

PERTH COMMON GOOD FUND COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting of the Perth Common Good Fund Committee held in the Gannochy Suite, First Floor, Dewar's Centre, Glover Street, Perth on Wednesday 22 June 2016 at 10.30am.

Present: Councillors B Band, P Barrett, D Doogan, J Flynn, C Gillies, A Grant, E Maclachlan, A MacLellan, A Parrott, A Stewart, H Stewart and W Wilson.

In Attendance: Councillor K Howie; D Littlejohn, Head of Planning and Economic Development, D Davidson, S Merone and A Strang (all The Environment Service); D Coyne, C Flynn, H Rheinallt, N West and D Williams (all Corporate and Democratic Services).

Apologies: Councillors I Miller and A Munro.

Councillor C Gillies, Acting Convener, Presiding.

475. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Councillor C Gillies welcomed all present to the meeting and apologies were noted as above.

476. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- (i) Councillor P Barrett declared a non-financial interest in Art. 479(8).
Councillor A Parrott declared a non-financial interest in Art. 479(12).

477. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of the Perth Common Good Fund Committee of 18 May 2016 (Arts. 339-344) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

478. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

479. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (16/287), asking the Committee to consider fifteen applications for financial assistance.

Resolved:

(1) Perth Grammar School

Perth Grammar School be awarded a grant of £300 for each pupil (£600 in total) towards the cost of the Iowa Exchange Programme in October 2016.

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- (2) **Japan Karate Shotorenmei (JSK) Perth Club**
Japan Karate Shotorenmei (JSK) Perth Club be awarded a grant of £1,645 towards the cost of purchase of equipment (mats, karate suits and belts).
- (3) **MacMillan Cancer Support – Perth Committee**
MacMillan Cancer Support – Perth Committee be awarded a grant of £114 towards the cost of an event on 5-7 May 2016.
- (4) **Young Person – Northern Ballet School**
Young person be awarded a grant of £150 towards the cost of attending Northern Ballet School.
- (5) **Fair City Baton Twirlers**
Fair City Baton Twirlers be awarded a grant of £500 towards the cost of attending Dardas Diamond Summer School for 5 participants (7-11 years old) in Glenrothes in July 2016.
- (6) **Revive Youth Project**
Revive Youth Project be awarded a grant of £600 towards the cost of the trip to Alton Towers for young people in June 2016.
- (7) **Young Person – Under 16 Golf Scotland Team**
Young Person be awarded a grant of £150 towards the cost of attending under 16 Golf Scotland Team.

COUNCILLOR BARRETT LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT

(8) **St Matthew's Church**

Motion (Councillors W Wilson and A Parrott) – St Matthew's Church be awarded a grant of £6,500 towards the costs of constructing a disabled access ramp to the front of the building as part of an external work programme.

Amendment (Councillors B Band and J Flynn) – St Matthew's Church be refused a grant towards the costs of constructing a disabled access ramp to the front of the building as part of an external work programme.

In accordance with Standing Order 44, a roll call vote was taken.

7 members voted for the Amendment as follows:

Councillors B Band, D Doogan, J Flynn, C Gillies, E Maclachlan, A MacLellan and A Grant.

4 members voted for the Motion as follows:

Councillors A Parrott, A Stewart, H Stewart and W Wilson.

Resolved:

In accordance with the Amendment.

COUNCILLOR BARRETT RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT THIS POINT

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(9) Perth and Kinross Association of Voluntary Services

Perth and Kinross Association of Voluntary Services be awarded a grant of £170 towards the cost of the Big Spring Event in May 2016.

(10) Scottish Fire and Rescue – Safe Drive Stay Alive

Scottish Fire and Rescue be awarded a grant of £1,680 towards the hire costs for the 'Safe Drive, Stay Alive' event in November 2016.

(11) St John's Kirk – Carillon Recitals

- (i) St John's Kirk be awarded a grant of £1,000 towards the costs of 7 carillon recitals in 2016.
- (ii) The Director (Environment) be requested to submit a report to the Committee in October 2016 on additional recitals and training for playing the carillon.

(12) Royal Scottish Geographical Society

Royal Scottish Geographical Society be awarded a grant of £2,322 towards the costs of draught-proofing and double glazing the Fair Maid's House.

(13) Perthshire Chamber of Commerce

Motion (Councillors A Stewart and H Stewart) – Perthshire Chamber of Commerce be awarded a grant of £4,000 towards the costs of the 'Perthshire On A Plate' event in August 2016.

First Amendment (Councillors P Barrett and A MacLellan) - Perthshire Chamber of Commerce be awarded a grant of £6,150 towards the costs of 'Perthshire On A Plate' event in August 2016.

Second Amendment (Councillors B Band and C Gillies) – Perthshire Chamber of Commerce be awarded a grant of £6,150 or less, with the grant reduced in proportion with the amount of extra income received.

In accordance with Standing Order 44, a roll call vote was taken.

4 members voted for the First Amendment as follows:
Councillor P Barrett, D Doogan, A MacLellan and W Wilson.

7 members voted for the Second Amendment as follows:
Councillors B Band, J Flynn, C Gillies, E MacLachlan, A Parrott, A Stewart and H Stewart.

1 member abstained as follows:
Councillor A Grant.

The Second Amendment became the substantive Amendment, and was set against the Motion.

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7 members voted for the Amendment as follows:

Councillors B Band, P Barrett, C Gillies, E Maclachlan, A MacLellan, A Parrott and W Wilson.

5 members voted for the Motion as follows:

Councillors D Doogan, J Flynn, A Stewart, H Stewart and A Grant.

Resolved:

In accordance with the Amendment.

(14) Perth Grammar School

Perth Grammar School be awarded a grant of £1,040 towards the costs of hiring the Concert Hall for the School Award Ceremony 2016 and a grant of £1,323 towards the costs of prizes and trophies for the event.

(15) Methven Community Council

Methven Community Council be awarded a grant of £750 towards the costs of Medal Awards and Certificates to be distributed to Perth City residents reaching 90 years old or over to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday on 10 June 2016.

480. 2016/17 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

There was submitted a joint report by the Head of Finance and Director (Environment) (16/288), (1) providing the Committee with an update on 2015/16 income and expenditure; (2) detailing the income and expenditure to 31 May 2016; and (3) detailing the projected outturn to 31 March 2017 for the Perth Common Good Fund.

Resolved:

- (1) The unaudited Perth Common Good Fund income and expenditure outturn for the year ended 31 March 2016, the income and expenditure to 31 May 2016 and the projected outturn to 31 March 2017, be noted.
- (2) The proposals for the rollover of the fixed term deposits maturing at the end of August 2016, as detailed in Section 2 of Report 16/288, be noted.

IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM IN ORDER TO AVOID THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION WHICH IS EXEMPT IN TERMS OF SCHEDULE 7A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1973

481. TAY RAILWAY VIADUCT STEPS – REPLACEMENT

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (16/289), (1) summarising the current dilapidated condition of the steps access from the Tay Railway Viaduct pedestrian walkway to Moncreiffe Island; (2) advising the Committee of options to replace the steps; and (3) recommending that the Committee instruct officers to prepare and issue tenders for a Design and Build Contract for "Option A" and to continue to investigate alternative funding for review by the Committee at a future meeting prior to award of the contract.

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Resolved:

- (1) It be approved that Option A, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 16/289, be developed to tender issue stage as a “design and build” contract at an approximate cost of £4,000 to the Perth Common Good Fund.
- (2) The Director (Environment) be instructed to report back to the Perth Common Good Fund Committee in December 2016 with a tender price for the above contract, together with confirmation of other funding availability, before proceeding further to award of the works.
- (3) It be agreed that a further £46,000 be provided within the 2016/17 financial year to progress the design and Network Rail agreements.

482. HARBOUR END STORE SITE, FRIARTON ROAD, PERTH – PROPOSED WORKS TO CREATE OPEN STORAGE

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (16/290), seeking Committee approval either (i) to use Harbour End Store for open laydown storage space for Harbour related use under the direct management of the Harbour Master meaning that the site is designated as a Council operational property with risks and rewards of ownership accrued to the General Fund, or (ii) that alternative options for the site are explored with risks and rewards of ownership accrued to the Common Good Fund and reported to a future meeting of this Committee.

Resolved:

- (i) It be agreed that the Harbour End Store be used solely for harbour related activities under the direct management of the Harbour Master and designated as a Council operational site.
- (ii) The General Fund bear the risks and rewards of ownership of the Harbour End Store, and therefore the costs of feasibility studies and remediation works, and any income generated from the use of the site will accrue to the General Fund.
- (iii) It be noted that the designation of the site as a Council operational property will support the successful delivery of the Perth Harbour Business Plan approved by the Council on 18 May 2016 (Art. 16/379 refers).

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