

Aberfeldy Common Good Fund Committee**4 October 2017****Applications for Financial Assistance****Report by Director (Environment)****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The report asks Aberfeldy Common Good Fund Committee to consider two 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 & 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 unaudited Revenue Account balance for the Aberfeldy Common Good Fund as at 31 August 2017 is £122,099.

Approved 2017/18 Financial Assistance budget	£800
Less value of application previously approved	(£375)
Remaining Financial Assistance Budget	£425

2. PROPOSAL

Aberfeldy Festival Committee

- 2.1 An application has been received from Aberfeldy Festival Committee seeking a grant towards the costs of the Christmas Festival on 2 December 2017. The Festival will include a Christmas Celebration Day with a Christmas market with around 20 stalls leading to the switching on of the Christmas lights. There will be also a Santa's Grotto. The total costs are £2,835 including £1,260 for reindeer, £150 for volunteer costs, £105 for insurance, £350 for trophies/prizes, £350 for roundabout, £100 for clowns, £100 for pipe band, £420 for premises for thrift shop and grotto. The applicant will contribute £894 from reserves and has applied to Griffin Micro Grant Fund for £500. In addition, not included in the costs, the applicant will contribute £500 in kind through volunteers' time. The applicant is applying for £750. The applicant will fund the shortfall from fundraising. The applicant has previously benefited from the Fund £375 in 2016/17, £500 in 2015/16 and £1,500 in 2014/15.

Recommendation

- 2.2 The proposal meets the criteria of the provision of funding of community benefit for the people (including any individual or group of people) who live in the former burgh served by Aberfeldy Common Good Fund Committee.
- 2.3 In line with revised guidance, the Committee is asked to consider the request and no recommendation is made by Officers.

Explore Aberfeldy Tourism Group

- 2.4 An application has been received from Explore Aberfeldy Tourism Group seeking a grant towards the costs of the October TayFest on 14 and 22 October 2017. The TayFest is a series of events aiming to attract visitors to the area and extend the tourism season. For example, taster sessions will allow children and adults to try outdoor activities and learn about wildlife and history. It is estimated that around 1,700 visitors would attend. The event attracted 1,379 visitors last year. The total costs are £6,934 including £2,520 for administration and event management, £3,514 for marketing (printing and distribution of materials) and £900 for activity suppliers and venue hire. The applicant will contribute £1,000 from sponsorship. The applicant has secured £3,500 from the Council's Events Budget and has applied to the Griffin Micro Grant Fund for £500. In addition, and not included in the costs, the applicant will contribute £3,439 in kind through volunteers' time. The applicant is applying for £800. The applicant will fund the shortfall from fundraising. The applicant has previously benefited from the Fund £400 in 2016/17 and £500 in 2015/16.

Recommendation

- 2.5 The proposal meets the criteria of the provision of funding of community benefit for the people (including any individual or group of people) who live in the former burgh served by Aberfeldy Common Good Fund Committee.

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

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Committee is requested to consider the requests in the report.

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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	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 Aberfeldy 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 Aberfeldy 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. Any funding approved by Committee will be contained within the 2017/18 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 Legal and Governance and the Head of Finance have been consulted.

2. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 2.1 2 applications for financial assistance

3. APPENDICES

3.1 None