PERTH COMMON GOOD FUND COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting of the Perth Common Good Fund Committee held in the Council Chamber, Ground Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 25 September 2019 at 9.00am.

Present: Councillors A Parrott, C Ahern, B Band, P Barrett, A Coates, H Coates, D Doogan, M Lyle, S McCole, J Rebbeck and W Wilson.

In Attendance: D Coyne, C Flynn, C Holgate, L Haxton, K Molley and J Salisbury (all Corporate and Democratic Services); L Campbell, A Graham and M McCaskie (Housing and Environment)

Apologies: Councillor E Drysdale

Councillor A Parrott, Convener, Presiding.

463. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Councillor A Parrott welcomed all present to the meeting and an apology was noted as above.

464. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, Councillor W Wilson declared a non-financial interest in Arts. 467(3) and (4).

465. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of the Perth Common Good Fund Committee of 19 June 2019 (Arts.321-326) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

466. MATTERS ARISING

(i) Friends of St John's Kirk and Jar of Jewels (Art. 325 refers)

In response to a question from Councillors W Wilson and S McCole regarding an update on applications received from Friends of St John's Kirk and Jar of Jewels, L Haxton advised that an update would be brought to the December meeting of the Perth Common Good Fund Committee.

467. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (19/255) asking Perth Common Good Fund Committee to consider 12 applications for financial assistance (11 for small grants and 1 for capital grants).

Resolved:

(1) Inspire Dance Studios Fundraising Group

Inspire Dance Studios Fundraising Group be awarded a grant of £650 towards a performance at Disneyland Paris this summer.

(2) Lynx Club

Motion (Councillors A Parrott and S McCole)

Lynx Club be awarded a grant of to £631 towards the cost of improving the wellbeing of young people experiencing hearing loss across Perth and Kinross.

Amendment (Councillors C Ahern and H Coates)

Lynx Club be awarded a grant of up to £253 towards the costs of improving the wellbeing of young people experiencing hearing loss across Perth and Kinross.

In accordance with Standing Order 58, a roll call vote was taken.

9 members voted for the Motion as follows:

Councillors B Band, P Barrett, A Coates, D Doogan, M Lyle, S McCole, A Parrott, J Rebbeck and W Wilson.

2 members voted for the Amendment as follows:

Councillors C Ahern and H Coates.

Resolved:

In accordance with the Motion.

(3) Craigie and Moncrieffe Church Young Project – Healthy Lives

Craigie and Moncrieffe Youth Project be awarded a grant of £240 to support the Healthy Lives Project.

(4) Craigie and Moncrieffe Church Youth Project – Excursion

Craigie and Moncrieffe Youth Project be awarded a grant of £210 to support their excursion.

(5) Phoenix Youth Project

Phoenix Youth Project be awarded a grant of £600 towards the cost of their fitness programme.

(6) Tulloch Primary School Parent Council

Tulloch Primary School Parent Council be awarded £420 towards a performance for pupils on campus.

(7) Gaelic Society of Perth

Gaelic Society of Perth be awarded a grant of £350 towards their ceilidh programme.

(8) Hearts and Minds

Hearts and Minds be awarded a grant of £1,000 to support the group's performance programme in the Murray Royal Dementia Unit.

(9) Scottish Chamber Orchestra-Perth Concert Series

Scottish Chamber Orchestra be awarded a grant of £10,000 towards the costs of a Perth Concert Series and Creative Learning Sessions.

(10) Perth Autism Support

Perth Autism be awarded a grant of £800 towards the costs of their Christmas Party.

(11) Perth and District Badminton Association

Perth and District Badminton Association be awarded a grant of £3,000 towards the cost of hosting the Scottish National Badminton Championship 2020.

(12) Letham Climate Challenge

Letham Climate Challenge be awarded a grant of £250 towards the costs of buying equipment.

468. BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS DISPLAY EVENT ON 5 NOVEMBER 2019

There was submitted a report by Depute Chief Executive (19/257) providing details of the Bonfire and Fireworks event on 5 November 2019 to be organised by the Perth and Strathearn 200 Round Table and a request for additional funding from Perth Common Good Fund Committee.

Motion (Councillors A Parrott and W Wilson)

Perth and Strathearn 200 Round Table be awarded a grant of £16,240 towards the cost of the pyrotechnic fireworks display and the associated safety and logistical costs of running this event.

Amendment (Councillors P Barrett and C Ahern)

Perth and Strathearn 200 Round Table be awarded a grant of £15,000 towards the cost of the pyrotechnic fireworks display and the associated safety and logistical costs of running this event.

In accordance with Standing Order 58, a roll call vote was taken.

8 members voted for the Motion as follows:

Councillors B Band, A Coates, D Doogan, M Lyle, S McCole, A Parrott, J Rebbeck and W Wilson.

3 members voted for the Amendment as follows:

Councillors C Ahern, P Barrett and H Coates.

Resolved:

In accordance with the Motion.

469. PERTH CHRISTMAS LIGHTS FESTIVAL

There was submitted a report by Executive Director (Housing and Environment) (19/258) noting the activities for the Christmas Lights event on Saturday, 16 November 2019, as part of the overall Perth Winter Festival programme and seeks funding approval for the development of the event as part of a weekend festival.

Resolved:

- (i) The current budget provision from 2019/20 in respect of the Christmas Lights Switch On programme for Saturday, 16 November, be noted.
- (ii) The specific expenditure towards the Christmas Lights Switch On programme for Saturday, 16 November, be approved.

470. 2019/20 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (19/256) providing details of the Income and Expenditure to 25 August 2019 and the projected outturn to 31 March 2020 for the Perth Common Good Fund.

Resolved:

The Perth Common Good Fund Financial Statement to 25 August 2019 and the projected outturn to 31 March 2020 for Financial Year 2019/20 as set out in Appendix 1 to Report 19/256, be noted.

IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN ORDER TO AVOID THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION WHICH IS EXEMPT IN TERMS OF SCHEDULE 7A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1973.

471. VARIOUS PERTH HARBOUR GROUND LEASES CONSENT TO AGREE RENT REVIEWS

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (19/259) seeking approval to agree rent reviews under the terms of various ground leases at Perth Harbour which are held on Perth Common Good Fund.

Resolved:

- (i) Rent review effective 28 November 2016 under the terms of the ground lease to the tenant at £3,370 per annum, be approved.
- (ii) Rent review effective 15 May 2017 under the terms of the ground lease to the tenant of site 0.57 acres at £8,300 per annum, be approved.
- (iii) Rent review effective 15 May 2017 under the terms of the ground lease to the tenant of site 0.65 acres at £8,700 per annum, be approved.

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