

## PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

## Perth Common Good Fund Committee

26 April 2017

## Applications for Financial Assistance

## Report by Director (Environment)

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The report asks Perth Common Good Fund Committee to consider 10 applications for financial assistance.

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**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 The Common Good Funds have traditionally demonstrated their support to local residents and organisations by distributing grant. These grant awards allow individuals and local organisations to carry out a wide range of community based activities. For each application, the level of previous grant awarded is listed, but variances between years could be due to the numbers of participants. Retrospective applications are not accepted. However, if an application is received before the activities take place and cannot be considered at the following meeting because the papers have already been issued, the application will be considered at the following next meeting even if the activities have taken place between meetings. 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 2017/18 Financial Assistance budget for Perth Common Good Fund was approved by this Committee at the meeting on 22 February 2017 (Report 17/78 refers). The approved budget, the value of funding approved to date, together with the remaining budget is summarised below:-

Approved 2017/18 Financial Assistance Budget	
Small Grants	£60,000
Capital Grants	£40,000
<b>Value of applications to be considered at Committee meeting on 26 April 2017</b>	<b>(£11,950)</b>
<b>Remaining Financial Assistance Budget</b>	
Small Grants	£48,050
Capital Grants	£40,000

## **2. PROPOSALS**

### **Young Person**

- 2.1 An application has been received from a young person residing in Perth seeking a grant towards the cost of volunteering with the Project Trust in South Africa for one year. The applicant will work in an orphanage and gain experience in social care helping young people. The total costs amount to £6,200. The applicant is applying for £400. The applicant has not previously benefited from the Fund. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £400 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 7.4). The grant will contribute to social inclusion and lifelong learning.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.2 Young person be awarded a grant of £400 towards the costs of volunteering with the Project Trust in South Africa for one year.

### **Tulloch Primary School Parent Council**

- 2.3 An application has been received from Tulloch Primary School Parent Council seeking a grant towards the costs of the P1-P7 Summer trip to McCrosty Park in Crieff in June 2017, the P7 end of term cinema outing in Perth and the nursery trip to South Inch Park. The total costs for the 408 members amount to £2,200 including £2,114 for transport and £86 for admission. The applicant is applying for £700. The applicant has previously benefited from the Fund in 2015/16 (£700) and in 2016/17 (£700). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £700 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 7.6 - grant is capped at £700). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.4 Tulloch Primary School Parent Council be awarded a grant of £700 towards the costs of Summer trips.

### **Perth Grammar**

- 2.5 An application has been received from Perth Grammar seeking a grant towards the costs of a trip to Madrid in Spain in June 2017 for 5 pupils facing financial hardship. The programme will aim to promote confidence and responsibility in pupils and raise their awareness through sporting and cultural activities. 5 of the selected pupils, residing in Perth, are facing financial hardship. The costs for 1 pupil are £675. The applicant has applied for £300 for each. The applicant has benefited from the fund in 2014/15 (£4,648), 2015/16 (£3,726) and 2016/17 (£600). It is recommended that a grant of £300 for each pupil facing financial hardship is awarded in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 7.8). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.6 Perth Grammar be awarded a grant of £300 each for 5 pupils facing financial hardship towards the costs of a trip to Madrid in June 2017.

### **Jeanfield Swifts 2003 Football Club**

- 2.7 An application has been received from Jeanfield Swifts 2003 Football Club seeking a grant towards the costs of attending the Costa Daurada Cup international tournament in Spain between 27 June and 1 July 2017. The total costs for the 16 players and 4 coaches amount to £12,580 including transport, accommodation, meals, entry fees and insurance. The applicant is applying for £6,000. The applicant has not previously benefited from the Fund. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £600 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 7.7). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.8 Jeanfield Swifts 2003 Football Club be awarded a grant of £600 towards the costs of attending the Costa Daurada Cup international tournament in Spain between 27 June and 1 July 2017.

### **St John's Academy**

- 2.9 An application has been received from St John's Academy seeking a grant towards the cost of organising a 'Grease' musical production in June 2017. The applicant will provide opportunities to children 12-18 to participate and learn new skills and develop their confidence. The total costs amount to £2,111 to cover performing rights licence costs. The applicant is applying for £500. The applicant has previously benefited from the Fund in 2014/15 (£2,850), in 2015/16 (£1,500) and in 2016/17 (£1,000). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £500 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 7.2). The grant will contribute to social inclusion and lifelong learning.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.10 St John's Academy be awarded a grant of £500 towards the costs of organising a 'Grease' musical production in June 2017.

### **Scottish Chamber Orchestra**

- 2.11 An application has been received from Scottish Chamber Orchestra (on behalf of Scottish Orchestras (BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, Royal Scottish National Orchestra and Scottish Chamber Orchestra) seeking a grant towards the cost of organising 2 concerts on 9 February (RSNO) and 10 March 2017 (BBC SSO). The total costs amount to £30,625 to cover orchestra costs, hire of Perth Concert Hall, marketing and outreach work performing rights licence costs. The applicant is applying for £9,500. The applicant has previously benefited from the Fund in 2014/15 (£9,500) and in 2015/16 (£9,500). Previous awards were based on a series of 6 concerts. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £3,150 in line with the guidance and to align with the costs for 2 concerts (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 7.2). The grant will contribute to social inclusion and lifelong learning.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.12 Scottish Chamber Orchestra be awarded a grant of £3,150 towards the costs of organising 2 concerts on 9 February (RSNO) and 10 March 2017 (BBC SSO).

### **City of Perth Early Education Centre Parent Council**

- 2.13 An application has been received from the City of Perth Early Education Centre Parent Council located in Fairfield and seeking a grant towards the costs of the nursery trip to Auchingarrich Wildlife Centre in Comrie on 28 April 2017. The total costs for the 75 children amount to £1,318 including transport and admissions. The applicant is applying for £650. The applicant has not previously benefited from the Fund. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £525 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 7.6). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.14 The City of Perth Early Education Centre be awarded a grant of £525 towards costs of the nursery trip to Auchingarrich Wildlife Centre in Comrie on 28 April 2017.

### **Wednesday Tea Dance**

- 2.15 An application has been received from Wednesday Tea Dance seeking a grant towards the costs of their Summer outing to Dumfries on 20-22 August 2017. The total costs for the 25 members amount to £3,938 including transport and accommodations. The applicant is applying for £225. The applicant has previously benefited from the Fund in 2014/15 (£861), in 2015/16 (£413) and in 2016/17 (£455). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £175 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 7.6). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.16 Wednesday Tea Dance be awarded a grant of £175 towards the costs of their Summer outing to Dumfries on 20-22 August 2017.

### **Kinnoull Junior Football Club**

- 2.17 An application has been received from Kinnoull Junior Football Club seeking a grant towards the cost of organising a Perth World Cup football tournament in June 2017. The applicant will provide opportunities (16 teams) from communities from ethnic minorities residing in Perth to participate in a fun and friendly event at Tulloch Park in Perth. The total costs amount to £6,648 to cover equipment hiring, trophies, toilet hire, referee fees, marketing and insurance. The applicant is applying for £2,500. The applicant has not benefited from the Fund. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £2,500 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 7.2). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

## Recommendation

- 2.18 Kinnoull Junior Football Club be awarded a grant of £2,500 towards the costs of a Perth World Cup football tournament in June 2017.

## JD Fergusson Arts Awards Trust

- 2.19 An application has been received from the JD Fergusson Arts Awards Trust seeking a grant towards the cost of a travel award. The Trust advertises each year for artists who wish to enter the competition and have never previously won a major award (usually around 100 applications are received). Through a rigorous series of long and short listings, the successful artist is chosen. The scheme works on a bi-annual cycle whereby one year the prize is a cash award, exhibition in the Fergusson Gallery and a brochure. The second year is a travel award which allows the artist to experience various cultures and then provide a public presentation at the Art Gallery. The total costs for travel award amount to £4,750. The applicant is applying for £2,000. The applicant has benefited from the Fund in 2014/15 (£4,000), in 2015/16 (£2,000) and in 2016/17 (£2,000). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £1,900 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 7.2). The grant will contribute to social inclusion and promote culture in Perth and beyond.

## Recommendation

- 2.20 The JD Fergusson Arts Awards Trust be awarded a grant of £1,900 towards the costs the cost of a travel award.

## 3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Committee is requested to approve the recommendations 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 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 The Head of Finance has been consulted and has indicated agreement with the proposals. The recommendation contained within this report will be funded from the contributions to organisations provision for 2017/18.

### **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 Democratic Services, the Head of Finance and the Head of Legal and Governance have been consulted.

### **2. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 2.1 10 applications for financial assistance

### **3. APPENDICES**

- 3.1 Appendix 1 – Perth Common Good Fund Criteria