

## Perth Common Good Fund Committee

25 April 2018

**APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE****Report by Depute Chief Executive**

The report asks Perth Common Good Fund Committee to consider 8 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 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 Perth Common Good Fund was approved by this Committee at the meeting on 28 February 2018 (Report 18/75 refers). The approved budget, the value of funding to be considered by Committee at this meeting, together with the remaining budget, is summarised below:-

Approved 2018/19 Financial Assistance Budget	
Small Grants	£60,000
Capital Grants	£40,000
<b>Value of applications to be considered at Committee meeting on 25 April 2018</b>	<b>(£10,115)</b>
<b>Remaining Financial Assistance Budget</b>	
<b>Small Grants</b>	<b>£49,885</b>
<b>Capital Grants</b>	<b>£40,000</b>

## **2. PROPOSALS**

### **Hearts & Minds Group**

- 2.1 An application has been received from the Hearts & Minds group seeking a grant towards the costs of running their 'Elderflowers' project which supports people with dementia. The total costs amount to £23,120 which covers staff costs, training and materials. The applicant is seeking £1,000. The applicant has not previously benefited from the Fund.

It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of up to £1,000 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 7.8). The grant will contribute to health inequalities and social inclusion.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.2 Hearts & Minds be awarded a grant of £1,000 towards the costs of running the project.

### **Perthshire Brass**

- 2.3 An application has been received from Perthshire Brass seeking a grant towards the costs of a trip for 20 young people and 15 adults to Bydgoszcz in Poland, to perform 3 concerts and visit a school. 20 of the participants are from the City of Perth, and the applicant will be representing the City of Perth in one of Perth's twin cities. The total costs amount to £16,650. The applicant is seeking £3,500. The applicant has not previously benefited from the Fund.

It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund award a grant of up to £1,000 is awarded in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 7.7). The grant will contribute to reducing inequalities and promoting Perth City.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.4 Perthshire Brass be awarded a grant of £1,000 towards the costs of a trip to Poland.

### **City Of Perth Early Childhood Centre Parent Council**

- 2.5 An application has been received from the City of Perth Early Childhood Centre Parent Council seeking a grant towards the costs of a trip for 70 children and 35 adults to Camperdown Wildlife Centre. The majority of children attending the nursery are from areas of high deprivation. The total costs amount to £1,043. The applicant is seeking £1,000. The applicant has benefited from the Fund in 2017/18 (£525).

It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund award a grant of up to £522 in line with the guidance (see appendix 1 – criteria 7.6). The grant will contribute to increasing social inclusion.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.6 City Of Perth Early Childhood Centre Parent Council be awarded a grant of up to £522 towards the costs of a trip to Camperdown Wildlife Centre.

### **Breathe Easy Perthshire**

- 2.7 An application has been received from Breathe Easy Perthshire seeking a grant towards the costs of a trip to Crieff for 20 individuals, to increase the confidence of some of the group members by meeting in a different setting. The total costs amount to £390. The applicant is seeking £140. The applicant has benefited from the Fund in 2017/18 (£168), 2016/17 (£455), & 2015/16 (£420).

It is recommended that the Perth Common Good Fund award a grant of £140 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – criteria 7.6) The grant will contribute to increasing participant confidence.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.8 Breathe Easy be awarded a grant of £140 towards the costs of a trip to Crieff.

### **Tulloch Primary School Parent Council**

- 2.9 An application has been received from Tulloch Primary School Parent Council seeking a grant towards the costs of a school trip for 431 pupils to Camperdown Wildlife Centre. Some pupils at the school do not have the funds to pay for the trip. The total costs amount to £2,090. The applicant is seeking £700. The applicant has benefited from the fund in 2017/18 (£1,175), & 2016/17 (£420).

It is recommended that the Perth Common Good Fund award a grant of £700 in line with guidance (see appendix 1 – criteria 7.6). The grant will contribute to increasing social inclusion.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.10 Tulloch Primary School Parent Council be awarded a grant of £700 towards the costs of a summer trip for pupils.

### **Perth Academy**

- 2.11 An application has been received from Perth Academy seeking a grant towards the costs of a trip to France. Three pupils' parents cannot afford the full costs of the trip. The applicant is seeking £600. The applicant has benefited from the Fund in 2017/18 (£1,350), 2016/17 (£785), & 2015/16 (£3,100).

It is recommended that the Perth Common Good fund award a grant of up to £600 in line with guidance (see Appendix 1 – criteria 7.7). The grant will contribute to increasing social inclusion.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.12 Perth Academy be awarded a grant of up to £600 towards the costs of a school trip to France.

### **Perth Highland Games**

- 2.13 An application has been received from Perth Highland Games seeking a grant towards the costs of hosting the games. The games will take place at Scone Palace. Approx. 1,330 participants and over 5,000 visitors are expected. The total costs amount to £37,800 which includes £8,500 for ground services and labour, £5,600 for equipment rental, £12,000 for prizes, £7,600 for expenses and professional fees, £1,500 for catering, £2,600 for permits, advertising and miscellaneous expenses. The projected income from the event totals £31,900, which includes £22,000 gate receipts, £2,500 competitor entry fees, £6,000 trade stands, and £1,400 sponsorships. The applicant is seeking £10,000. The applicant did not benefit from the Fund in 2017/18 as the cancellation of the 2017 event meant that the Common Good funding agreed was not required, however the applicant has benefited in 2016/17 (£7,253), & 2015/16 (£6,276).

It is recommended that the Perth Common Good Fund award a grant to cover any shortfall in the event's running costs, up to £5,900, in line with guidance (see appendix 1 – criteria 7.2). The grant should be calculated and paid following the event, on receipt of a full breakdown of income and expenditure. The grant will contribute to the promotion of Perth as a tourist destination and benefit the local economy.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.14 Perth Highland Games be awarded a grant of up to £5,900, in arrears, towards the costs of the games.

### **PKAVS Mental Health & Wellbeing Hub**

- 2.15 An application has been received from The Walled Garden seeking a grant towards the costs of an art exhibition for participants as part of the Perth Open Studios week. All participants are people recovering from poor mental health. The total costs amount to £633.96. The applicant is seeking £633.96. The applicant has benefited from the Fund in 2017/18 (£3,000), 2016/17 (£1,170), & 2015/16 (£1,700).

It is recommended that the Perth Common Good Fund award a grant of up to £253 in line with guidance (see Appendix 1 – criteria 7.2). The grant will contribute to improving mental health & wellbeing.

## Recommendation

- 2.16 The Walled Garden be awarded a grant of up to £253 towards the cost of an art exhibition.

### 3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Committee is requested to consider and approve the recommendations 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 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 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 8 applications for financial assistance.

### **3. APPENDICES**

#### **3.1 Appendix 1 – Perth Common Good Fund Criteria.**