

# PERTH COMMON GOOD FUND COMMITTEE

25 September 2019

## Applications for Financial Assistance

### Report by Depute Chief Executive (Report No. 19/255)

The report asks Perth Common Good Fund Committee to consider 12 applications for financial assistance (11 for small grants and one for capital grants).

#### 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 and 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 Applications to Common Good Funds vary across the different former burghs of Perth and Kinross. The Perth Common Good Fund is larger, and receives a much higher number of applications than the other Funds. Therefore, additional criteria are applied to assist with assessing applications (see Appendix 1).
- 1.4 The 2019/20 Financial Assistance budget for Perth Common Good Fund was approved by this Committee at the meeting on 27 February 2019 ([Report 19/55](#) refers). The approved budget, the value of funding approved to date, together with the remaining budget and value of applications to be considered at this meeting is summarised below:

<b>Approved 2019/20 Financial Assistance Budget</b>	
Small Grants	£60,000
Capital Grants	£40,000
<b>Value of grants committed</b>	
Small Grants	£20,891
Capital Grants	£8,937
<b>Remaining Financial Assistance Budget</b>	
Small Grants	<b>£39,109</b>

Capital Grants	<b>£31,063</b>
<b>Value of applications to be considered at Committee meeting on 29 September 2019</b>	
Small Grants	£17,901
Capital Grants	£250

## **2. PROPOSALS**

### **SMALL GRANTS**

#### **Inspire Dance Studios Fundraising Group**

- 2.1 An application for £1,990 has been received from Inspire Dance Studio Fundraising Group, seeking to perform at Disneyland Paris this summer (11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> August). Although this trip has already taken place, the application was received before the trip and is therefore eligible for funding. They are seeking financial assistance to help fund 19 dance students (13 of whom live in Perth) to take part in the performance. The cost of the trip for the 3 days excursion is £3,980. The group have engaged in fundraising activities to support the trip and have provided new uniforms for the performance. The group have not previously benefitted from the fund. It is recommended that the Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £650 in line with criterion 9.7. The grant will help support 13 dance students from Perth to perform abroad.

#### **Recommendation**

- 2.2 Inspire Dance Studios Fundraising Group be awarded a grant of £650 to support this performance.

#### **Lynx Club**

- 2.3 An application has been received for £631 from The Lynx Club based at Fairview School. The Lynx Club offers support to improve the wellbeing of young people experiencing hearing loss across Perth and Kinross. Ten pupils currently attend the group which meets four times a year. The Council's Hearing Support Service intends to invite 33 children and young people impacted by hearing loss to the club (40% are from Perth). The group is requesting £631 to pay for activities such as bowling, pizza making and water sports. The club offers peer support for children facing the possibility of partial or total hearing loss as well as a chance for parents with children impacted by hearing loss to network. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee consider awarding a grant in line with criterion 9.8 and no financial recommendation is made by officers. The funding will help improve the wellbeing of young people impacted by hearing loss.

#### **Recommendation**

- 2.4 In line with guidance, the Committee is asked to consider the request and no financial recommendation is made by Officers.

## **Craigie and Moncreiffe Church Youth Project- Healthy Lives**

- 2.5 An application has been received from Craigie and Moncreiffe Youth Project (Revive Youth Project), seeking financial assistance of a sum of £600 to deliver their Healthy Living project. The group supports young people aged 10 - 25 to reach their potential. The funding would support their 'Healthy Lives' project which aims to upskill 30 young people from Perth on making healthy meals. The Church will be providing in kind contributions of the Hall and kitchen equipment at a value of £1,350. The 30 sessions will be led by an experienced volunteer. The 'Healthy Lives' project aims to: deliver meal making training sessions, support community meals and give young people the opportunity to gain accreditation for these skills through Youth Scotland's Dynamic Youth Awards, Hi5 Awards and Food Hygiene certificates through Perth College UHI. Young people identified that healthy food preparation is a key skill they want to learn for personal development and seeking employment opportunities. The £600 will be spent on food for the sessions; food made during this session will be consumed by the local community. The Craigie/ Moncreiffe Youth Group has not previously benefitted from the Perth Common Good Fund. It is recommended that the Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £240 under criteria 9.2 (see Appendix 1). The grant will help young people in Perth gain new skills.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.6 Craigie and Moncreiffe Youth Project be awarded a grant of £240 to support the Healthy Lives Project.

## **Craigie and Moncreiffe Church Youth Project – excursion**

- 2.7 An application has been received from Craigie and Moncreiffe Youth Project (Revive Youth Project) seeking financial assistance of a sum of £550 for an excursion for 30 young people from Perth upon completion of the 'Healthy Lives' Project. The young people will be going to Ryze in Dundee. It is recommended Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £210 in line with Criterion 9.6.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.8 Craigie and Moncreiffe Youth Project be awarded a grant of £210 to support their excursion.

## **Phoenix Youth Project**

- 2.9 An application of £1,500 has been received from The Phoenix Youth Project seeking funding towards their 'Boost Project' aiming to get the 50 young people all from Perth aged between 9-19 involved in fitness. The cost of the grant will cover ten fitness sessions, volunteer expenses, promotional leaflets and refreshments. The Phoenix Youth Group Project has not benefitted from the Perth Common Good Fund before. It is recommended that Perth Common

Good Fund Committee award a grant of £600 in line with Criterion 9.2. The grant will allow young people to benefit from a fitness programme.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.10 Phoenix Youth Project be awarded a grant of £600 towards the cost of their fitness programme.

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

- 2.11 An application for £420 has been received from Tulloch Primary School Parent Council to host a pantomime for pupils on campus. The pantomime is an opportunity for all 470 school children to enjoy a performance by M&M productions. Perth Common Good Fund has previously provided a grant in 2019/20 of £700 towards their summer trip. The total cost to put on this performance is £1,050 and the group are seeking funding to cover 40% of this cost. It is recommended the Perth Common Good Committee award Tulloch Parent Council a grant of £420 in line with criterion 9.2. The grant will enable pupils at Tulloch Primary School to enjoy a pantomime before their Christmas break.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.12 Tulloch Primary School Parent Council be awarded £420 towards the performance.

### **Gaelic Society of Perth**

- 2.13 An application for £1,250 has been received from the Gaelic Society of Perth to support their ceilidh programme. The programme will run one event each month on a Friday between September and March in St Matthews Church Hall. The ceilidh will feature: singers, musicians, poets, storytellers, etc. The total cost of this programme is expected to be £1,750. The event will be ticketed and open to the public. More than half of the expected attendees live in the Common Good area of Perth. The grant would be directed towards performer/ artistic fees and promotion. The Gaelic Society of Perth intends to use this programme of cultural events to promote and raise interest in Perth's Gaelic heritage and the society in the run up to the Royal National Mòd being held in Perth in 2021. The events will cater to Gaelic speakers, learners and non- Gaelic speakers. In line with Perth Common Good criteria 9.2 it is recommended that the committee award a grant of £350 to support the Gaelic event programme. The grant will be used to celebrate Perth's Gaelic culture.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.14 Gaelic Society of Perth be awarded a grant of £350 towards their ceilidh programme.

## **Hearts & Minds**

- 2.15 An application for £1,000 has been received from Hearts & Minds to support the group's performance programme in the Murray Royal Dementia Unit. The Elderflower Programme is specially designed to support people with dementia who are often feeling emotionally and socially isolated. Trained performers visit the hospital weekly throughout the year (40 times) to perform for patients, visitors and staff. The Elderflower Programme evaluations and feedback shows their visits helps reduce stress and anxiety for patients at Murray Royal. The total cost of delivering the Perth programme is £22,888. The group received £1,000 support for the project last year. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee consider awarding a grant in line with criterion 9.8 and no financial recommendation is made by officers. The funding will help people and the families of people suffering with dementia at Murray Royal Hospital.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.16 In line with guidance, the Committee is asked to consider the request and no financial recommendation is made by Officers

## **Scottish Chamber Orchestra-Perth Concert Series**

- 2.17 An application has been received for £10,000 from the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, seeking a grant towards the costs of a Perth Concert Series (taking place between September 2019 and June 2020) and Creative Learning Sessions. The project is being run jointly by Scottish Chamber Orchestra along with BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, Royal Scottish Orchestra and Horsecross Arts. The total cost of the project is £313,698, which includes 6 core concerts (£186,708), the extra concerts programme (£73,800), creative learning session (£35,000), transport cost for Schools (£5,190), additional marketing (£7,500) and project co-ordinator cost (£5,500). Other sources of funding include £228,698 from the groups organising this event, ticket sales and a grant of £75,000 from Gannochy Trust. The Perth Concert Series has previously benefited from the fund in 2018/19 (£8,500) and in 2017/18 (£9,500 and £3,150), It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £10,000 in line with criterion 9.2. The grant will contribute to promoting event tourism and creative learning in Perth.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.18 Scottish Chamber Orchestra be awarded a grant of £10,000 towards the costs of a Perth Concert Series and Creative Learning Sessions.

## **Perth Autism Support**

- 2.19 An application for financial support of £800 has been made by Perth Autism Support to support their two Christmas Parties. Perth Autism Support provides support for children and young people on the autism spectrum. Christmas can be a difficult time of year for autistic children due to changes in school

timetables and family routines. Children with autism often miss out on Christmas parties at school and other clubs because they find parties to be a stressful environment. Perth Autism Support ensure children do not miss out on having a Christmas Party. The total cost of the party is £3,060. Staff costs will be met by Perth Autism and the Perth Common Good fund has been asked to fund: the venue hire, food and presents for 40 children. In addition to the two parties there is a Christmas meal planned for ten young adults. Perth Autism's register shows 66% of the 800 families registered for the service live in Perth. In line with Criteria 9.2 it is recommended that Perth Common Good Committee award a grant of £800 to support the Christmas Party.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.20 Perth Autism be awarded a grant of £800 towards their Christmas Party.

### **Perth & District Badminton Association**

- 2.21 An application for £3,000 has been received from Perth & District Badminton Association seeking support to hold the Scottish National Badminton Championship 2020. The event will see Scotland's top badminton players compete against each other for national titles. Having this event in Perth will enable local clubs, schools and Perth residents to see Scotland's top players in action. The Association intends to run a mixed gender under 11s event in conjunction with the championship to allow local children to participate. The event is expected to bring people into Perth during the event being held between 31 January and 2 February 2020. The event has support from Bell's Sport Centre and local businesses. An economic impact assessment in 2018 indicated the event generated £31,000 economic benefit to Perth. The event is expected to cost £15,650 which includes hall hire, accommodation for officials, catering, prize fund, trophies, publicity and court set up. The Association will be charging an entry fee for the event. The Association has previously benefitted from a grant of £3,000 in 2018 and 2017 for staging the championship. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Committee award a grant of £3,000 to support Perth hosting the Scottish National Badminton Championship 2020 in line with criterion 9.2.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.22 Perth & District Badminton Association be awarded a grant of £3,000 towards the cost of hosting the Scottish National Badminton Championship 2020.

## **CAPITAL GRANTS**

### **Letham Climate Challenge**

- 2.23 An application for £1,000 has been received from Letham Climate Challenge to support the group to deliver community activities. Letham Climate Challenge are seeking funding to support the creation of a new "workspace" and the grant would fund equipment which includes sewing machines, other

equipment and a projector. The groups have received £500 worth of recycled equipment to support the creation of the workspace. The workspace will be used by a part-time worker who will use the space to run workshops for local school children to educate them on climate change and how their behaviours can reduce it. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee consider awarding a grant of £250 in line with criterion 10.3. The funding will also enable the group to run sewing workshops and teach people how to save and repair clothes.

### Recommendation

- 2.24 Letham Climate Challenge is awarded a grant of £250 towards the cost of buying equipment.

## 3. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Committee is asked to consider and approve the recommendations in the report.

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## ANNEX

### 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 recommendations contained within this report will be funded from the 2019/20 Financial Assistance budget.



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

### **5. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 5.1 13 applications for financial assistance.

## **6. APPENDICES**

### **6.1 Appendix 1 – Perth Common Good Fund Criteria.**