

PERTH COMMON GOOD FUND COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting of the Perth Common Good Fund Committee held in the Council Chambers, Ground Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 22 February 2017 at 9.30am.

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

In Attendance: T Flanagan and S Merone (both The Environment Service); D Coyne, C Flynn, L Potter, and D Williams (all Corporate and Democratic Service).

Apologies: Councillors A Munro, E Maclachlan, A MacLellan and A Stewart.

Councillor C Gillies, Acting Convener, Presiding.

. **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

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

. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

. **MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minute of meeting of the Perth Common Good Fund Committee of 14 December 2016 (Arts. 839-846) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

. **MATTERS ARISING**

Councillor D Doogan asked for an update on the progress of the Railway Viaduct Steps at Moncreiffe Island. Councillor C Gillies advised that this would be provided as part of the 2017/18 Budget & 2016/17 Financial Statement (Art.)

. **APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (17/76), asking the Committee to consider five applications for financial assistance.

Resolved:

(1) St John's Kirk of Perth

St John's Kirk of Perth be awarded a grant of £2,760 towards the costs of 16 carillon recitals between January and December 2017.

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(2) Our Lady's Primary School Parent Council

Our Lady's Primary School Parent Council be awarded a grant of £700 towards the costs of attending the pantomime at Perth Concert Hall.

(3) Perth Academy

Perth Academy be awarded a grant of £300 each for 2 pupils facing financial hardship towards the costs of a trip to Valencia in October 2017.

(4) Young Person

Young person be awarded a grant £400 towards the costs of volunteering with the Project Trust in Honduras for one year.

(5) Be Yourself

Be Yourself be awarded a grant of £420 towards the costs of organising the Perth and Kinross Women's Festival in March 2017.

REVIEW OF FINACIAL ASSISTANCE CRITERIA

There was submitted a joint report by Director (Environment) and Head of Finance (17/77) asking the Committee to (1) consider proposals for determining the annual budget available for the funding of discretionary financial assistance awards and (2) seeking approval for the revised Financial Assistance criteria.

Resolved:

- (i) Proposals for the allocation of annual income during the setting of the budget for the Perth Common Good Fund as set out in Appendix I to report (17/77), be approved.
- (ii) The revised financial assistance criteria as detailed in Appendix II to report (17/77), be approved.

2017/18 BUDGET & 2016/17 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

There was submitted a Joint Report by Head of Finance and Director (Environment) (17/78(1)) seeking approval of the budget for Financial Year 2017/18 and the proposals for managing and earmarking the Revenue Account Balance of the Fund; and (2) detailing the Income and Expenditure to 31 January 2017 and the projected outturn for Financial Year 2016/17.

Resolved:

- (i) The Perth Common Good Fund budget for financial year 2017/18 as set out in Appendix 1 to report (17/78), be approved.
- (ii) The Perth Common Good Fund draft budget for financial years 2018/19 and 2019/20 as set out in Appendix 1 to report (17/78), be noted.
- (iii) The proposals for maintaining and earmarking the Revenue Account balance, as noted in sections 2.7.1 to 2.7.3 of report (17/78), be approved.
- (iv) The Perth Common Good Fund Income and Expenditure to 31 January 2017 and the projected outturn to 31 March 2017, as set out in Appendix 3 to report (17/78), be noted.

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- (v) The Director (Environment) be instructed to complete the asset management plan for the property portfolio of the Perth Common Good Fund and provide an update to Committee on the works required and the indicative costs and phasings prior to 31 March 2018.

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