

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL
PERTH COMMON GOOD FUND
5 OCTOBER 2016

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 5 October 2016 at 11.00am.

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

In Attendance: Councillors K Howie, M Williamson, I Campbell (from Art. 674(13)), A Gaunt (from Art. 674(16)) and T Gray (from Art. 674(19)); S Merone, N Brian, A Block and J Salisbury (all The Environment Service); D Coyne, C Flynn, D Williams and S Richards (all Corporate and Democratic Services).

Apologies: Councillors A Munro, I Miller, A Stewart and H Stewart.

Councillor C Gillies, Acting Convener, Presiding.

Prior to the commencement of business the Acting Convener asked the committee to consider the establishment of a Short life Working Group to review the financial assistance criteria for the Perth Common Good Fund.

Resolved

A short life working group be established to review the financial assistance criteria for the Perth Common Good Fund Committee, subject to the agreement of a remit and membership.

670. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

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

671. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor B Band and Councillor W Wilson both declared a non-financial interest in Art. 674(13).

672. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of the Perth Common Good Fund Committee of 22 June 2016 (Arts. 475-482) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

673. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

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674. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (16/430), asking the Committee to consider twenty one applications for financial assistance.

Resolved:

- (1) Perth and District Badminton Association**
Perth and District Badminton Association be awarded a grant of £3,000 towards the cost of staging the 2017 Scottish Badminton Championships.
- (2) Perth YMCA (Perth Alive 2016)**
Perth YMCA be awarded a grant of £2,000 towards the cost of staging Perth Alive 2016.
- (3) Headway Perth and Kinross**
Headway Perth and Kinross be awarded a grant of £343 towards the cost of their summer outing to the Fife Coast.
- (4) Perth and Strathearn 200 Round Table**
Perth and Strathearn Round Table be awarded a grant of £15,450 towards the cost of Perth Fireworks and Bonfire Display on 5 November 2016, with the proviso that the Public Address system requirements be reviewed.
- (5) St Johns RC Academy**
St Johns RC Academy be awarded a grant of £1,000 (£250 for each of the 4 pupils facing financial hardship) towards the costs of Hong Kong Exchange Programme in October 2016.
- (6) Perth Sub Aqua Club**
The Committee agreed to defer consideration of this application for further information.
- (7) Perth Chamber Music Society**
Perth Chamber Music Society be awarded a grant of £200 towards the costs for its 'Celebration Concert Season'.
- (8) Vale of Atholl Pipers Association (Pipe Band)**
Vale of Atholl Pipers Association be awarded a grant of £1,750 towards the purchase of chanter bags.
- (9) Perth Academy**
Perth Academy be awarded a grant of £185 for a pupil facing financial hardship towards the cost of the Lille Trip in December 2016.
- (10) Music in Hospitals**
Music in Hospitals be awarded a grant of £1,050 towards the cost of 10 concerts in care units in Perth City.

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(11) Tulloch Primary School Parent Council

Tulloch Primary School Parent Council be awarded a grant of £450 towards the cost of the school pantomime in October 2016.

(12) Jar of Jewels

Jar of Jewels be awarded a grant of £1,000 towards the cost of the 2 multicultural events between October 2016 and April 2017.

COUNCILLORS W WILSON AND B BAND LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT

(13) South Perth Community Partnership

South Perth Community Partnership be awarded a grant of £998 towards the purchase of Christmas lights.

COUNCILLORS W WILSON AND B BAND RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT THIS POINT

(14) Perth Polish Support Group

Perth Polish Support Group be awarded a grant of £400 towards the cost of the home baking and cultural event at Perth Museum and Art Gallery on 10 December 2016.

(15) Adventure Circus

Adventure Circus be awarded a grant of £1,059 towards the cost of the Four Season event at Perth College Theatre.

(16) Scottish Brass Band Association

Scottish Brass Band Association be awarded a grant of £3,500 towards the cost of the Scottish Festival of Brass 2016.

(17) The Friendly Group

The Friendly Group be awarded a grant of £210 towards the cost of the Christmas Party and bus trip.

(18) Bowerswell Social Tenants Group

Bowerswell Social Tenants Group be awarded a grant of £175 towards their Christmas Party.

(19) Perthshire Chinese Community Association

Perthshire Chinese Community Association be awarded a grant of £1,500 towards the cost of the Chinese New Year Celebrations on 30 January 2017.

The Committee agreed that the applications for financial assistance in Art.674 (20) and (21) would be considered together.

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(20) St Ninian's Cathedral (Scottish Episcopal Church)

St Ninian's Cathedral applied for a grant of £150,000 towards the cost of a major restoration project through its Perth Cathedral restoration appeal launched in March 2016.

(21) St John's Kirk of Perth Trust

St John's Kirk of Perth Trust applied for a grant of £40,000 towards the cost of emergency stonework repairs.

Motion (Councillors C Gillies and W Wilson) – Consideration on both applications for funding be deferred until the revised financial criteria for the Perth Common Good Fund has been established.

Amendment (Councillors B Band and A Parrott) – Both applications for funding be rejected, with both applicants having the option to reapply for funding once the revised financial criteria for the Perth Common Good Fund has been established.

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

2 members voted for the Motion as follows:
Councillors C Gillies and W Wilson.

8 members voted for the Amendment as follows:
Councillors B Band, P Barrett, D Doogan, J Flynn, E Maclachlan, A MacLellan, A Grant and A Parrott.

Resolved:

In accordance with the Amendment.

675. UPDATE ON CARILLON, ST JOHN'S KIRK

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (16/431), updating the Committee on the progress of work in relation to the carillon.

Resolved:

The update on the work of the carillon, be noted.

676. PERTH CHRISTMAS LIGHT FESTIVAL AND CITY CENTRE CHRISTMAS DRESSING

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (16/432) noting the activities for the Christmas Lights event on Saturday, 19 November 2016, which is part of the overall Perth Winter Festival programme. It seeks funding approval for development of the event as a weekend festival. The report also seeks additional funding for the replacement of existing Christmas lighting and enhancing the dressing of the city centre over the festive season.

Resolved:

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- (i) The current budget provision from 2016/17 in respect of the Christmas Lights Switch On programme for Saturday, 19 November 2016 and for Christmas Lights, be noted.
- (ii) The additional events and activities outlined in the report and whether additional funding can be provided to support once again an extension of the events to Sunday, 20 November 2016, be considered.
- (iii) Funding the enhanced city dressing and lighting proposals as outlined in this report, be considered.

677. 2016/17 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

There was submitted a Joint Report by Head of finance & Director (Environment) detailing the Income and Expenditure to 31 August 2016 and the projected outturn to 31 March 2017 for the Perth Common Good Fund.

Resolved:

- (i) The Perth Common Good Fund Income and Expenditure to 31 August 2016, the projected outturn to 31 March 2017, and the projected uncommitted Revenue account Balance at 31 March 2017, be noted.
- (ii) The proposals for the ear marking of certain expenditure commitments in the Reserves of the Perth Common Good Fund, be noted.
- (iii) The surplus Common Good Fund balances invested in the Council's Loans Fund, 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**

678. GROUND AND STORE, FRIARTON ROAD, PERTH EXTENSION OF LEASE

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (16/434) seeking approval to extend the lease of a site at Friarton Road, Perth leased to Perth Sub Aqua Club

Resolved:

The lease of the 0.019 hectare site located at Friarton Road, Perth be extended in accordance with the provisional agreement set out in Report 16/434 for 10 years to 15 May 2026 at a rent of £1,000 per annum from 16 May 2016, subject to review on 28 May 2021.

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