures the smooth running of each session this would not be a suitable option. As our long term employee, she enjoys her job and relies on the income she receives from it. We are also hesitant about raising the subscription costs any higher as we don't want to make it unaffordable for the attending families.

An approximation of our income/expenses for the year is outlined below:

INCOME

Subscriptions	1040
Fundraising	800
Sponsorship (C&W)	500

Total Income **£2340**

EXPENSES

Parish hall rental	1344
Wages	960
Food/drinks	240
Insurance	100
Fancy Dress prizes	250
Fundraising expenses	200
Toys, art/craft supplies	200

Total Expenses **£3294**

Net Income/(Outgoings) for year **(£954)**

Current Bank balance £1221
(including recent fundraising/donations/grants)

The Jellytots Committee are hoping that the FIG will consider granting the playgroup permanent subvention funding to help us meet our commitments and so enable us to continue providing a service to the preschool children and families of the Falklands.

If you would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very best regards,

Rosie Bright (Chair - Jellytots Playgoup Committee)

Falkland Islands Motorcycle Association

Submission for funding assistance for the next financial year

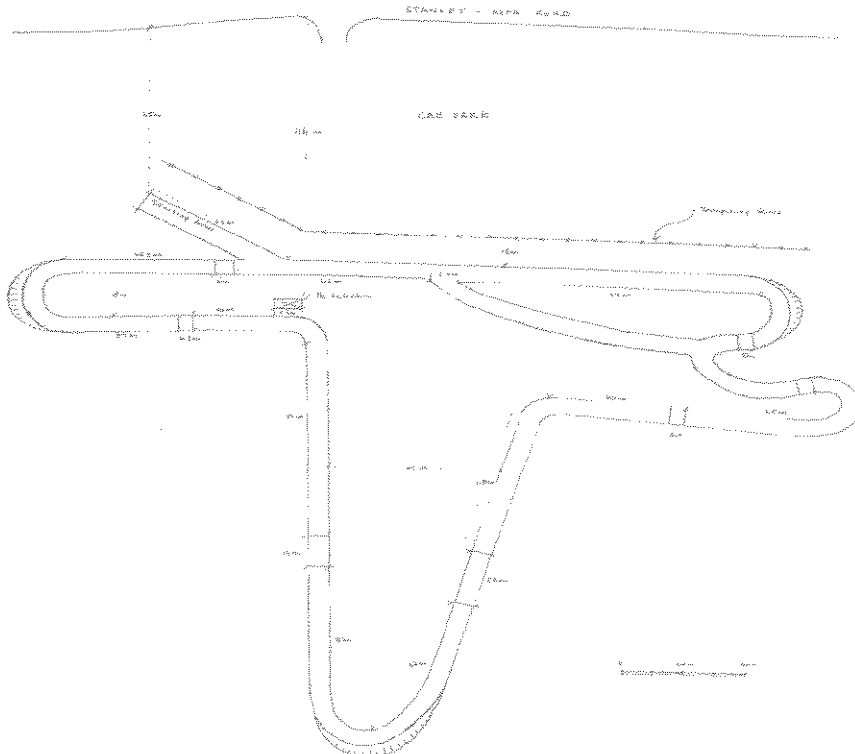
Falkland Islands Motorcycle Association (FIMA)

For many years there was an active Motorcycle Association in the Falklands. There were approximately 6 race meetings held annually, and the Ponds track, located on the right hand side just after the frying pan on the way to MPA, has been designed and built specifically to meet the motocross demands of the motorcycle association.

The track is on a site of over 400 acres which is leased by the FIC from FLH.

It is interesting to note that the riders are unanimous in their support for this track as to use other areas specifically for motocross (many of which are closer to Stanley) would, in their opinion, be pointless as the ground is mainly peat which cannot cope with the rigorous demands of racing motorcycles – it would result in deep trenches being dug out by the rear wheels in a matter of hours, rendering the ground useless for further riding. The Ponds track though is of clay base and therefore suitable. It has also been proved fit for purpose by the association over many years of successful use.

The track has been carefully thought through and laid out, and planning permission was sought and approved. For ease of reference, I enclose below a copy (not to scale) of the track.



FIMA however, is not just about motocross events, although the first two have proved to be extremely popular, but is also about time trials (skilled handling) , enduro racing (endurance over a longer distance) and the more sedate (for older riders !) traditional ramble across the mountains on a weekend.

FIMA was formed in the early 1990's and has had many successes. Possibly the first event in 1990 was an Enduro race which started at Moody Brook went over Smoko Mountain and ended back at Moody Brook. The track was set out by Chris Hawksworth, Jimmy Moffatt, Garry Clement and Paul Bonner and the winner was Neil Rowlands. Since that first race there were many local events held and Falkland Island riders with local sponsorship were sent to many events abroad and acquitted themselves well, promoting the name of the Falklands and demonstrating international levels of skill.

Unfortunately we do not have complete records of all of the competitors and places won, but below are two years of results that we have managed to collect which show why it is that the name of the Falkland Islands is still well known at the Welsh 2 day Enduro event.

1994

Dereck Jaffray -	Clubman 250 - 13th (out of 52)
Andrew Alazia -	Clubman 4stroke - 9th (out of 33)
Arthur Turner -	Clubman 4stroke - 19th (out of 33)

1998

Jan Clarke -	Clubman 125 - 5th (out of 24)
Jonny Summers -	Clubman 250 - 2nd (out of 69)
Shane Blackley -	Clubman 250 - 7th (out of 69)
Andrew Alazia -	Clubman Open - 1st (out of 53)

However, FIMA was eventually closed down due to the high cost of insurance. Public Liability insurance to the minimum level of £1m cover costs £2,500 per annum. Fund raising for that amount of money is possible, but difficult and it would leave no spare effort for fund raising for other things such as sending riders away to compete internationally or simply meeting any of the many everyday running costs of the club.

The youth of Stanley often raises the lack of facilities for them to use in the Falklands. This facility is already in existence and could be used. Young people, especially of late, have been involved in car accidents, some of them fatal. They need somewhere to let off steam and to compete, but off the roads so that they are not a danger to themselves and others. FIMA places a great deal of emphasis on safety and responsible driving. Bikes have safety checks and FIMA will be promoting and laying heavy emphasis on rider technique and rider safety as well as sportsmanship. We hope that FIMA will continue to provide a focus for community spirit linking people of all ages and backgrounds and serving a real need in our community.

Each year in the Falklands, there are between 60 and 80 road traffic accidents – that is over one accident per week. Not all of them are caused by youngsters. In 2007, 35 drivers under the age of 30 were involved in accidents and in 2008 the figure so far (to July) is 12. Between 2005 and 2008 each year brings a total number of between 25 to 35 accidents with minor damage and 5 to 10 accidents with extensive damage. Sadly, most years we will have a fatal accident – there have been 4 such accidents since 2005. These statistics do not tell the full story of course. Everyone involved in an accident whether a minor incident or a major incident knows the shock and fear it brings not just to themselves, but to all of those around them. We hope that the reformation of FIMA will at least go part of the way to teaching responsible and safe driving whilst allowing youngsters to give full rein to their competitive driving spirit. These statistics have been provided by the Chief Police Office who has wholeheartedly endorsed this proposal.

The Chief Police Officer confirms that in recent months the police have been called upon to deal with several complaints regarding young motorcyclists on their machines within the environs of Stanley and Stanley Common, including instances when youngsters have ridden on the road without proper documentation and where damage has been caused to land including the rugby pitch. Whilst not stating categorically that these incidents will cease if a race track was provided, it has been his experience in the UK that where a properly managed facility is available, then those youngsters and motorcyclists that attend become more responsible, learn road skills, become more aware of traffic hazards, gain better understand the handling characteristics of their motorcycle, maintain their motorcycle better and learn mechanics skills which when taken together tend to enhance road safety and reduce offending.

We have a membership of 40 and over 90% of them are youngsters – under the age of 21. The adults forming the committee are Jay Moffat (Chair), Chris Hawksworth (Chief Marshall), Andrew Alazia (Deputy Chair), Phil Barker, Don Kirk, Jimmy Moffat and myself, Dick Sawle, as Treasurer and Secretary. There are of course many others who have helped marshal and raise money and organise events. David Lang has assisted us with the writing of a constitution and everyone with any mechanical skills has been called upon to fine tune machines that vary from the latest engineering marvels to museum pieces. The club is officially formed, the bank account is in place and officers have been elected.

At present, the purpose of this letter is to request funding via the budget process to the level of £3,000 which will ensure that the club continues to be able to operate and obtain insurance cover for next year's season. At present, insurance cover would run out in February 2010.

If there is anything else that you require, please do let me know and I will gladly supply any further information.

Dick Sawle (Secretary and Treasurer FIMA)

Contact polar.falklands@btinternet.com Tel 22669

ANNEX C

SAMA (82) (FALKLAND ISLANDS) TRUST



Objects of the Trust

"The objects of the Trust are to raise funds specifically to assist in the payment of air travel between the UK and the Falkland Islands specifically for 1982 Falkland Conflict Veterans, and their Next of Kin, who have not visited the Islands since the Conflict to make a Pilgrimage to the Islands and, also to assist in any other expenses arising from the Pilgrimage including Internal Travel and Accommodation on the Islands (The Objects)".

6 GOSS ROAD
STANLEY
FALKLAND ISLANDS
31st MARCH 2009

MR PETE KING
GOVERNMENT SECRETARY
SECRETARIAT
STANLEY

Sir

I Am writing to you on behalf of the Chairman and trustees of SAMA FI TRUST 82 . At a meeting held by our committee Mr Lewis Clifton O.B.E. who is one of our trustees informed us that it was that time of year when we applied to Falkland Islands Government for the generous grant they make to SAMA FI and UK and this year we have broke down how the money will be spent .

- 1 We will be giving £2000.00 to assist with the fuel for Liberty Lodge.
- 2 We will also be giving £3000.00 to The Falkland Families Association to assist with the cost of bringing down Widows and Dependants down of Service Men who lost their lives during the Conflict in 1982.
- 3 And we will be using the remaining £10000.00 to bring down a small number of veterans down for a mini pilgrimage consisting of 8 Veterans who will return to the Islands for the first time since 1982, and 2 Dependants of Servicemen killed in 1982 as they do not qualify under the present indulgence system.

Hoping the information given will be useful to you when you give consideration to our Grant and if I can be of any further assistance then please don't hesitate to get in touch

Yours Faithfully


Treasurer & Trustee SAMA 82 Trust FI

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ANNEX D



Karen Rimicans
Instructor
Falkland Island Karate Club
Home address : 23 Hansen Hill
Stanley

Monday 16th February 2009

To Mr Pete King
Government Secretary
Secretariat,

Dear Pete,

I am writing to ask on behalf of the Karate Club if our club could be consider for some financial support. We aim to fund the return of Dave Wilkins, 6th Dan, Chief Instructor with his partner Lauren Frearson, 4th Dan to the islands for further training and a karate course in October 2009.

The Karate Club currently has in excess of 30 students who attend regularly. Our students span the age range from 5 years old to 50. As we are not a sport that is competed for in the Island Games we fall short of receiving any funding from the Sports Association.

In the past we have had the support from the Shackleton Fund, and Argos Awards. The students themselves and their families have also been involved in funding raising.

Dave's last visit to the islands in November 2008 involved several training sessions on Personal Safety and Karate at both I&JS and FICS. We wish to repeat this involvement with the schools and they are keen to see Dave return this year.

If there are any funds available to help us cover the cost of flights to the islands, I would very much appreciate if you could consider FIG supporting our club in our endeavours this year. We have enough funds already saved to cover the cost of one RAF flight, but are trying raise enough for the second flight. Any additional funding would be appreciated.

With regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Rimicans".

Karen Rimicans
1st Dan, Instructor

999-4170 - Donations/Subv.		Est.	Actual	Est	Proj	Proj	Proj	
		08/09	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	
1	Christ Church Cathedral	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	Reduced from £15k to £13k in 04/05 and £13k to £10k in 05/06
2	Tabernacle	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	Commenced 98/99 £7k Reduced by £1k in 04/05 and £1k in 05/06
3	FI Association	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	Inc. from £5k to £27k in 1994/95. Reduced to £23k in 04/05 and to £20k in 05/06
4	FI Brownies	500	500	500	500	500	500	Increased 25.4.02 Executive Council 115/02
5	FI Guides	500	500	500	500	500	500	Increased 25.4.02 Executive Council 115/02
6	FI Scouts	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	Increased 25.4.02 Executive Council 115/02
7	Sea Cadets	500	500	500	500	500	500	EXCO also agreed in 2002 to reduce land rent to token sum
8	The Shack	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	£3704 in 00/01. Annual subvention agreed 21.2.02. Increased 115/02
9	Duke of Edinburgh Award Sch.	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	
10	Lighthouse Seamen's Centre	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	
11	FI Overseas Games Association	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	Ex.Co agreed 21 Feb 02 sub of £7,500 pa for comeptitors fares only
12	SAMA (82)	10,000	10,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	£7k pa agreed June 03. £8k added from Armed Forces Charities in 04/05 Increased to £15k 04/05 by transfer of £8k from Armed Forces charities. £5k reduction volunteered in 2008/09
13	Golden Shears	0	0	0	1,000	0	0	Golden Shears contribution reduced to £1k fro £1.5k to balance budget
14	Cricket Team - Chile Tour	4,680	4,115	0	0	0	0	Approved by EXCO on 27 May 2008
15	Jelly Tots	0	400	500	500	500	500	£400 granted 08/09 to assist with increased costs - ongoing sub requested
16	Schools Out Club	0	1,500	0	0	0	0	Initial support funding
17	Daniel Johnson - Flight	0	1,372	0	0	0	0	To attend memorial service in Falklands
18	Karate Club	0	613	0	0	0	0	Earmarked to assist with flight costs for trainer in October 2009 If not paid in 2008/09 it could come out of 2009/10 contingency
19	FIMA	0	0	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	New subvention requested in 2009
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ESTIMATES PROVISION		70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	
Total commitments		66,680	70,000	69,000	70,000	69,000	69,000	
Under/overspend or Contingency		3,320	0	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	

Note: Cricket Club anticipate a young persons tour of Chile in Autumn 2011 but not provided for in this spreadsheet. They will make a separate bid nearer the time.

