

PERTH COMMON GOOD FUND COMMITTEE

19 December 2018

Applications for Financial Assistance

Report by Depute Chief Executive (Report No. 18/405)

The report asks Perth Common Good Fund Committee to consider 14 applications for financial assistance.

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 2018/19 Financial Assistance budget for Perth Common Good Fund was approved by this Committee at the meeting on 28 February 2018 ([Report 18/199](#) refers). The approved budget, the value of funding approved to date, together with the remaining budget is summarised below:

Approved 2018/19 Financial Assistance Budget	
Small Grants	£60,000
Capital Grants	£40,000
Value of grants committed	
Small Grants	(£43,428)
Capital Grants	(£11,677)
Remaining Financial Assistance Budget	
Small Grants	£16,572
Capital Grants	£28,323
Value of applications to be considered at Committee meeting on 19 December 2018	
Small Grants	(£20,091)
Capital Grants	-

2. PROPOSALS

SMALL GRANTS

Perth Grammar School

- 2.1 An application has been received from Perth Grammar School, seeking a grant towards the costs of a Madrid Cultural Experience trip. The total costs amount to £28,000. This includes travel and accommodation for 40 pupils at £700 per pupil. The applicant has received a grant of £500 towards these costs from the Guildry Incorporation. The pupils are also planning fundraising activities, including bag packing and car washes, to contribute towards these costs. The applicant is applying for £1,500. The applicant has previously benefitted from the Fund in 2017/18 (£1,500; £1,216 and £4,300), 2016/17 (£600) and 2015/16 (£2,166). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £1,000 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criterion 7.7). This grant will contribute to promoting the confidence of the pupils involved and will increase their awareness of a new culture.

Recommendation

- 2.2 Perth Grammar School be awarded a grant of £1,000 towards the costs of a Madrid Cultural Experience trip.

Menopause Café

- 2.3 An application has been received from the Menopause Café, seeking a grant towards the costs of a Menopause Festival. The total costs amount to £4,337. This includes £2,465 for catering; £912 for venue hire; £450 for speakers; £300 for advertising; and £210 for a film licence. The applicant will contribute £500 towards these costs and has received a grant of £1,000 from the Gordon Fraser Charitable Foundation. The applicant is applying for £1,735. The applicant has not previously benefitted from the Fund. It is recommended that

Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £1,735 in line with guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criterion 7.2). This grant will contribute to creating more diverse spaces for conversations about menopause while raising awareness of relevant wellbeing issues.

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Recommendation

- 2.5 Menopause Café be awarded a grant of £1,735 towards the costs of a Menopause Festival.

Wednesday Tea Dance

- 2.6 An application has been received from Wednesday Tea Dance, seeking a grant towards the costs of a New Year Party. The total costs amount to £530. This includes £385 for catering for 35 people (at £11 each); £115 for music; and £30 for venue hire. The applicant will contribute £175 towards these costs. The applicant is applying for £245. The applicant has previously benefitted from the Fund in 2018/19 (£168), 2017/18 (£175 and £315), 2016/17 (£175 and £280) and 2015/16 (£168). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £245 in line with guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criterion 7.6). This grant will allow the group to hold their social gathering.

Recommendation

- 2.7 Wednesday Tea Dance be awarded a grant of £245 towards the costs of a New Year Party.

Tulloch Primary School Parent Council

- 2.8 An application has been received from Tulloch Primary School Parent Council, seeking a grant towards the costs of a Pantomime within the school. The total costs amount to £999 (which is for a booking fee for M&M Productions). The applicant will contribute £499.50 towards these costs. The applicant is applying for £499.50. The applicant has previously benefitted from the Fund in 2018/19 (£700), 2017/18 (£700 and £475) and 2016/17 (£700 and £449). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £400 in line with guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criterion 7.2). This grant will allow all of the pupils (including those in the nursery) to enjoy a pantomime performance.

Recommendation

- 2.9 Tulloch Primary School Parent Council be awarded a grant of £400 towards the costs of a School Pantomime.

PKAVS Minorities Hub and Perth Chinese Community Association

- 2.10 An application has been received from PKAVS Minority Communities Hub and Perth Chinese Community Association, seeking a grant towards the costs of

2019 Chinese New Year Celebrations. The total costs amount to £13,500. This includes £5,000 for decorations; £3,000 for lanterns; £2,000 for fireworks; £2,000 for Chinese dragon dancers; and £1,500 for event security. Another source of funding is PKC Housing and Community Care (£1,000). The applicant is applying for £5,000. The applicant has previously benefitted from the Fund in 2017/18 (£3,000). Separately, PKAVS Minority Communities Hub has also previously benefitted from the Fund, in 2018/19 (£3,840). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of up to £5,000 in line with guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criterion 7.2). Officers have specified that this grant is *up to* £5,000 to highlight that the amount awarded can vary if the applicant's total costs are less than expected. This grant will raise awareness of Chinese communities and promote cultural harmony within Perth.

Recommendation

- 2.11 PKAVS Minority Communities Hub and Perth Chinese Community Association be awarded a grant of up to £5,000 towards the costs of 2019 Chinese New Year Celebrations.

Moncreiffe Tea Dancers

- 2.12 An application has been received from the Moncreiffe Tea Dancers, seeking a grant towards the costs of Ongoing Dancing Events to Combat Loneliness. The total costs amount to £1,064. This includes £600 for music; £420 for rent; and £44 for refreshments. The applicant is applying for £1,064. The applicant has previously benefitted from the Fund in 2017/18 (£480) and 2015/16 (£645). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £426 in line with guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criterion 7.2). The applicant runs the Dancing Events throughout the year and has applied once to fund all of these events to avoid applying for each separately. This grant will tackle social exclusion amongst older people in Perth while also improving their physical well-being.

Recommendation

- 2.13 Moncreiffe Tea Dancers be awarded a grant of £426 towards the costs of Ongoing Dancing Events to Combat Loneliness.

Perth and District Childminding Association

- 2.14 An application has been received from Perth and District Childminding Association, seeking a grant towards the costs of Spring and Summer Outings. The total costs amount to £280. This includes £190 for a Summer Outing to Active Kids for 26 children; and £90 for a Spring Outing to Noah's Arc for 20 children. The applicant is applying for £280. The applicant has previously benefitted from the Fund in 2017/18 (£168). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £140 in line with guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criterion 7.6). This grant will allow the children involved to try new activities and socialise with others.

Recommendation

- 2.15 Perth and District Childminding Association be awarded a grant of £140 towards the costs of Spring and Summer Outings.

Our Lady's Primary School Parent Council

- 2.16 An application has been received from Our Lady's Primary School Parent Council, seeking a grant towards the costs of a Christmas Pantomime. The total costs amount to £2,990. This includes £1,590 for pantomime tickets for 235 pupils; and £1,400 for transport. The applicant will contribute £2,290 towards these costs. The applicant is applying for £700. The applicant has previously benefitted from the Fund in 2017/18 (£700) and 2016/17 (£700 and £700). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £700 in line with guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criterion 7.6). This grant will allow all pupils to enjoy a pantomime performance.

Recommendation

- 2.17 Our Lady's Primary School Parent Council be awarded a grant of £700 towards the costs of a Christmas Pantomime.

Perth Academy

- 2.18 An application has been received from Perth Academy, seeking a grant towards the costs of an S1 French Trip. The total costs amount to £21,000. This includes travel, accommodation, food and entry fees for 40 pupils at £525 per pupil. The pupils are planning fundraising activities, including bake sales and quizzes, to contribute towards these costs. The applicant is applying for £1,800. The applicant has previously benefitted from the Fund in 2018/19 (£600), 2017/18 (£1,500 and £700), 2016/17 (£600) and 2015/16 (£1,200). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £1,000 in line with guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criterion 7.7). This grant will improve the French language skills of the pupils involved and will increase their awareness of an unfamiliar culture.

Recommendation

- 2.19 Perth Academy be awarded a grant of £1,000 towards the costs of an S1 French Trip.

People With A Mission Ministries

- 2.20 An application has been received from People With A Mission Ministries, seeking a grant towards the costs of a Perth Senior Citizens 2018 Christmas Appeal. The total costs amount to £12,800 for 1,500 gift bags. This includes £4,000 for jams, chutneys, chocolates, biscuits, calendars and other gifts; £2,000 for scarfs; £1,800 for soaps; £1,500 for shortbread; £1,500 for CDs; £1,500 for books; and £500 for transport for pick up and delivery of gifts. The applicant is applying for £2,000. The applicant has previously benefitted from

the Fund in 2017/18 (£1,500), 2016/17 (£1,500) and 2015/16 (£1,500). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee consider awarding a grant in line with criterion 7.8 within Appendix 1 and no financial recommendation is made by officers. This grant will contribute to tackling social isolation amongst senior citizens during the festive period.

Recommendation

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

Comann nam Parant Peairt

- 2.22 An application has been received from Comann nam Parant Peairt, seeking a grant towards the costs of establishing a Gaelic Medium After School Club at Goodlyburn Primary School. The total costs amount to £2,645 for 23 weekly sessions. This includes £2,300 for staff costs; £230 for materials; and £115 for snacks. The applicant is applying for £2,645. The applicant has previously benefitted from the Fund in 2017/18 (£1,500). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee consider awarding a grant in line with criterion 7.8 within Appendix 1 and no financial recommendation is made by officers. This grant will provide the children involved with the opportunity to use and develop their Gaelic language skills outwith the classroom through a range of extra curricular activities.

Recommendation

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

Friendship Club

- 2.24 An application has been received from Friendship Club, seeking a grant towards the costs of a Christmas Lunch and four Bus Trips throughout the year for the residents of Servite Sheltered Homes. The total costs amount to £750. This includes £400 for four bus trips; and £350 for a Christmas lunch for 25 people. The applicant will contribute £250 towards these costs. The applicant is applying for £500. The applicant has previously benefitted from the Fund in 2017/18 (£396) and 2014/15 (£200). The application has been assessed on the basis that the applicant is entitled to submit two applications per financial year for Excursions/Parties, i.e. the Christmas Lunch and the Bus Trips. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £350 in line with guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criterion 7.6). This grant will contribute to tackling social isolation amongst senior citizens.

Recommendation

- 2.25 Friendship Club be awarded a grant of £350 towards the costs of a Christmas Lunch and four Bus Trips throughout the year.

St John's Kirk of Perth

- 2.26 An application has been received from St John's Kirk of Perth, seeking a grant towards the costs of Carillon Recitals for Civic Engagements 2019. The total costs amount to £2,600. This includes £2,380 for a Carillonneur to play 17 recitals (at £140 each); £200 for leaflets; and £20 for posters. The applicant is applying for £2,600. The applicant has previously benefitted from the Fund in 2017/18 (£2,610), 2016/17 (£2,760 and £2,760) and 2015/16 (£700). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee consider awarding a grant in line with criterion 7.8 within Appendix 1 and no financial recommendation is made by officers. This grant will extend the music of the Carillon in Perth beyond the short automatic playing that now happens daily at noon, 1.00pm and 3.00pm.

Recommendation

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

Pink Saltire

- 2.28 An application has been received from Pink Saltire, seeking a grant towards the costs of a 2019 LGBT History Month Heritage Hub in Perth. The total costs amount to £4,625. This includes £1,500 for a sessional project worker (max. 100 hours); £1,200 for exhibition materials; £800 for speakers' fees; £500 for venue hire; £450 for marketing; and £175 for insurance. The applicant will contribute £250 towards these costs. The applicant is applying for £1,850. The applicant has not previously benefitted from the Fund. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £1,850 in line with guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criterion 7.2). This grant will provide an opportunity for Perth residents to learn about LGBT culture and will provide a safe space for LGBT people to create new social connections and break down social isolation.

Recommendation

- 2.29 Pink Saltire be awarded a grant of £1,850 towards the costs of a 2019 LGBT History Month Heritage Hub in Perth.

3. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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ANNEX

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 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 2018/19 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 14 applications for financial assistance.

6. APPENDICES

- 6.1 Appendix 1 – Perth Common Good Fund Criteria.