

BUILDING A STRONGER MERKINCH

How would you improve Merkinch?

Do you have an idea that will benefit your local area?

Do you
need £200
to £2,500
to put your
idea into
action?



If your answer
is **YES** then
Build a
Stronger
Merkinch is the
opportunity for
you to make
your project
happen!

Deadline for applications is

Friday February 23rd 2018

If you need information or assistance with the application drop-in to see
Anne at the Work Club at Merkinch Partnership, Tel 01463 718 989;
OR Andy Jessiman Youth Development Officer, Tel 07500 784125 @ the Jannies
Hoose Merkinch;
OR Joanna @ the Clay studio



A Community Group Event

The **Inverness Central** local councillors have set aside £10,000 from the Ward Discretionary Budget, which has been matched by a further £10,000 from the Scottish Government to run a participatory budgeting event to let the local community decide for themselves which projects they want and need in their area.

What can you apply for?

We need your ideas for projects that will:

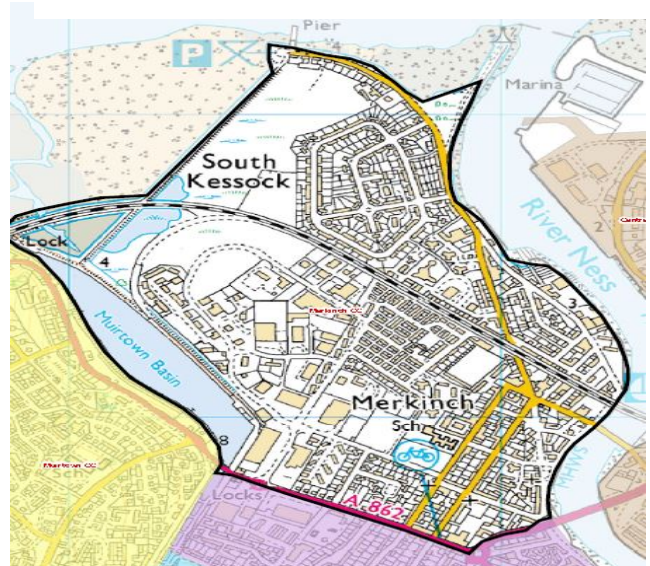
- Benefit as many people in the community as possible
- Help to make Merkinch a better place for everyone
- Add value to existing projects

Any project, large or small, is welcome to apply...the only limit is your imagination and your project or idea happening within 12 months.

Who can apply?

Any local community, voluntary or non-profit organisation can **apply for funding from £200 to £2,500** to put ideas into action. Only one application is permitted per section of an organisation.

All activities will have to happen in the Merkinch Community Council area and benefit local people.



How do you apply?

To apply for the funding, you must return this form before **5pm on Friday 23rd February 2018.**

The community will vote for the best ideas at an event on Saturday 24th March 2018, 10am – 1pm.

Event

The event will be held at the **Merkinch Community Centre**, doors open at 9.30am. At the event applicants will be required to present their ideas to the community.

Those in attendance will then vote on all the applications and winners will be announced on the day.

REGISTER YOUR IDEA: APPLY TODAY

Your full name:

Address where we can write to you. (Your own address or the address of the organisation you represent)

Your postcode:

Telephone number:

Email:

How much money are you requesting? (£200 - £2500)

If you represent an organisation what is its name?

What is the name of your project/idea?

Where in the Merkinch Community Council area will the project take place?

Briefly describe the project you would like funding for:

How will the project make the Merkinch Community Council area a better place for everyone?

How many people do you think will benefit from your project?

For example this could be the number who will attend a lunch club weekly.

What particular need will it address for the community?

How much money do you require and what will you spend it on?

Please give a breakdown of the costs of your project and when you expect to spend the money by. Please detail any other funding sources and if it has been confirmed.

Please return this form via email to: policy6@highland.gov.uk

**or post/hand it in to the Highland Council Service Point at the Town House,
Castle Street, Inverness**

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