

## **Auchterarder Common Good Fund Committee**

**20 June 2018**

### **Applications for Financial Assistance**

#### **Report by Depute Chief Executive (Report No. 18/205)**

This report asks Auchterarder Common Good Fund Committee 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 grants. 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 considered and listed below, 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 2018/19 Financial Assistance budget for Auchterarder Common Good Fund was approved by this Committee at the meeting on 25 April 2018. The approved budget and the value of requested Financial Assistance funding to be considered by Committee at this meeting is summarised below:

<b>Approved 2018/19 Financial Assistance Budget</b>	<b>£10,000</b>
Less value of funding to be considered at this meeting	£3,265
<b>Remaining 2018/19 Financial Assistance Budget</b>	<b>£6,735</b>

## **2. PROPOSALS**

### **Auchterarder Bloom Association**

- 2.1 An application has been received from Auchterarder Bloom Association seeking a grant towards the costs of watering and feeding the floral displays. The total costs amount to £3,000. The applicant is applying for £2,000. The applicant has previously benefited from the Fund in 2017/18 (£150), 2016/17 (£150), and 2015/16 (£100).
- 2.2 The grant will contribute to improving the quality of the environment in Auchterarder through horticultural activity and providing floral displays.

### **Recommendation**

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

### **Neurocentral**

- 2.4 An application has been received from Neurocentral seeking a grant towards the costs of purchasing equipment and conducting surveys of people using the service. The total costs amount to £1,264.80. This includes £856.80 to purchase exercise equipment, and £480 to purchase a surveymonkey subscription. The applicant is applying for £1,264.80. The applicant has not previously benefited from the Fund.
- 2.5 The grant will contribute to running a physiotherapist-led programme of exercise sessions for those living with a neurological condition, and help the organisation ensure it is making a difference to its service users.

### **Recommendation**

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

## **3. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

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## 1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

<b>Strategic Implications</b>	<b>Yes / None</b>
Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement	<b>Yes</b>
Corporate Plan	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Resource Implications</b>	
Financial	<b>Yes</b>
Workforce	<b>No</b>
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	<b>No</b>
<b>Assessments</b>	
Equality Impact Assessment	<b>Yes</b>
Strategic Environmental Assessment	<b>Yes</b>
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	<b>Yes</b>
Legal and Governance	<b>None</b>
Risk	<b>None</b>
<b>Consultation</b>	
Internal	<b>Yes</b>
External	<b>None</b>
<b>Communication</b>	
Communications Plan	<b>None</b>

### 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 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 Implications

#### Financial

- 2.1 The Head of Finance has been consulted and has indicated agreement with the proposals. The recommendations contained within this report will be funded from the 2018/19 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 Democratic Services, the Head of Finance and the Head of Legal and Governance have been consulted.

## **2. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

2.1 2 applications for financial assistance.

## **3. APPENDICES**

3.1 None.