

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL
PERTH COMMON GOOD FUND COMMITTEE
8 OCTOBER 2014

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Minute of Meeting of the Perth Common Good Fund Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 8 October 2014 at 11.00am.

Present: Councillors J Coburn, B Band, P Barrett, D Doogan, J Flynn, C Gillies, A Grant, E Maclachlan (with effect from Art. 651 onwards), A MacLellan, I Miller, A Munro, A Stewart and H Stewart.

In Attendance: Councillors K Howie, M Williamson, I Campbell, A Gaunt and T Gray; B Renton, Depute Director (Environment), S Merone, J McCrone and E Kerr, (all The Environment Service); D Coyne, L Whiteford, C Flynn and Y Oliver (all Chief Executive's Service).

Apology: Councillor W Wilson

Councillor J Coburn, Convener, Presiding.

646. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Councillor Coburn welcomed all present to the meeting and an apology for absence was noted as above.

647. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, Councillor A Stewart declared a non-financial interest in Art. 652(14) and Councillor E MacLachlan declared a non-financial interest in Art. 652(13).

648. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Perth Common Good Fund Committee of 25 June 2014 (Arts. 457-463) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

649. MATTERS ARISING

(i) Perth Harbour (Art. 460(i) refers)

Following an enquiry from Councillor Barrett, members were advised that, although meetings had been held with interested parties, there was nothing further to report at this time. A report would be brought to a future meeting of the Perth Common Good Fund Committee in due course.

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(ii) St John's Kirk of Perth (Carillon) (Art. 460(ii) refers)

Following an enquiry from Councillor Barrett, members were advised that, despite best endeavours, no meeting had yet taken place but that a report would be brought to a future meeting of the Perth Common Good Fund Committee in due course.

(iii) South Inch Pavilion Franchise Agreement (Art. 460(iii) refers)

Following an enquiry from the Convener, members were advised that the South Inch Pavilion had not been leased out during 2014. Discussions were ongoing, however, with a number of interested parties regarding a Franchise Agreement for Spring/early Summer 2015.

650. USE OF THE NORTH INCH, PERTH BY BRITISH MILITARY FITNESS (BMF)

Members of the Committee were advised that, since 2010, British Military Fitness (BMF) have used the North Inch to provide military style fitness classes to members of the public. In 2011 a Minute of Agreement was entered into between Perth and Kinross Council and BMF for a trial period of 1 year to ascertain if the fitness classes were a success and to ensure that no adverse comments were received about the operation of these classes. A Minute of Agreement has been agreed on an annual basis.

In terms of Section 1 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003, the public have the right to be on access land for recreational purposes and these purposes include the carrying on, commercially or for profit, of an activity which the person exercising the right could carry on otherwise than commercially or for profit. The areas of the North Inch on which BMF will deliver their classes are considered to be "access land" for the purposes of the 2003 Act and BMF are therefore entitled in terms of the 2003 Act to use these areas of the North Inch for the purpose of delivering fitness classes.

BMF will not require to take vehicular access to the North Inch and will use no equipment in delivering their fitness classes.

Resolved:

- (i) The non-exclusive use of part of the North Inch Perth by BMF for their sessions involving members of the public, be noted;
- (ii) It be further noted that a Minute of Agreement will be drawn up to regulate the use and to ensure that the interests of the public are not affected.

651. PERTH CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (14/418) (i) noting the activities for the Christmas Lights Switch On event on Saturday 22 November 2014 using the funding already approved by Perth Common Good Fund

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Committee, which is part of the overall Perth Winter Festival programme; and (ii) requesting consideration of additional financial support to extend the events to Sunday 23 November 2014.

Resolved:

- (i) The current budget provision from 2014/15 in respect of the Christmas Lights Switch On programme for Saturday, 22 November 2014, be noted.
- (ii) The additional events and activities, as outlined in Report 14/418, together with the additional funding of £10,000 to support an extension of the events to Sunday, 23 November 2014, be approved.

652. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (14/417) on applications received for financial assistance.

The Convener advised members that, although some of the applications were for events which had already taken place, no Common Good Fund monies had been paid out to date.

Resolved:

(1) Bowerswell Social Group

Bowerswell Social Group be awarded a grant of £175 towards the costs of their Christmas outing for 25 people to the Minstrel Show on 8 November 2014 in Arbroath.

(2) Youth Music Theatre UK

A young person be awarded a grant of £150 towards the costs of participating in the Youth Music Theatre UK production of "Not the end of the World" which took place on 29 and 30 August 2014 in Plymouth.

(3) Moncreiffe Tea Dancers

Moncreiffe Tea Dancers be awarded a grant of £571 towards the costs of dance sessions which are held throughout the year benefitting 25 people per session.

(4) Perth Academy Pupil

A Perth Academy Pupil be awarded a grant of £250 towards the costs of participating in the World Challenge Expedition to Ecuador for one month in June 2015.

(5) Our Lady's Primary School – Parent Council

Our Lady's Primary School Parent Council be awarded £700 towards the costs of taking 215 pupils to the Pantomime at Perth Concert Hall in December 2014.

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- (6) Scottish Chamber Orchestra**
Scottish Chamber Orchestra be awarded a grant of £9,500 towards 50% of the costs of a series of concerts in Perth from October 2014 to March 2015, with the proviso that discussions take place with the SCO regarding future programmes.
- (7) Breathe Easy**
Breathe Easy be awarded a grant of £350 (£175 for each event) towards the cost of their Summer Outing for 25 people to Loch Katrine on 21 August and their Christmas Lunch on 18 December at the Civil Service Club, Perth.
- (8) St John's Academy Pupil**
A St John's Academy Pupil be awarded a grant of £100 towards the costs of a trip to Hong Kong in October 2014 representing the Youth Carers charity.
- (9) Perth Sub Aqua Club**
Perth Sub Aqua Club be awarded a grant of £2,000 towards the costs of a new compressor.
- (10) Rowan Alba**
Rowan Alba be awarded a grant of £280 towards the costs of their outing for 40 people to Auchingarrich Wildlife Centre in Comrie in August 2014.
- (11) Perth and Kinross Association of Voluntary Services**
Perth and Kinross Association of Voluntary Services be awarded a grant of £100 towards the costs of their Picnic in the Park Project (for 30 carers to have time away from their caring role) on 28 August 2014.
- (12) Perth Chamber Music Society**
Perth Chamber Music Society be awarded a grant of £120 towards the costs of printing programmes for its six concert series, subject to the funding by the Perth Common Good Fund Committee being acknowledged in the programme.
- (13) PLUS Perth and Kinross**
PLUS Perth and Kinross be awarded a grant of £925 towards the costs of their mental health events from the middle to the end of October 2014.
- (14) Friends of Stepping Stone Theatre Company**
Friends of Stepping Stone Theatre Company be awarded a grant of £145 towards the costs of their annual trip to Pitlochry Festival Theatre on 18 September 2014.
- (15) Black Watch Museum**
Black Watch Museum be awarded a grant of £2,000 towards the costs of erecting the Black Watch First World War Memorial Wall in the grounds of the Museum.

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(16) Perth High School Coastal Rowing Club

Perth High School Coastal Rowing Club be awarded a grant of £500 towards the costs of building a St Ayles Skiff.

(17) The Friendly Group

The Friendly Group be awarded a grant of £231 towards the costs of their Christmas Lunch for 33 people on 9 December 2014 at the Servite House Hall.

(18) Perth and Strathearn 200 Round Table

Perth and Strathearn 200 Round Table be awarded a grant of £15,000 (replicating the award granted in 2013) towards the costs of Perth Fireworks and Bonfire Display on 5 November 2014, subject to the Committee being provided with a list of the charities who benefit from the proceeds raised at the event.

653. 2014/15 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

There was submitted and noted a joint report by the Head of Finance and Executive Director (Environment) (14/419) detailing the Income and Expenditure to 10 September 2014 and the projected outturn to 31 March 2015.

IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM IN ORDER TO AVOID THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION WHICH IS EXEMPT IN TERMS OF SCHEDULE 7A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1973

654. SITES (0.63 HA & 0.07 HA), SHORE ROAD, PERTH – RENT REVIEWS

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (14/420) seeking approval for Rent Reviews of two sites at Shore Road, Perth.

Motion (Councillors D Doogan and B Band):

- (i) The revised rent for 0.63 HA at Shore Road, Perth, provisionally agreed with Holden Environmental, be approved;
- (ii) The revised rent for 0.07 HA at Shore Road, Perth, provisionally agreed with Perth Water Ski Club, be not approved.

Amendment (Councillors P Barrett and H Stewart) – The rent reviews for the two sites at Shore Road, Perth, as indicated in Appendix 1 to Report 14/420, extending to 0.63 HA and 0.07 HA, be approved in accordance with the provisional agreements set out in the report.

In accordance with Standing Order 44, a roll call vote was taken.

10 members voted for the Amendment as follows:

Councillors P Barrett, J Flynn, C Gillies, E MacLachlan, A MacLellan, A Munro, A Stewart, H Stewart, I Miller and A Grant.

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3 members voted for the Motion as follows:
Councillors J Coburn, B Band and D Doogan.

Amendment – 10 votes

Motion – 3 votes

Resolved:

In accordance with the Amendment.

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