PERTH COMMON GOOD FUND COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting of the Perth Common Good Fund Committee held in the Gannochy Suite, First Floor, Dewars Centre, Glover Street, Perth on Wednesday 1 July 2015 at 10.30am.

Present: Councillors A Munro, B Band, P Barrett, C Gillies, A Grant, E Maclachlan, A MacLellan, I Miller, A Parrott, A Stewart, H Stewart and W Wilson.

In Attendance: Councillors K Howie and M Williamson; B Renton, Depute Director (Environment); S Crawford, D Howie, E Kerr, and F McGowan (all the Environment Service); C Flynn, H Rheinallt, J Symon, N West and L Whitford (all Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors D Doogan and J Flynn.

Councillor A Munro, Convener, Presiding.

441. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

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

442. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Munro and Wilson declared a non-financial interest in Art. 445(11): Moncrieffe Tea Dancers and Art. 445(12): South Perth Community Partnership, as members of the South Perth Community Partnership, all in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

443. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of the Perth Common Good Fund Committee of 13 May 2015 (Arts. 276 to 284) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

444. MATTERS ARISING

(i) South Inch Pavilion Franchise Agreement (Art 280(ii) refers)

Following an enquiry from Councillor Wilson, members were advised that following the tendering process, discussions were being held with the preferred bidder to discuss catering provision, particularly in terms of electrical works. During the course of carrying out the first part of the electrical works, asbestos had been discovered. Officers were working with the bidder to come up with a solution, in order that refreshments may be provided for this summer, possibly in the form of mobile catering.

(ii) St John's Kirk of Perth (Carillon) (Art 280(i) refers)

Following an enquiry from Councillor Wilson, members were advised that B Renton and C Flynn had met with representatives from St John's kirk session. Further meetings would take place to attempt to find a resolution to the issues.

445. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (15/281) on applications received for financial assistance.

Resolved:

(1) Dalreoch Friendship Club

Dalreoch Friendship Club be awarded a grant of £105 towards the cost of their summer outing to Pitlochry on 10 July 2015.

(2) Perth Youth Orchestra

Perth Youth Orchestra be awarded a grant of £1000 towards the costs of their triennial tour in Prague.

(3) Perth High School Pupil (Project Trust RA)

Perth High School pupil (in 6th year) (Project Trust RA) to be awarded a grant of £400 towards the cost of undertaking spending a year volunteering (teaching English and skills to children) in Guyana with Project Trust.

(4) Our Ladies Afternoon Club

Our Ladies Afternoon Club be awarded a grant of £105 towards the cost of their summer outing to Perth Theatre and Royal George Hotel on 15 July 2015.

(5) Scottish Youth International Fly Fishing (student resident in Perth)

A junior member of the Scottish Youth Team be awarded a grant of £100 towards the costs of participation in the International Fly Fishing Competition in Lake of Menteith, Stirlingshire on 5 August 2014.

(6) Perth Highland Games

Perth Highland Games Committee be awarded a grant of £6,726 towards this year's annual event.

(7) Perth Academy

Perth Academy be awarded a grant of £1,200 towards the costs of sending four (S1) pupils on a trip to South Africa in June 2016.

(8) Letham Old People's Club

Letham Old People's Club be awarded a grant of £353.50 towards the cost of their autumn outing to Falkirk on 22 September 2015.

(9) Headway Perth and Kinross

Headway Perth and Kinross be awarded a grant of £343 towards the cost of their summer outing to the Falkirk Wheel and Kelpies on 5 August 2015.

(10) Perth and Kinross Association of Voluntary Services

Perth and Kinross Association of Voluntary Services be awarded a grant of £1,000 towards the cost of holding an event for unpaid carers as part of their Carers Week.

(11) Moncrieffe Tea Dancers

Moncrieffe Tea Dancers be awarded a grant of £645 towards the cost of holding 12 Tea Dances (1 per month) during the period July 2015 to June 2016.

(12) South Perth Community Partnership

South Perth Community Partnership be awarded a grant of £700 towards the cost of the holding of their annual Community Fun Day event at Glenearn Community Campus on Saturday 5 September.

(13) Perth Grammar School

Perth Grammar School be awarded a grant of £1,016 for the cost of hiring the Concert Hall for the Annual School Prize Giving and Concert on 29 June 2015, and a grant of £1,150 for the cost of prizes.

(14) St John's R C Academy Perth

St John's R C Academy Perth be awarded a grant of £1,500 towards the cost of the Annual School Prize Giving in May.

(15) Us & the Housing

Us and the Housing be awarded a grant of £340 towards the costs of holding a Communication Conference.

(16) Perth and Strathearn 200 Round Table

Perth and Strathearn Round Table be awarded a grant of £15,300 towards the cost of Perth Fireworks and Bonfire Display on 5 November 2015.

(17) St John's Kirk of Perth (Carillon)

- (i) St John's Kirk be awarded a grant of £700 towards the cost of the Carillon recitals for the 5 planned civic events in 2015.
- (ii) A decision on funding for a further five events be deferred.

446. 2015/16 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

There was submitted a joint report by the Head of Finance and the Executive Director (Environment) (15/282), (1) providing an update on 2014/15 Income and Expenditure; (2) detailing the Income and Expenditure to 31 May 2015; and (3) the projected outturn to 31 March 2016.

Resolved:

- (i) The unaudited Perth Common Good Fund Income and Expenditure outturn for the year ended 31 March 2015, the Income and Expenditure to 31 May 2015 and the projected outturn to 31 March 2016, be noted.
- (ii) The potential financial implications arising from confirmation that Perth City Hall forms part of the common good, be noted.

IT WAS RECOMMENDED 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

447. HARBOUR END STORE, FRIARTON ROAD, PERTH: PROPOSED DEMOLITION

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (15/283) updating the Committee on the demolition of the Harbour End Store, following the liquidation of the company which was previously the preferred tenderer; and outlining the additional expenditure required for the demolition works to be met by Perth Common Good Fund.

Resolved:

- (i) In accordance with the decision of the Head of Legal Services in consultation with the Convener, the second placed tenderer as detailed in Report 15/283 be appointed to demolish the Harbour End Store.
- (ii) Funding for the demolition works be met from the Perth Common Good Fund.

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