

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Auchterarder Common Good Fund Committee

22 May 2023

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Report by Head of Cultural and Community Services

(Report No. 23/148)

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The report asks the Auchterarder Common Good Fund Committee to consider one capital grant application for financial assistance.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that Committee:
- consider the grant applications and agree any financial assistance to be awarded.

3. STRUCTURE OF REPORT

- 3.1 This report is structured over the following sections:
- Section 4: Background / Main Issues
 - Section 5: Proposals: Capital Grants
 - Section 6: Consideration and Conclusion

4. BACKGROUND / MAIN ISSUES

- 4.1 Perth and Kinross Council owns land and property which forms part of the Common Good of the former burghs in Perth and 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.
- 4.2 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.
- 4.3 Applications to Common Good Funds vary across the different former burghs of Perth and Kinross. The report is for the Auchterarder Common Good Fund.
- 4.4 The proposed 2023/24 Budget for the Auchterarder Common Good Fund is included in a separate report at this meeting. A summary of the draft

Financial Assistance budget, and the value of funding under consideration, is provided below:

2023/24 Financial Assistance Budget	£15,000
Value of grants paid and committed	NIL
Value of funding requested and under consideration	£12,000

5. PROPOSALS – CAPITAL GRANTS

The Rotary Club of Auchterarder & District

- 5.1 An application of £12,000 has been received by The Rotary Club of Auchterarder & District to contribute to the development of a memorial garden in an unused green space adjacent to Collearn Drive. The garden will be a memorial to a young Spitfire pilot, Fl Lt. Sandy Gunn, who was born and brought up fifty yards from where the garden is planned. The garden will contain a bench in the shape of a Spitfire wing and information on the story of the pilot. The project will provide a space for people to meet, relax and reflect. The project has widespread approval from various meetings and forums involving the local community, the Community Council and local Councillors. The Community Action Plan Management Group and School History Department are both supportive as well. The project also has a direct link to one of the outcomes of the recently published 'Auchterarder and Aberuthven Community Action Plan 2022-2027', specifically 'Theme 3: Heritage, Arts and Culture'.
- 5.2 It is estimated that the project will benefit several hundred people within the Common Good Area as well as a small number from elsewhere and outside of Perth and Kinross through the improvement of greenspace provision in the town. The project is estimated to begin in the summer of 2023, with construction during autumn 2023 and a celebration event in April 2024.
- 5.3 The total costs of the project are estimated to be £21,323. Friends of St Margaret's have agreed to provide £2,000 and there is a pending application of £6,000 to Auchterarder Community Facilities Fund. The Rotary Club will also endeavour to raise £4,000 from individuals and fund-raising activities. A full breakdown is included overleaf. The group estimates that voluntary services in project management and garden maintenance will cover a total of £2,500 per annum as a further contribution to the project.
- 5.4 Committee should note that once approved and pending applications are considered, the funding gap totals £9,322.80. The Rotary Club have been asked to set out what they would use the additional £2,677.20 for, but no further explanation was provided by the time of the report being written. It is likely that any funding over and above the £9,322.80 would subsequently reduce the fundraising that the Rotary Club will need to undertake (currently

aiming for £4,000). Committee should further note that any Common Good funding awarded would be paid out in arrears, following evidence of spend. Any grant awarded would be directly related to the overall project costs and the results of any other fundraising activities.

Specific Items	Basis of Costing	Amount
Architect Plans and Drawings	Quote ex VAT	£455
Submission for planning permission	Quote ex VAT	£650
Excavate seating area, dig out found for concrete, excavate proposed planting area etc.	Quote ex VAT	£4,000
To supply and build boundary wall	Quote ex VAT	£5,500
To supply 15m precast copes	Quote ex VAT	£1,500
To pick and point existing boundary wall	Quote ex VAT	£2,228
To put precast copes in place	Quote ex VAT	£750
To lay terram membrane and slab	Quote ex VAT	£2,686
Total Proposed Expenditure (inc VAT)		£21,322.80
Friends of St Margaret's (Approved))		£2,000
Auchterarder Community Facilities Fund (Pending)		£6,000
Contribution by participants		£4,000
Total Funding Pending / Approved		£12,000
Remaining funding gap		£9,322.80
Funding requested		£12,000

5.5 It should be noted that if the required level of funding is not raised, the Rotary Club will endeavour to source additional funds. If this was not possible, it could lead to the project being abandoned.

5.6 The Committee is asked to consider this request and agree the level of any funding to be awarded.

6. CONSIDERATION AND CONCLUSION

6.1 The Committee is asked to consider one funding request and agree the level of any funding to be awarded.

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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	None
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	None
Assessments	
Equality Impact Assessment	None
Strategic Environmental Assessment	None
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	None
Legal and Governance	None
Risk	None
Consultation	
Internal	Yes
External	None
Communication	
Communications Plan	None

1. Strategic Implications

Community Plan

- 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. Awards of financial assistance will be funded from the 2023/24 Financial Assistance budget.

Workforce

- 2.2 Not applicable.

Asset Management (land, property, IT)

- 2.3 Not applicable.

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. Carrying out Equality Impact Assessments for plans and policies allows the Council to demonstrate that it is meeting these duties.
- 3.2 This section should reflect that the proposals have been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) with the following outcome: Assessed as **not relevant** for the purposes of EqIA.

Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 3.3 The Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 places a duty on the Council to identify and assess the environmental consequences of its proposals.
- 3.4 However, no action is required as the Act does not apply to the matters presented in this report. This is because the Committee are requested to note the contents of the report only and the Committee are not being requested to approve, adopt or agree to an action or to set the framework for future decisions.

Sustainability

- 3.5 Not applicable.

Legal and Governance

- 3.6 Not applicable.

Risk

- 3.7 Not applicable.

4. Consultation

Internal

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

External

- 4.2 Not applicable.

5. Communication

- 5.1 Not applicable.

2. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 1.1 Auchterarder Common Good Fund Application papers.