

AUCHTERARDER COMMON GOOD FUND COMMITTEE

19 June 2019

Applications for Financial Assistance

Report by Depute Chief Executive (Report No. 19/185)

The report asks Auchterarder Common Good Fund Committee to consider three applications for financial assistance from Auchterarder Bloom Association, Blackford Fiddle Group and Lang Toon Childcare Hub.

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. 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. The 2019/20 Financial Assistance budget for the Auchterarder Common Good Fund was approved at the meeting of 27 February 2019 (Report 19/57 refers). The approved budget and the value of requested Financial Assistance funding to be considered by Committee at this meeting is summarised below:

Approved 2019/20 Financial Assistance Budget	£10,000
Value of applications to be considered at Committee meeting on 19 June 2019	£17,280

- 1.4. The value of funding to be considered at this meeting is in excess of the remaining Financial Assistance budget. In the event that the Committee approves funding in excess of the remaining budget for the year, an option open to the Committee, the budgeted £9,000 surplus for the year will reduce accordingly. In addition funding awards which total in excess of £19,000 for the year may result in a reduction in the overall Revenue Account balance of

the Fund. The 2019/20 Financial Statement report to be considered at this meeting provides details of the approved budget, estimated income and expenditure for the year, the Revenue Account balance at 1 April 2019, and the estimated Revenue Account balance at 31 March 2020 for the Fund

2. PROPOSALS

Auchterarder Bloom Association

- 2.1. An application for £5,000 has been received from Auchterarder Bloom Association, seeking a grant towards the costs of Garrie's Corner Improvements. The total costs amount to £66,724. This includes £23,780 for hard landscape works; £9,934 for VAT on the works; £8,065 for prelims and contingencies; £7,385 for site furniture; £7,117 for professional fees including VAT; £6,895 for lighting; £2,230 for soft landscaping; £868 for down takings, clearance and excavation; and £450 for landscape maintenance. The applicant will contribute £2,256 towards these costs. Other approved sources of funding are the Auchterarder Swimming Pool Fund (£35,000); Community Environment Challenge Fund (£10,000); Mushroom Trust (£6,000); and Garrie Estate (£5,000). The applicant has previously benefitted from the Fund in 2018/19 (£1,000).
- 2.2. The grant will support the creation of an attractive and useful public green space in a busy area of Auchterarder.

Blackford Fiddle Group

- 2.3. An application has been received from the Blackford Fiddle Group, seeking a grant towards the costs of a 2019 Blackford Fiddle Workshop Programme. The total costs amount to £2,520. This includes £1,320 for six weekend tuition workshops at £220 each (including venue hire); and £1,200 for 24 after-school tuition sessions at £50 each. The applicant is applying for £2,520 and has not previously benefitted from the Fund. The applicant has indicated that approximately 38 people will attend the workshops, 25 of whom are residents of Auchterarder.
- 2.4. The grant will support the provision of high standard music tuition at no cost to the participants.

Lang Toon Childcare Hub

- 2.5. An application has been received from Lang Toon Childcare Hub, seeking a grant towards the costs of Auchterarder Summer Camps for Primary Aged Children and Multi Sport Sessions for Secondary Aged Young People. The total costs amount to £9,760. This includes £8,510 for service costs for 37 days (at £230 per day); £1,000 for equipment and activity materials; and £250 for administration, promotional flyers, posters and evaluation materials. The applicant is applying for £9,760 and has not previously benefitted from the Fund. The applicant has estimated that 85-95% of all children and young

people participating are residents of Auchterarder and the others live in the Strathallan ward.

- 2.6. The grant will support the availability of after and out of school childcare and activities for children and young people in Auchterarder.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1. The Committee is asked 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 ImplicationsCommunity 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 Auchterarder 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 Auchterarder Common Good Fund's criteria.

2. Resource ImplicationsFinancial

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

5. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 5.1. Three applications for financial assistance

6. APPENDICES

6.1. None