

Perth Common Good Fund Committee**4 October 2017****Bonfire and Fireworks Display Event 5 November 2017****Report by Director (Environment)****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The report provides details of the Bonfire and Fireworks event on 5 November 2017 to be organised by the Perth & Strathearn 200 Roundtable and the request to Perth Common Fund.

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.
- 1.3 The 2017/18 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 includes an allocation of £15,000 to support the Perth Fireworks and Bonfire Display on 5 November 2017. This report outlines how this funding will be used.

2. PROPOSALS

- 2.1 Perth and Strathearn 200 Round Table has organised this annual event for a number of years in collaboration with the Council, the local community and businesses. This is considered locally as a major event where the community can gather in large numbers on the Lesser South Inch in Perth and safely enjoy the sights and sounds. Although the event is free of charge, the public can leave a donation. The Round Table uses the donations to support local causes (e.g Churches Action for the Homeless, Fairview, Cornerstone). Tens of thousands of pounds have been raised and distributed over the years.

- 2.2 The Round Table is working with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. The event has received significant recognition in the local press, within the community and from officers at Perth Fire Station for providing a safe, centralised and accessible display for the people of Perth. It also limits the number of smaller uncontrolled events where the risk of incidents is significantly increased. The Round Table proposes to promote a Bonfire/Fireworks safety campaign in local primary schools which will be run by volunteers.
- 2.3 In addition to the Bonfire and Fireworks Display, the event provides entertainment, music including opportunities for local young talents, a funfair and food vendors.
- 2.4 It is estimated that the event will attract 8,000 people supporting the local cafes and restaurants.
- 2.5 Perth and Strathearn 200 Round Table is a voluntary organisation and volunteers help to build the bonfire, erect safety barriers, patrol/manage the area, and clean and reinstate the site after the event. Many volunteers have been provided by local companies at no cost. Last year, it is estimated that 600 manhours of labour were donated. Suppliers also offer reductions to support the event.
- 2.6 Although still to be finalised, the programme on 5 November 2017 is expected to be as follows:
- Set-up during the day
 - Fun fair to open at 6.00pm until 10.00pm
 - Music and entertainment on Stage between 6.00pm and 7.30pm, and after the fireworks
 - Bonfire to be lit at 7pm
 - Fireworks display at 7.30pm (18-20 minutes long)
 - Reinstatement on 6 November 2017
- 2.7 The total cost of the event is estimated at £27,660 including in kind donations. The costs for the Pyrotechnic fireworks display are £15,000 (VAT inclusive). This is the amount that the Perth Common Good Fund has been asked to provide.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Committee is requested to approve the outline programme, funded by a previous Committee of £15,000 to Perth and Strathearn Round Table to pay for the Pyrotechnic fireworks display.

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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 contained within the 2017/18 budget for Financial Assistance – Fireworks.

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 One application.

3. APPENDICES

3.1 None.