

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Perth Common Good Fund Committee

28 June 2017

Applications for Financial Assistance

Report by Director (Environment)

The report asks Perth Common Good Fund Committee to consider 16 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 2017/18 Financial Assistance budget for Perth Common Good Fund was approved by this Committee at the meeting on 22 February 2017 (Report 17/78 refers). The approved budget, the value of funding approved to date, together with the remaining budget is summarised below:-

Approved 2017/18 Financial Assistance Budget	
Small Grants	£60,000
Capital Grants	£40,000
Value of grants committed	
Small Grants	(£11,950)
Capital Grants	0
Value of applications to be considered at Committee meeting on 28 June 2017	
Small Grants	(£15,546)

Capital Grants	(£40,000)
Remaining Financial Assistance Budget (assuming approval of the applications to be considered on 28 June 2017)	
Small Grants	£32,504
Capital Grants	0

2. PROPOSALS

Young Person

- 2.1 An application has been received from a young person residing in Perth seeking a grant towards the costs of attending the Scottish Ballet in Glasgow between 31 August 2017 and 31 July 2018 and a local dance school in Perth. The total costs amount to £460 (£360 for fees and £100 for transport). The applicant is applying for £460. The applicant has not previously benefited from the Fund. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £150 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 7.5). The grant will contribute to social inclusion and lifelong learning.

Recommendation

- 2.2 Young person be awarded a grant of £150 towards the costs of attending Scottish Ballet and a local dance school.

Young Person

- 2.3 An application has been received from a young person residing in Perth seeking a grant towards the costs of attending the Scottish Ballet in Glasgow between 31 August 2017 and 31 July 2018. The total costs amount to £280 (£160 for fees and £120 for transport). The applicant is applying for £280. The applicant has not previously benefited from the Fund. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £150 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 7.5). The grant will contribute to social inclusion and lifelong learning.

Recommendation

- 2.4 Young person be awarded a grant of £150 towards the costs of attending Scottish Ballet.

Young Person

- 2.5 An application has been received from a young person residing in Perth seeking a grant towards the costs of three month volunteering in Zambia (June-September 2017) with Restless Development as part of International Citizen Service (ICS). The young person will work in an HIV/AIDS awareness programme for young adults in disadvantage areas along with Zambian volunteers. The total costs amount to £800 (contribution to the ICS programme). The applicant is applying for £250. The applicant has not previously benefited from the Fund. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £250 in line with the guidance (see

Appendix 1 – Criteria 7.4). The grant will contribute to social inclusion and lifelong learning.

Recommendation

- 2.6 Young person be awarded a grant of £250 towards the costs of participating in volunteering programme in Zambia.

Breathe Easy Perthshire

- 2.7 An application has been received from Breathe Easy Perthshire seeking a grant towards the costs of their Summer outing to Loch Katrine on 18-20 May 2017 and the annual costs of taxis for members to attend group meetings. The total costs for the outing for the 24 members amount to £828.45 and the taxi annual costs amount to £288. (Members cannot use British Lung Foundation for taxi costs and some will not be able to attend the meeting as they cannot use public transport.) The applicant is applying for £168 for the outing and £288 for taxis. The applicant has previously benefited from the Fund in 2014/15 (£350), in 2015/16 (£450) and in 2016/17 (£455). The application was received before the activities took place. Assistance to day-to-day running costs are not eligible. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £168 towards outing in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 7.6). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.8 Breathe Easy Perthshire be awarded a grant of £168 towards the costs of their outing to Loch Katrine on 18-20 May 2017.

Perth Academy

- 2.9 An application has been received from Perth Academy seeking a grant towards the costs of an S1 trip to France between 29 May and 3 June 2017 for 4 pupils facing financial hardship. The programme will aim to promote confidence and responsibility in pupils and raise their awareness through sporting and cultural activities (e.g. visit to World War Museum and sea-life centre) and visit to Ypres war graves in Belgium). 4 of the selected pupils, residing in Perth, are facing financial hardship. The costs for 1 pupil are £515 and each has been asked to contribute £515. The applicant has applied for £300 for each. The applicant has benefited from the fund in 2016/17 (£300), 2015/16 (£1,725) and in 2014/15 (£5,710). The application was submitted before the activities took place. It is recommended that a grant of £300 for each pupil facing financial hardship is awarded in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 7.8). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.10 Perth Academy be awarded a grant of £300 each for 4 pupils (£1,200 in total) facing financial hardship towards the costs of a trip to France 29 May – 3 June 2017.

Perth Academy School Hockey Team

- 2.11 An application has been received from Perth Academy seeking a grant towards the costs of the hockey tour to Peebles between 31 May and 2 June 2017. The programme will aim to improve playing skills and techniques in training and competition. The costs are £100 for transport and £50 for sports kit. The applicant has applied for £150. The applicant has benefited from the fund in 2016/17 (£300), 2015/16 (£1,725) and in 2014/15 (£5,710). The application was submitted before the activities took place. It is recommended that a grant of £150 is awarded in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 7.7). The grant will contribute to sport development.

Recommendation

- 2.12 Perth Academy be awarded a grant of £150 towards the costs of the hockey tour to Peebles between 31 May and 2 June 2017.

Vision PK (formerly known as Perth & Kinross Society for the Blind)

- 2.13 An application has been received from Vision PK seeking a grant towards the costs of their Summer outing in August 2017 (day trip destination in Scotland still to be determined). The total costs for the outing for the 49 members amount to £1,500 (meals and coach hire). The applicant is applying for £343. The applicant has previously benefited from the Fund in 2015/16 (£980). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £343 towards outing in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 7.6). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.14 Vision PK be awarded a grant of £343 towards the costs of their Summer outing in August 2017.

Perthshire Chamber of Commerce

- 2.15 An application has been received from Perthshire Chamber of Commerce seeking a grant towards the costs of 'Perthshire On A Plate' event which will take place at the Perth Show on 4 and 5 August 2017. This food festival will showcase the very best of local produce and culinary skills, in turn increasing footfall to the Perth Show. Although the produce will come from Perth and Kinross, this specific event will generate additional footfall in Perth City and at the Show which will benefit Perth. The total costs are £22,300 including PR & Marketing (£2,000), sales and market management (£3,000), photographer/filming (£1,000), printed press/online promotion (£2,500), Celebrity Chef (£6,100), banners/brochures/cards (£2,000), website (£1,000), branded aprons/shirts/food for demos (£700) and marquee/stand/utilities (£4,000). The applicant has asked for £6,120. The applicant will provide cash of £7,180. £4,000 will be provided from stand charges for exhibitors and £5,000 from private sector sponsorship. Entry to the event will be free to the general public attending Perth Show. The applicant has benefited from the fund in 2016/17 (£6,150). It is recommended that a grant of £6,120 is awarded

in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 7.2). The grant will contribute to promote tourism and Perth City.

Recommendation

- 2.16 Perthshire Chamber of Commerce be awarded a grant of £6,120 towards the costs of 'Perthshire On A Plate' event in August 2017.

Black Watch Castle and Museum

- 2.17 An application has been received from the Black Watch Castle and Museum seeking a grant towards the costs of 'Art, Poetry and Sculpture at the Castle' programme which will take place between 1 June and 31 December 2017. The programme will include the Kelpies at the Castle (1-20 June 2017) with talk and family craft sessions, innovative corbenic portable poetry path (1-31 July 2017) with live poetry performance and willow works at the Castle. This has been developed by a multi-faceted arts company based in Crieff and run by artist June McEwan with willow weaving workshops (June- Dec 2017). It is anticipated that the programme will attract 10,000 people over the period. The total costs are £2,910 including Kelpies at the Castle (£1,650), Willow works (£460), Corbenic poetry path (£300) and marketing (£500). The applicant has asked for £1,455. The applicant will provide a contribution of £1,455. Kelpies and poetry path entries will be free and there will be a charge for talks and sessions. The applicant has benefited from the fund in 2016/17 (£21,375 – Weeping Window - Poppies). The application was submitted before the activities began. It is recommended that a grant of £1,164 is awarded in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 7.2). The grant will contribute to promote tourism and Perth City.

Recommendation

- 2.18 Black Watch Castle and Museum be awarded a grant of £1,164 towards the costs of 'Art, Poetry and Sculpture at the Castle' programme between 1 June and 31 December 2017.

Perth Highland Games (1997) Ltd

- 2.19 An application has been received from Perth Highland Games seeking a grant towards the costs of the games on 13 August 2017. The event proposes community based cultural and sporting events that attract visitors and competitors worldwide and is an integral part of Scottish culture and heritage (e.g. dancing, piping, running, cycling, heavy weights). The event usually attracts 5,000 to 6,000 visitors. The total costs are £36,721 including grounds services and labour (£9,346), equipment rentals (£7,025), prize money and trophies (£10,912), official expenses (£2,553), professional fees and honoraria (£3,503), catering (£1,161), permits and licenses (£288), PR & Marketing (£809) and administration/insurance (£1,124). The applicant has asked for £10,000. The applicant will provide cash from gate receipts. Programme sales, entry fees, stand fees and sponsorship (£1,300 has been secured so far) totalling £33,755 leaving a shortfall of £2,966. Last year event generated a surplus of £3,135. Entries to the event are £8 for adult and £4 for children and concessions. The applicant has benefited from the fund in 2014/15 (£1,600), in 2015/16 (£10,000) and in 2016/17 (£7,253 towards equipment rental and marketing costs). It is recommended that a grant of £2,966 towards shortfall is

awarded in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 7.2). The support from Perth Common Good Fund will have to be explicitly recognised in advertising material. The grant will contribute to promote tourism and Perth City.

Recommendation

- 2.20 Perth Highland Games be awarded a grant of £2,966 towards the costs of Perth Highland Games 2017.

Perth Grammar School

- 2.21 An application has been received from Perth Grammar seeking a grant towards the costs of the school award ceremony on 26 June 2017. The total costs are £3,040 including £2,124 for Concert Hall hire, £600 for prizes, £262 trophies and medals and £54 for flowers. The applicant has applied for £3,040. The applicant has benefited from the fund in 2014/15 (£4,648), 2015/16 (£3,726) and 2016/17 (£600). The application was received before the event took place. It is recommended that a grant of £1,216 is awarded in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 7.3 - 40% of total costs). The grant will contribute to the promotion of lifelong learning.

Recommendation

- 2.22 Perth Grammar be awarded a grant of £1,216 towards the costs of the school ceremony on 26 June 2017.

St John's Academy

- 2.23 An application has been received from St John's Academy seeking a grant towards the costs of a visit to the Romania Mercy Project between 5 and 12 October 2017. The Project aims to offer opportunities for 8 S6 pupils (and 2 staff) to volunteer at a hospital for children in Bucharest in Romania. The total costs amount to £2,400 including transport, accommodation and subsistence. The applicant will raise the rest of the funding through parents and fundraising. The applicant is applying for £600. The applicant has previously benefited from the Fund in 2014/15 (£2,850), in 2015/16 (£1,500), in 2016/17 (£1,000) and in 2017/18 (£500). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £600 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 7.7). The grant will contribute to social inclusion and lifelong learning.

Recommendation

- 2.24 St John's Academy be awarded a grant of £600 towards the costs of a visit to the Romania Mercy Project between 5 and 12 October 2017.

Perth and District Childminding Association

- 2.25 An application has been received from the Perth and District Childminding Association located at the Threshold (St John's Church, Princess Street, Perth) seeking a grant towards the costs of the Autumn 2017 outing (Noah's

Ark) (£137.50), a Spring 2018 outing (Noah's Ark) (£137.50), and towards the costs of replacing toys (£125). The total costs are £400. The applicant is applying for £400. The applicant has previously benefited from the Fund in 2015/16 (£500). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £137.50 and £31 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 7.6 and Criteria 8.3). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.26 Perth and District Childminding Association be awarded a grant of £137.50 and £31 towards costs of the Autumn and Spring outings and toy replacement.

Perth and Kinross District Scout Council

- 2.27 An application has been received from Perth and Kinross District Scout Council seeking a grant towards the costs of the Explorer Belt Poland 2017 Expedition for 6 people in the Summer 2017 (15 days). The Explorer Belt is a challenge of a lifetime focusing on an expedition that provides a real understanding of a different country, its culture and way of life. By travelling in small teams through Poland, explorers will complete a series of projects and meet local people. The total costs are £22,303. The applicant will raise the rest of the funding through grants, parents and fundraising. The applicant is applying for £150 for each individual. The applicant has not previously benefited from the Fund. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £150 for each individual in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 7.5). The grant will contribute to lifelong learning.

Recommendation

- 2.28 Perth and Kinross District Scout Council be awarded a grant of £150 for each individual, 6 in total (£900), towards the costs of the Explorer Belt Poland 2017 Expedition in the Summer 2017.

St Ninian's Cathedral (Scottish Episcopal Church)

- 2.29 An application has been received from St Ninian's Cathedral (Scottish Episcopal Church) seeking a grant towards the costs of a major restoration project through its Perth Cathedral restoration appeal launched in March 2016. The restoration of the grade A list building will be in 3 phases between January 2017 and September 2019. Phase 1 aims to make the building waterproof through roof and rainwater goods repairs which is the most urgent. Phase 2 aims to restore stonework and phase 3 is to repair the stained glass. It is the intention that the Cathedral would develop as a hub for community activity even further. The total costs for the restoration are £3.5m (750K for phase 1, £2M for phase 2 and £750K for phase 3). The applicant has applied for £40,000. The applicant has secured £320,600 (including £144,900 from Heritage Lottery Fund and £96,700 from Historic Environment Scotland). The applicant has applied to a number of Trusts and foundations. The applicant will contribute £250,000 from its own funds. The applicant has not benefited from the fund over the past 3 years. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of

£30,000 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 8.4 - 25% of total costs maximum). The grant will contribute to promote heritage and cultural activities.

Recommendation

- 2.30 St Ninian's Cathedral (Scottish Episcopal Church) be awarded £30,000 towards the costs of the Perth Cathedral major restoration project.

St John's Kirk of Perth Trust

- 2.31 An application has been received from St John's Kirk of Perth Trust seeking a grant towards the costs of emergency stonework repairs. The Kirk has just completed a major restoration project amounting to £3.75m and funding has been allocated to works at the West Door due to be completed within 18 months. During a stonework inspection, unplanned emergency repairs have been identified. The total costs for the repairs are £40,000 including removal of loose stonework (£12,500), emergency stonework repairs (£11,500), sundry repairs (£5,000), replacement of rainwater goods (£7,500) and contingencies (£3,500). The applicant has applied for £40,000. The applicant has benefited from the fund in 2013/14 (£2,940 – carillon recitals), in 2015/16 (£700 – carillon recitals) and in 2016/17 (£1,000 – carillon recitals). In addition, the Trust for St. John's Kirk received £100,000 funding from 2010/11 to 2012/13 - £60,000 for seating and £40,000 as a contribution to additional works. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £10,000 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 8.4 – 25% of total costs maximum). The grant will contribute to protect heritage.

Recommendation

- 2.32 St John's Kirk of Perth Trust be awarded a grant of £10,000 towards the costs of emergency stonework repairs.

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
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 2017/18.

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 have been consulted.

2. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 2.1 16 applications for financial assistance

3. APPENDICES

- 3.1 Appendix 1 – Perth Common Good Fund Criteria