

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Perth Common Good Fund Committee

14 December 2016

Applications for Financial Assistance

Report by Director (Environment)

The report asks Perth Common Good Fund Committee to consider 10 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 2016/17 Financial Assistance budget for Perth Common Good Fund was approved by this Committee at the meeting on 18 May 2016 (Report 16/205 refers). The funding approved to date, together with the value of financial assistance applications to be considered at this meeting, and the remaining budget is summarised below:-

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| 2016/17 Approved Financial Assistance Budget | £100,000 |
| Value of funding approved at Committee meeting on 18 May 2016 | £23,664 |
| Value of funding approved at Committee meeting on 22 June 2016 | £18,194 |
| Value of funding approved at Committee meeting on 5 October 2016 | £34,270 |
| Value of applications to be considered at Committee meeting on 14 December 2016 | £5,229 |
| Remaining Budget | £18,643 |

2. PROPOSALS

Perth Sub Aqua Club

- 2.1 An application has been received from Perth Sub Aqua Club seeking a grant towards the cost of purchase of a new trailer. The existing trailer is reaching its end of life (it is the only trailer the Club has) which is essential to carry the only boat the club has, as well as organising dives and training. The total costs are £1,538. The applicant has applied for £1,000 and will contribute towards the shortfall. The applicant has benefited from the fund in 2014/15 (£2,000). It is recommended that a grant of £769 is awarded in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 4). The grant will contribute to promote sport activities.

Recommendation

- 2.2 Perth Sub Aqua Club be awarded a grant of £769 towards the costs of purchase of a new trailer.

Wednesday Tea Dance Group

- 2.3 An application has been received from Wednesday Tea Dance Group (meeting at the Civil Service Club) seeking a grant towards the cost of their New Year party. The total costs for the 40 members amount to £570. The applicant is applying for £280. The applicant has previously benefited from the Fund in 2013/14 (£469), 2014/15 (£861) and 2015/16 (£548). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £280 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 10 - grant is capped at £7 per individual for 40 people). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.4 Wednesday Tea Dance Group be awarded a grant of £280 towards the costs of the New Year Party.

Dalreoch Friendship Club

- 2.5 An application has been received from Dalreoch Friendship Club (meeting at Dalreoch Place) seeking a grant towards the cost of an outing to Pitlochry on 24 June 2017. The total costs for the 10 members amount to £168. The applicant is applying for £168. The applicant has previously benefited from the Fund in 2014/15 (£94) and 2015/16 (£420). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £70 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 10 - grant is capped at £7 per individual for 10 people). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.6 Dalreoch Friendship Club be awarded a grant of £70 towards the cost of an outing to Pitlochry.

Young Person

- 2.7 An application has been received from a young person seeking a grant towards the cost of a school adventure course at Dalguise on 6-10 March 2017. The total costs amount to £250. The applicant is applying for £210. The applicant has not previously benefited from the Fund. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £100 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 9). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.8 Young person be awarded a grant of £100 towards the costs of the school adventure course.

Solas Festival

- 2.9 An application has been received from Solas Festival seeking a grant towards the cost of providing 50 volunteer opportunities to young people (aged 16-19) in Perth. Solas run a small arts festival in Tibbermore (the Bield at Blackruthven) and provides over 150 volunteer opportunities including young people (16-19). The organisation plans to increase the number of volunteers, particularly young people from Perth. They also provide a showcase for musicians, artists, writers and performers. Youth Ambassadors will be recruited from the existing pool of volunteers and by building on relationships at Perth College, local venue and the Rock Shop. Ambassadors will access support, skill sharing, and bursaries to attend the festival, along with transport costs. The total costs amount to £1,600 including bursaries (£500), travel (£200), subsistence (£200) and programming of Perth based artists (£700). The applicant has not benefited from the fund over the past 3 years. It is recommended that a grant of £800 is awarded in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 2). The grant will contribute to social inclusion and promote cultural activities.

Recommendation

- 2.10 Solas Festival be awarded a grant of £800 towards the costs of providing volunteer opportunities to young people (16-19) from Perth.

Jeanfield Swifts Community Sport Club

- 2.11 An application has been received from Jeanfield Swifts Community Sport Club (for Reds 2002 Football Team) seeking a grant towards the costs of purchasing training equipment. The total costs amount to £1,000 (i.e. cones, dummies, poles, etc). The applicant has applied for £500. The applicant has not benefited from the fund over the past 3 years. It is recommended that a grant of £500 is awarded in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 4). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.12 Jeanfield Swifts Community Sport Club (for Reds 2002 Football Team) be awarded a grant of £500 towards the costs of training equipment.

Street Dance Crew

- 2.13 An application has been received from Street Dance Crew seeking a grant towards the costs of participation for 42 young people in the UK Street Dance Competition and Maximum Dance Competition in January 2017. The total costs are £1,940 including entrance fees (£1,540) and transport (£400). The applicant has asked for £1,000 and will contribute towards the shortfall. The applicant has benefited from the fund over the past 3 years in 2015/16 (£1,000) and in 2016/17 (£1,000). It is recommended that a grant of £1,000 is awarded in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 11). The grant will contribute to social inclusion and active living.

Recommendation

- 2.14 Street Dance Crew be awarded a grant of £1,000 towards the costs of participation for 42 young people in UK Street Dance Competition and Maximum Dance Competition in January 2017.

Fair City Junior Football Club

- 2.15 The Committee awarded a grant of £800 to Fair City Junior Football Club towards the cost of installing a Defibrillator Secure Cabinet at their home ground at Huntingtower Park. The Club has not progressed the project as planned as they are intending to relocate to Letham. They have asked if the funding could be used to install a Defibrillator Secure Cabinet at Letham. Methven & District Community Council has also proposed to take forward the project at Huntingtower Park.

Recommendation

- 2.16 The Committee is asked to consider both proposals: the request from Fair City Junior Football Club to use the funding at Letham or the request from Methven & District Community Council to use the funding at Huntingtower Park.

People With A Mission Ministries

- 2.17 An application has been received from People With A Mission Ministries seeking a grant towards the cost of their Perth Senior Citizens 2016 Christmas Appeal. The Mission works with partners in the private, local government and voluntary sectors to provide Senior Citizens in Perth with a Christmas gift bag delivered to their homes. The aim is to provide 1,500 Christmas gift bags to senior citizens in Perth (an increase from 1,400 last year). The total cost is estimated at £13,500 and the applicant is seeking a grant of £2,000. The applicant has previously benefited from the Fund over the past 3 years in 2013/14 (£1,500), 2014/15 (£1,500) and 2015/16 (£1,500). It is recommended that a grant of £1,500 is awarded in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 12).

Recommendation

- 2.18 People With A Mission Ministries be awarded a grant of £1,500 towards the costs of their Perth Senior Citizens 2016 Christmas Appeal.

Breathe Easy Perthshire

- 2.19 An application has been received from Breathe Easy Perthshire seeking a grant towards the cost of their Christmas lunch. The total costs for the 30 members amount to £600. The applicant is applying for £210. The applicant has previously benefited from the Fund in 2013/14 (£250), 2014/15 (£175) and 2015/16 (£665). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £210 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 10 - grant is capped at £7 per individual for 30 people). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.20 Breathe Easy Perthshire be awarded a grant of £210 towards the costs of the Christmas lunch.

3. RECOMMENDATION

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

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1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

| Strategic Implications | Yes / None |
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| 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 recommendation contained within this report will be funded from the contributions to organisations provision for 2016/17.

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 Democratic Services, the Head of Finance and the Head of Legal and Governance.

2. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 2.1 10 applications for financial assistance

3. APPENDICES

- 3.1 Appendix 1 – Perth Common Good Fund Criteria