PERTH COMMON GOOD FUND COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Perth Common Good Fund Committee held in the Gannochy Suite, Dewar's Centre, Glover Street, Perth on Wednesday 25 February 2015 at 11:00am.

Present: Councillors J Coburn, B Band, P Barrett, D Doogan, C Gillies, A Grant, E Maclachlan, I Miller, A Munro, A Stewart, H Stewart and W Wilson.

In Attendance: Councillors I Campbell, B Ellis, K Howie, C Shiers and M Williamson; D Littlejohn, Head of Planning and Development; M Hill, F McGowan and E Kerr, (all The Environment Service); D Coyne, N West, S Hendry and P Frazer (all Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies: Councillors J Flynn and A MacLellan.

Councillor J Coburn, Convener, Presiding.

116. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

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

117. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Barrett declared a non-financial interest in Item 6(2.29) in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

118. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Perth Common Good Fund Committee of 17 December 2014 (Arts. 814-819) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

119. MATTERS ARISING

(i) St John's Kirk of Perth (Carillon) (Art 817(ii) refers)

Following an enquiry from Councillors Barrett and Wilson, members were advised that a report on the up-to-date position would be presented to the next meeting of the Perth Common Good Fund Committee on 29 April 2015

(ii) South Inch Pavilion Franchise Agreement (Art 817(iii) refers)

Following an enquiry from Councillor Wilson, members were advised that a report on the up-to-date position with options for consideration would be presented to the next meeting of the Perth Common Good Fund Committee on 29 April 2015.

120. HARBOUR END STORE, FRIARTON ROAD, PERTH – PROPOSED DEMOLITION

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (15/83): (1) seeking approval for the demolition of the Harbour End Store; (2) for the expenditure required for the demolition works to be met by Perth Common Good Fund; and (3) to delegate procurement of the required works to the Head of Property Services.

Motion (Councillors P Barrett and B Band) – Approve demolition of the Harbour End Store and approve that the funding for these works be met from the Perth Common Good Fund, with procurement of the required works delegated to Head of Property Services.

Amendment (Councillors H Stewart and C Gillies) – Defer consideration of Report 15/83 until the next meeting on 29 April 2015 for further information to be provided on the specific costs of demolition.

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

7 members voted for the Amendment as follows:

Councillors D Doogan, C Gillies, E Maclachlan, A Munro, A Stewart, H Stewart and W Wilson.

5 members voted for the Motion as follows:

Councillors B Band, P Barrett, J Coburn, I Miller and A Grant.

Amendment – 7 votes

Motion – 5 votes

Resolved:

In accordance with the Amendment.

121. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (15/84) on applications received for financial assistance.

Resolved:

(1) Vale of Atholl Pipers Association (Pipe Band)

Vale of Atholl Pipers Association be awarded a grant of 3,579 towards the costs of equipment.

(2) Perth Academy

Perth Academy be awarded a grant of £1,200 (£300 for each pupil) towards the costs of sending 4 pupils on a trip to Canada.

(3) Perth for Churches Together (PACT)

Perth for Churches Together (PACT) be awarded a grant of £908 towards the costs of their Christmas Nativity Event. The applicant will be advised that any future application must be submitted in time for consideration by the Perth Common Good Committee prior to the event taking place, otherwise it will be rejected automatically.

(4) Perth High School Pupil

Perth High School Pupil be awarded a grant of £400 towards the costs of their volunteer placement to Cambodia.

(5) Perth Doo'cot Cricket Club

Perth Doo'cot Cricket Club be awarded £1,547 towards the costs of purchasing equipment.

(6) JD Ferguson Arts Awards Trust

J D Fergusson Arts Awards Trust be awarded a grant of £2,000 towards the costs of the Annual Awards.

(7) Wednesday Tea Dance

The Wednesday Tea Dance Group be awarded £280 towards the costs of their post-Christmas party. The applicant will be advised that any future application must be submitted in time for consideration by the Perth Common Good Committee prior to the event taking place, otherwise it will be rejected automatically.

(8) Perth Student

Perth Student be awarded a grant of £100 towards attending the National Youth Wind Orchestra of Great Britain courses.

(9) Perth Tennis Club

Subject to the project being fully funded an award of £14,324.50 be made to Perth Tennis Club towards the cost of major renovation works.

(10) Be Yourself

Be Yourself be awarded a grant of £300 towards the cost of their International Women's Day Event.

(11) Perth Academy

Perth Academy be awarded a grant of £300 to allow a pupil to participate in the trip to France in May 2015.

(12) Perth Grammar School

Perth Grammar School be awarded a grant of £1,500 (£300 for each pupil) towards the costs of sending 5 pupils on a trip to Barcelona.

(13) JKS Perth

J K S Perth "Autism Karate Group" be awarded £1,129 towards the cost of purchasing specialist equipment.

(14) Perth Academy

Perth Academy be awarded a grant of £600 (£300 for each pupil) towards the costs of sending 2 S2 pupils to France.

COUNCILLOR BARRETT HAVING DECLARED A NON-FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION WITHDREW FROM THE GANNOCHY SUITE.

(15) St Mathews Church of Scotland

Motion (Councillors J Coburn and C Gillies) – Grant £50,000 in financial year 2015/16 and up to £50,000 in financial year 2016/17 towards the cost of the proposed Sanctuary Redevelopment Project at St Matthew's Church of Scotland.

Amendment (Councillors W Wilson and A Stewart) – Grant £50,000 in financial year 2015/16 and a further £50,000 in financial year 2016/17 towards the cost of the proposed Sanctuary Redevelopment Project at St Matthew's Church of Scotland

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

6 members voted for the Amendment as follows:

Councillors B Band, D Doogan, I Miller, A Stewart, H Stewart and W Wilson.

5 members voted for the Motion as follows:

Councillors J Coburn, C Gillies, E Maclachlan, A Munro and A Grant.

Amendment – 6 votes

Motion – 5 votes

Resolved:

In accordance with the Amendment.

COUNCILLOR BARRETT RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

122. 2014/15 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

There was submitted and noted a joint report by the Head of Finance and Executive Director (Environment) (15/85 Revised) detailing the Income and Expenditure to 31 January 2015 and the projected outturn to 31 March 2015 for the Perth Common Good Fund.

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