

AUCHTERARDER COMMON GOOD FUND COMMITTEE

3 October 2018

Applications for Financial Assistance

Report by Depute Chief Executive (Report No. 18/309)

The report asks Auchterarder Common Good Fund Committee to consider two applications for financial assistance from Auchterarder Community Sports Association and the Auchterarder and Blackford Brownies.

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 Auchterarder Common Good Fund was approved by this Committee at the meeting on 25 April 2018. The approved budget and the value of requested Financial Assistance funding to be considered by Committee at this meeting is summarised below:

Approved 2017/18 Financial Assistance Budget	£10,000
Less value of applications previously approved	£2,265
Remaining 2018/19 Financial Assistance Budget	£7,735

- 1.4. The value of funding to be considered at this meeting is in excess of the remaining Financial Assistance budget. In the event that the Committee approves funding in excess of the remaining budget for the year, an option open to the Committee, the budgeted £9,500 surplus for the year will reduce accordingly. In addition, funding awards which total in excess of £19,500 for the year may result in a reduction in the overall Revenue Account balance of the Fund. The 2018/19 Financial Statement report to be considered at this meeting provides details of the approved budget, 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

Auchterarder Community Sports Association

- 2.1. An application has been received from Auchterarder Community Sports Association, seeking a grant towards the costs of Phase 3 of the Auchterarder Core Path Project. The total costs amount to £552,100. Other successful sources of funding are Sustrans (£276,050) and Evolution Bioscience Scotland (£50,000). Other pending sources of funding are Auchterarder Community Facilities Fund (£75,000), Suez Community Trust (£50,000), Land Trust (£50,000), Clackmannanshire and Stirling Environment Trust (£20,000) and Auchterarder Community Trust (£11,000). The applicant is applying for £20,000. The applicant has previously benefitted from the Fund, in 2016/17 (£50,000) and 2017/18 (£50,000).
- 2.2. The grant will deliver a 1,100 metre section of the Provost Walk that is fully Disability Discrimination Act compliant and suitable for walkers, cyclists, prams and people with impairments.

Auchterarder and Blackford Brownies

- 2.3. An application has been received from the Auchterarder and Blackford Brownies, seeking a grant towards the cost of a Trip to Paris 2019. The total costs amount to £8,188. Other pending sources of funding are Trefoil Guild (£2,724) and Strathearn and Strathallan Decides (£1,500). The applicant is applying for £1,000. The applicant has not previously benefitted from the Fund.
- 2.4. The grant will allow the Brownies to go on an international trip, thereby making them more likely to continue with girl-guiding.

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

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 / 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 Crieff 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 Crieff Common Good Fund's criteria.

2. Resource ImplicationsFinancial

- 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 2017/18 Financial Assistance budget and, if appropriate, will be funded from the Fund 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.