

Aberfeldy Common Good Fund Committee

20 June 2018

Applications for Financial Assistance

Report by Depute Chief Executive (Report No. 18/201)

The report asks Aberfeldy Common Good Fund Committee to consider an application for financial assistance.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Perth and Kinross Council owns land and property which forms part of the common good of the former burghs in Perth & Kinross and has a statutory duty in terms of section 15 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 to administer this land and property “having regard to the interests of the inhabitants” of those former burghs. This duty also applies to the administration of the associated Common Good Funds.
- 1.2 The Common Good Funds have traditionally demonstrated their support to local residents and organisations by distributing grants. These grant awards allow individuals and local organisations to carry out a wide range of community based activities. For each application, the level of previous grant awarded is considered and listed below, but variances between years could be due to the numbers of participants. Retrospective applications are not accepted. However, if an application is received before the activities take place and cannot be considered at the following meeting because the papers have already been issued, the application will be considered at the following next meeting even if the activities have taken place between meetings. Therefore, the Committee decision will only be known after the activities have taken place, and if the grant is not awarded, the applicant will have to fund the activities from its own funds.
- 1.3 The 2018/19 Financial Assistance budget for Aberfeldy Common Good Fund was approved by this Committee at the meeting on 25 April 2018. The unaudited revenue account balance, the approved budget and the value of the application to be considered at this committee is summarised below:

The unaudited Revenue Account balance for the Aberfeldy Common Good Fund as at 1 April 2018	£122,482
Approved 2018/19 Financial Assistance Budget	£800
Value of application to be considered at Committee meeting on 27 June 2018	£10,000

2. PROPOSALS

Loch Tay Skiff Club

- 2.1 An application has been received from Loch Tay Skiff Club seeking a grant towards the costs of building and rowing a wooden open water skiff. The total costs amount to £8,733. This includes £3,378 for materials, £400 for the hire of a workshop in Aberfeldy, and £750 for insurance. The remaining £4,205 will cover costs associated with rowing the skiff, such as life jackets, a trailer, and a boat cover. The applicant is seeking £10,000, to allow for contingencies that might result in increased costs. The applicant has not previously benefited from the Fund. The grant will contribute to enabling local residents to learn about boat building and rowing.

Recommendation

- 2.2 In line with revised guidance, the Committee is asked to consider the request and no recommendation is made by Officers.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Committee is requested to consider the request/s in the report.

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1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Strategic Implications	Yes / None
Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement	Yes
Corporate Plan	Yes
Resource Implications	
Financial	Yes
Workforce	No
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	No
Assessments	
Equality Impact Assessment	Yes
Strategic Environmental Assessment	Yes
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	Yes
Legal and Governance	None
Risk	None
Consultation	
Internal	Yes
External	None
Communication	
Communications Plan	None

1. Strategic Implications

Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement

- 1.1 The proposals will contribute to the Community Plan's aim of safe, healthy and inclusive communities and the outcome of communities will have improved quality of life. The recommendations contained within this report are in accordance with the priorities of Aberfeldy Common Good Fund's criteria for financial assistance.

Corporate Plan

- 1.2 The proposals will contribute to the Corporate Plan's objectives of developing educated, responsible and informed citizens and the outcome of people are ready for life and work. The recommendations contained within this report are in accordance with the priorities of Aberfeldy Common Good Fund's criteria.

2. Resource Implications

Financial

- 2.1 The Head of Finance has been consulted and has indicated agreement with the proposals. The recommendation contained within this report will be funded from the 2018/19 Financial Assistance budget.

3. Assessments

Equality Impact Assessment

- 3.1 Under the equality Act 2010, the Council is required to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between equality groups. An equality impact assessment needs to be carried out for functions, policies, procedures or strategies in relation to race, gender and disability and other relevant protected characteristics. This supports the Council's legal requirement to comply with the duty to assess and consult on relevant new and existing policies.
- 3.2 The function, policy, procedure or strategy presented in this report was considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) with the following outcome: No further action is required as the items summarised in the committee report do not require further assessment as they do not have an impact on people's wellbeing or equality protected characteristics.

Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 3.3 Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is a legal requirement under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that applies to all qualifying plans, programmes and strategies, including policies (PPS). The matters presented in this report were considered under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 and no further action is required as it does not qualify as a PPS as defined by the Act and is therefore exempt.

Sustainability

- 3.4 Under the provisions of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 the Council has to discharge its duties in a way which contributes to the achievement of sustainable development. In terms of the Climate Change Act, the Council has a general duty to demonstrate its commitment to sustainability and the community, environmental and economic impacts of its actions. The proposals in this report will encourage social equity and opportunities for cultural, leisure, community, sport and other activities.

4. Consultation

Internal

- 4.1 The Head of Democratic Services, the Head of Finance and the Head of Legal and Governance have been consulted.

2. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 2.1 1 application for financial assistance.

3. APPENDICES

- 3.1 None.