

AUCHTERARDER COMMON GOOD FUND COMMITTEE

27 NOVEMBER 2023

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Report by Head of Cultural and Community Services
(Report No. 23/324)

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The report asks the Auchterarder Common Good Fund Committee to consider one grant application for financial assistance.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that Committee:
- considers the grant application and agrees any financial assistance to be awarded.

3. STRUCTURE OF REPORT

- 3.1 This report is structured over the following sections:
- Section 4: Background / Main Issues
 - Section 5: Proposals: Small Grants
 - Section 6: Consideration and Conclusion

4. BACKGROUND / MAIN ISSUES

- 4.1 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.
- 4.2 The Common Good Funds have traditionally demonstrated their support to local residents and organisations by distributing grants. These grant awards allow individuals and local organisations to carry out a wide range of community-based activities.
- 4.3 Applications to Common Good Funds vary across the different former burghs of Perth and Kinross. The report is for the Auchterarder Common Good Fund.
- 4.4 The 2023/24 Budget for the Auchterarder Common Good Fund was agreed by members on 22 May 2023 (report 23/149 refers). A summary of the draft Financial Assistance budget, and the value of funding under consideration, is provided below:

2023/24 Financial Assistance Budget	£15,000
Value of grants paid and committed	£2,110
Remaining Financial Assistance Budget	£12,890
Value of funding requested and under consideration	£500

5. PROPOSALS – SMALL GRANTS

Auchterarder Adult Education Association

- 5.1 An application of £500 has been received by Auchterarder Adult Education Association to help with the costs and fees of their new website. The grant will allow the group to maintain a new website, featuring an online booking system to save previous costs on postage and provide a greener way of booking. It will also reduce the need for in-person banking now that the local bank branch has closed. The website launched on 1 August this year and has already proved to be popular. The most recent academic term received 213 bookings across 13 classes on offer using the new system, with most classes fully booked. This grant will cover around 5 months of fees during which the Group aims to build up enough income from class bookings to cover the ongoing monthly fees.
- 5.2 It is estimated that the project will benefit 200 people from within the Common Good area.
- 5.3 The total costs of the project are estimated to be £1,188 with the Group contributing £688. A full breakdown is included below.

Specific Items	Basis of Costing	Amount
Website costs for one year	£99/month x 12	£1,188
Total Proposed Expenditure		£1,188
Contribution from Group		£688
Funding requested		£500

6. CONSIDERATION AND CONCLUSION

- 6.1 The Committee is asked to consider this request and agree the level of any funding to be awarded.

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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	None
Strategic Environmental Assessment	None
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	None
Legal and Governance	None
Risk	None
Consultation	
Internal	Yes
External	None
Communication	
Communications Plan	None

1. Strategic Implications

Community Plan

- 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. Awards of financial assistance will be funded from the 2023/24 Financial Assistance budget.

Workforce

- 2.2 Not applicable.

Asset Management (land, property, IT)

- 2.3 Not applicable.

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.
- 3.2 This section should reflect that the proposals have been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) with the following outcome: Assessed as **not relevant** for the purposes of EqIA.

Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 3.3 The Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 places a duty on the Council to identify and assess the environmental consequences of its proposals.
- 3.4 However, no action is required as the Act does not apply to the matters presented in this report. This is because the Committee are requested to note the contents of the report only and the Committee are not being requested to approve, adopt or agree to an action or to set the framework for future decisions.

Sustainability

- 3.5 Not applicable.

Legal and Governance

- 3.6 Not applicable.

Risk

- 3.7 Not applicable.

4. Consultation

Internal

- 4.1 The Head of Finance and the Head of Legal and Governance have been consulted.

External

4.2 Not applicable.

5. Communication

5.1 Not applicable.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 Auchterarder Common Good Fund Application papers.