

# ABERFELDY COMMON GOOD FUND COMMITTEE

3 October 2018

## Applications for Financial Assistance

### Report by Depute Chief Executive (Report No. 18/302)

The report asks Aberfeldy Common Good Fund Committee to consider two applications for financial assistance from Perth and Kinross District Scout Council and Friends of Breadalbane.

#### 1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. Perth and Kinross Council owns land and property which forms part of the Common Good of the former burghs in Perth & 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 2018/19 Financial Assistance budget for Aberfeldy Common Good Fund was approved by Committee on 25 April 2018 ([Report 18/143](#) refers). The audited revenue account balance at 1 April 2018 is £122,482. The approved and remaining financial assistance budget is noted below:-

<b>Approved 2018/19 Financial Assistance Budget</b>	<b>£800</b>
Financial Assistance Approved to Date	£300
<b>Remaining Financial Assistance Budget</b>	<b>£500</b>

- 1.4. In the event that Committee approves funding in excess of the remaining budget, which is an option open to Committee, the Revenue Account balance of the Fund will reduce accordingly. The 2018/19 Financial Statement report to be considered at this meeting provides details of the estimated income and expenditure for the year, the Revenue Account balance at 1 April 2018, and the estimated Revenue Account balance at 31 March 2019 for the Fund.

## **2. PROPOSALS**

### **Perth and Kinross District Scout Council**

- 2.1 An application has been received from Perth and Kinross District Scout Council, seeking a grant towards the costs of three young individuals (who are residents of Aberfeldy) attending the World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia, USA. The total costs amount to £10,384.62. Other sources of funding are Parental Contributions (£3,685.38), Forteviot Trust (£923.08), Thomas Trust (£553.85), Jimmie Cairncross Charitable Trust (£276.92), Lethendy Charitable Trust (£276.92), Guildry Incorporation of Perth (£230.77) and Aberfeldy Rotary (£115.38). The applicant is applying for £600. The applicant has previously benefitted from the fund in 2017/18 (£375). The grant will allow the young people involved to enhance their leadership skills and feedback their experiences to local Scout Groups, thereby encouraging more young people to become involved.
- 2.2 The proposal meets the criteria of the provision of funding of community benefit for the people (including any individual or group of people) who live in the former burgh served by Aberfeldy Common Good Fund Committee.

### **Friends of Breadalbane**

- 2.3 An application has been received from Friends of Breadalbane, seeking a grant towards the costs of an Aberfeldy PLUS Youth Group for children with additional support needs. The total costs amount to £11,348. Other sources of funding are Live Active Leisure (£2,008 in kind through covering venue costs), Griffin Wind Farm (£2,000) and the group's fundraising activities (£1,600). The applicant is applying for £4,000. The applicant has not previously benefitted from the fund. The grant will allow children with additional support needs to access mainstream group activities in a safe and friendly environment.
- 2.4 The proposal meets the criteria of the provision of funding of community benefit for the people (including any individual or group of people) who live in the former burgh served by Aberfeldy Common Good Fund Committee.

## **3. RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 The Committee is asked to consider the requests in the report.

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**1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION**

<b>Strategic Implications</b>	<b>Yes / None</b>
Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement	<b>Yes</b>
Corporate Plan	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Resource Implications</b>	
Financial	<b>Yes</b>
Workforce	<b>No</b>
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	<b>No</b>
<b>Assessments</b>	
Equality Impact Assessment	<b>Yes</b>
Strategic Environmental Assessment	<b>Yes</b>
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	<b>Yes</b>
Legal and Governance	<b>None</b>
Risk	<b>None</b>
<b>Consultation</b>	
Internal	<b>Yes</b>
External	<b>None</b>
<b>Communication</b>	
Communications Plan	<b>None</b>

**1. Strategic Implications**Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement

- 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 Implications**Financial

- 2.1. The Head of Finance has been consulted and has indicated agreement with the proposals. Any funding approved by Committee will be contained within the 2018/19 Financial Assistance budget and, if applicable, will be funded from the revenue balance.

### **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**

Two applications for financial assistance.

### **3. APPENDICES**

None.