

PERTH COMMON GOOD FUND COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Perth Common Good Fund Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 1 May 2013 at 11am.

Present: Councillors J Coburn, R Band, P Barrett, D Doogan, J Flynn, C Gillies, A Grant, E Maclachlan, A MacLellan, I Miller, A Munro, A Stewart, H Stewart and W Wilson.

In Attendance: K McNamara, D Calderwood, J Carney, A Clegg, J Janes, E Kerr, S Merone and I Montgomery (all The Environment Service); C Taylor (Education and Children's Services); J Symon, C Robertson, L Robertson, L Whiteford, C Flynn and L Brown (all Chief Executive's Service).

Councillor J Coburn, Convener, Presiding.

232. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, Councillor Coburn declared a non-financial interest in Art. 234(10) (Perth and Kinross Society for the Blind) and Art. 234(11) (Perth Festival of the Arts). Councillor H Stewart also declared a non-financial interest in Art. 234(11) (Perth Festival of the Arts).

233. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Perth Common Good Fund Committee of 27 February 2013 (Arts. 109-116) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO VARY THE ORDER OF BUSINESS IN RELATION TO ART. 234(10) AND ART. 234(11)

234. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (13/191) on applications received for financial assistance.

Resolved:

(1) Perth City Club

Perth City Club be awarded a grant of £408 towards their summer outing on Monday 27 May 2013.

(2) Embroiderers' Guild Perth Branch

Embroiderers' Guild Perth Branch be awarded a grant of £100 towards the cost of purchasing embroiderer books for their members' library.

(3) Perth Highland Games

Perth Highland Games be awarded a grant of £1,600 towards the cost of Perth Highland Games, including the Pipe Band Competition, to be held on 11 August 2013.

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- (4) Perth Chamber Music Society**
Perth Chamber Music Society be awarded a grant of £250 towards the cost of 2 banner stands.
- (5) Fair City Singers**
Fair City Singers be awarded a grant of £1,000 towards the cost of taking 27 young members under the age of 17 on a tour of London.
- (6) Letham Old Peoples Club**
Letham Old Peoples Club be awarded a grant of £569 towards the cost of their summer outing to Livingston on the 4 June 2013.
- (7) Perth & Kinross Association of Voluntary Service**
Perth & Kinross Association of Voluntary Service be awarded a grant of £1,031 towards the cost of the Carer Week 2013 workshop and ceilidh.
- (8) Young Person**
A young person from Perth be awarded a grant of £100 towards the cost of attending the National Youth Orchestra of Scotland Senior Orchestra (age range 11-18).
- (9) St John's Academy**
St John's Academy be awarded a grant of £600 towards the cost of their Romanian Mercy Project which aims to send a team of 12 young adults to Romania to help children in hospital between 27 June and 3 July 2013.

COUNCILLOR COBURN, HAVING DECLARED A NON-FINANCIAL INTEREST IN ARTS. 234(10) AND 234(11) LEFT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT THIS POINT.

235. APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CONVENER

In terms of Standing Order 23, in the absence of the Convener, Councillor R Band was unanimously appointed to chair the meeting.

Councillor R Band, Acting Convener, Presiding.
(Art 234(10) and 234(11) only)

234. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Cont.)

- (10) Perth & Kinross Society for the Blind**
Perth & Kinross Society for the Blind be awarded a grant of £490 each towards the cost of their two summer outings.
- (11) Perth Festival of the Arts**
Perth Festival of the Arts be awarded a grant of £2,018 towards the costs of new banners for 2013 Festival.

COUNCILLOR COBURN RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT THIS POINT AND RESUMED HIS ROLE AS CONVENER.

236. PERTH TOWN WATERS FISHING BEATS: REVIEW OF 2012 SEASON AND PROPOSALS FOR MANAGEMENT CHANGES

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (13/192) summarising the review of the Perth Town Waters Fishing Beats for the 2012 season, and recommending changes to beats, fishing from boats and sale of permits

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to address a number of management issues which had arisen during the fishing season.

Resolved:

- (i) The review of fishings for 2011/2012 as detailed Report 13/192 be noted.
- (ii) For reasons of safety the use of beat Five on the Council's fishing permit for access by foot, be temporarily suspended.
- (iii) The use of VisitScotland to sell fishing permits for the Council be discontinued.

237. QUEEN ELIZABETH II FIELDS 2012 CHALLENGE IN PERTH AND KINROSS

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (13/193): (1) advising of the Queen Elizabeth II (QEII) Fields 2012 Challenge operated by Fields in Trust (FIT), a campaign to protect 2012 outdoor recreational spaces in communities across the UK as a permanent living legacy of The Queen's Diamond Jubilee and, (2) seeking the approval of the Perth Common Good Fund Committee to designate common good land at Riverside Park forming part of the Common Good (Norrie Miller & Rodney Gardens), North Inch, South Inch and Kinnoull Woodland Park (PKC area only), Perth, as Queen Elizabeth II (QEII) Fields for the use and enjoyment of the inhabitants of Perth and the wider community of Perth and Kinross as part of the legacy project.

Resolved:

- (i) The Perth Common Good lands at Riverside Park forming part of the Common Good (Norrie Miller & Rodney Gardens), South Inch and Kinnoull Woodland Park (PKC area only), Perth, detailed on the plans appended to Report 13/210, be designated as QEII Fields for the use and enjoyment of the inhabitants of Perth and Kinross in perpetuity, as part of the legacy project and be included in the Agreement to be entered into with FIT.
- (ii) A decision on the Perth Common Good land at North Inch be deferred to enable further discussion between Council Officers and FIT to ascertain whether the North Inch Golf Course might be included within the North Inch designation and the Depute Director of Environment be requested to submit a report on the outcome of those discussions to the next meeting.

238. 2013/14 BUDGET AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

There was submitted a joint report by the Head of Finance and the Executive Director (Environment) (13/194): (1) seeking approval of the budget for Financial Year 2013/14; (2) detailing the expenditure incurred and income received for the period up to 4 April 2013; (3) detailing the projected outturn to 31 March 2014; and (4) proposing a revision to the 2012/13 budget in relation to Christmas lighting.

Resolved:

- (i) The budget for Perth Common Good Fund Committee for financial year 2013/14 and the adjustment to the 2012/13 budget, as at 2.1.5 in Report 13/194, be approved.

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- (ii) The expenditure incurred and income received for the period up to 4 April 2013 and the projected outturn to 31 March 2013, be noted.
- (iii) Authority to authorise expenditure on behalf of the Perth Common Good Fund in respect of all approved budget expenditure with the exception of Financial Assistance payments be delegated to the Executive Director (Environment).

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