

PERTH COMMON GOOD FUND COMMITTEE

21 February 2022

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR ST JOHN'S KIRK CARILLON

**Report by Head of Culture and Communities Service
(Report No. 22/39)**

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report asks the Common Good Committee to approve annual funding to St John's Kirk, Perth for Carillon recitals.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The St John's Kirk Carillon consists of thirty-five finely tuned bells, together with a clavier, pedal board and associated electrical and pneumatic operating equipment. The carillon and its recitals provide a unique contribution to civic events in Perth city and is an attraction in its own right. The Kirk has historically worked with the Council's Civic Events Team to agree a programme of recitals based on key events in the city.

2. MAIN ISSUES

- 2.1 Over the past seven years the Kirk has submitted an annual application to the Perth Common Good Fund, seeking funds to cover the costs of delivering a programme of recitals across the year, as agreed with the Council's Civic Events Team. Each application to the Common Good Fund to support a programme of recitals has been approved.
- 2.2 The Perth Common Good Fund has previously agreed to offer an annual grant to some projects and initiatives in the city, which are repeated on an annual basis. The annual fireworks display is one relevant example. The programme for the event is agreed in advance and the grant paid thereafter. This gives comfort to the parties involved and means that an annual application form is not required. It also ringfences a small part of the Common Good Fund and gives clarity on the remaining funding levels.

3. PROPOSAL

- 3.1 It is proposed that the Perth Common Good Fund agree to provide an annual grant to St John's Kirk to cover the costs of a pre-agreed annual programme of carillon recitals. Each recital costs £140, plus approximately £100 for publicising the recitals. The following grants have been paid out over the past seven years:

- 2013/14 £2,940
- 2014/15 £2,940
- 2015/16 £1,400

- 2016/17 £2,467
- 2017/18 £2,380
- 2018/19 £1,400
- 2019/20 £1,500 was awarded and accrued - £700 claimed to date
- 2020/21 No application due to COVID

3.2 Based on the applications previously supported, it is recommended that an annual grant of £2,000 be agreed. This would cover the cost of 13 recitals per year, plus advertising of the programme.

3.3 The Council's Civic Events Team will continue to liaise with the Kirk to agree a programme of recitals for each calendar year, with that reported to Common Good Committee for information. The annual grant would be paid out following the agreement of the programme.

4. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

4.1 The carillon is a considerable local attraction, which adds to each civic event at which it is played. The Common Good Committee has approved applications from St John's Kirk to cover the costs of a programme of recitals each year for a number of years.

4.2 The Committee is asked to agree to award an annual grant to St John's Kirk for carillon recitals. An annual budget of £2,000 is in line with financial assistance awarded and paid during previous financial years.

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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	None
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	None
Assessments	
Equality Impact Assessment	Yes
Strategic Environmental Assessment	Yes
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	Yes
Legal and Governance	None
Risk	None
Consultation	
Internal	Yes
External	Yes
Communication	
Communications Plan	None

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 Perth 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 Perth Common Good Fund's criteria.

2. Resource Implications

Financial

- 2.1 Approved funding for future years will be contained within the Financial Assistance budget for the Perth Common Good Fund, although an application would need to be submitted if costs were to increase beyond the agreed grant figure.

Workforce

- 2.2 This section is not applicable to this report.

Asset Management (land, property, IT)

- 2.3 This section is not applicable to this report.

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. Carrying out Equality Impact Assessments for plans and policies allows the Council to demonstrate that it is meeting these duties.

(i) Assessed as **not relevant** for the purpose of EqIA

Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 3.2 The Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 places a duty on the Council to identify and assess the environmental consequences of its proposals.
- 3.3 The contents of this report have been considered under the Act 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 This section is not applicable to this report.

Legal and Governance

- 3.5 There are no legal and governance issues contained in this report.

Risk

- 3.6 This section is not applicable to this report.

4. Consultation

Internal

- 4.1 The Head of Finance, Head of Legal and Governance and the Head of Culture and Communities have been consulted on the contents of this report.

5. Communication

- 5.1 The Head of Legal and Governance and the Head of Culture and Communities have been consulted on the contents of this report.

2. BACKGROUND PAPERS

There are no background papers

3. APPENDICES

None