

ABERFELDY COMMON GOOD FUND COMMITTEE

18 December 2019

Applications for Financial Assistance

Report by Depute Chief Executive, Chief Operating Officer (Report No. 19/352)

The report asks Aberfeldy Common Good Fund Committee to consider two applications for financial assistance from Tay Valley Time Bank and Aberfeldy Scouts.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. Perth & Kinross Council owns land and property which forms part of the Common Good of the former burghs in Perth and 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. Local residents and organisations can apply to Common Good Funds for support to develop projects in the Common Good area. These grants allow individuals and local organisations to carry out a wide range of community based activities. Retrospective applications are not accepted. However, if an application is received before the project takes place and cannot be considered at the following meeting because papers have already been issued, the application will be considered at the next meeting even if the activities have taken place. 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 estimated income for financial year 2019/20 and Value of the Application to be considered at this meeting are summarised below:

Estimated income for Financial Year 2019/20	£1,100
Value of applications to be considered at Committee meeting on 18 December 2019	£3,000

2. PROPOSALS

Tay Valley Time Bank – Upper Tay Transport

- 2.1 An application from Upper Tay Transport has been received seeking £2,000 for their project. The project is about developing a volunteer car driver scheme called ‘Community Lifts’. The project will recruit volunteer drivers to give lifts to members of the community to support vulnerable and isolated people in the Aberfeldy area. Passengers will pay for their journey to help cover volunteer expenses. The group have done extensive consultation to identify the

transport needs in their area. 70% of beneficiaries are from the town of Aberfeldy with the rest from the wider upper Tay area. The total cost of the project is £20,688 with £15,000 being set aside for a salary for a coordinator. The rest of the costs involve logistical costs such as insurance, training, advertising and PBS checks. The group have secured £18,549 of funding so far.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to consider the request in the report and determine the level of any grant to be awarded.

Aberfeldy Scouts

- 2.2 Aberfeldy Scouts have submitted an application seeking £1,000 to renovate their Scout Group Hut. The group acquired the 80 year old hut from the Scout and Guide Association in 2018. The hut is used by 80 children and young people as a base for activities. The total cost of all the repairs is £15,050 which includes: kitchen refurb, electrical work, boiler repairs, wall replacement, treating woodworm and damp/ dry rot and roof repairs. The group have allocated £2,000 for the repairs and have secured £8,000 from a funder. The work is required to ensure the building is up to standard to carry out scouting activities.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to consider the request in the report and determine the level of any grant to be awarded.

3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1. The Committee is asked to consider the two funding requests 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 ImplicationsCommunity Plan / LOIP

- 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 ImplicationsFinancial

- 2.1. The Head of Finance has been consulted and has indicated agreement with the proposals. The funding requested, if approved by Committee, will be contained within the available income for Financial year 2019/20, and if required, met from the Revenue Balance of the Fund.

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 Legal and Governance and the Head of Finance have been consulted.

2. BACKGROUND PAPERS

One application for financial assistance

3. APPENDICES

None