

Perth Common Good Fund Committee

4 October 2017

Applications for Financial Assistance

Report by Director (Environment)

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The report asks Perth Common Good Fund Committee to consider 12 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 grant. 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 listed, 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 next 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 2017/18 Financial Assistance 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, the value of funding approved to date, together with the remaining budget is summarised below:-

Approved 2017/18 Financial Assistance Budget	
Small Grants	£60,000
Capital Grants	£40,000
Value of grants committed	
Small Grants	(£18,436)
Capital Grants	(£39,244)

Value of applications to be considered at Committee meeting on 4 October 2017 Small Grants Capital Grants	(£31,099) (£756)
Remaining Financial Assistance Budget (assuming approval of all applications to be considered on 4 October 2017) Small Grants Capital Grants	£8,891 £2,099

2. PROPOSALS

Perth YMCA

- 2.1 An application has been received from Perth YMCA seeking a grant towards the costs of the Perth Alive 2017 on 25 and 26 August 2017. Perth YMCA is applying on behalf of the Perth Alice Group. The event aims to bring churches and community groups together to showcase the resources available and demonstrate the good work that goes on in individual communities. The event took place on the North Inch and include music, sport and family activities. It aimed to attract around 500 people building on the successful events of 2014, 2015 and 2016. The total costs are £6,250 including £2,500 for stage / sound engineer, £1,600 for marquees, £800 for BBQ, £750 for marketing and promotion and £600 for bungee trampoline. The applicant has secured £1,500 from Soutar Foundation, has applied for £1,000 from various churches and £500 from Gloag Foundation. In addition, and not included in the costs, the applicant will contribute £5,000 in kind through volunteers' time. The applicant is applying for £2,000. The applicant will fund the shortfall from fundraising. The applicant has previously benefited from the Fund £2,000 in 2016/17 and £2,500 in 2015/16. The application was received before the event took place and if the request is not successful, the applicant will have to fund the event from its own funds. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £2,000 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 7.2). The grant will contribute to social inclusion and lifelong learning.

Recommendation

- 2.2 Perth YMCA be awarded a grant of £2,000 towards the costs of the Perth Alive 2017 event.

South Perth Community Partnership

- 2.3 Two applications have been received from the South Perth Community Partnership. The first one is seeking a grant towards the costs of the fun day on 16 September 2017 and the second one is seeking a grant towards the costs of Christmas lights for an event on 7 December 2017.

The fun day offered activities for children and families such as face painting, circus skills or bouncy castle for around 400 people. The total costs for the Fun Day are £1,000 including £500 for children's activities and £500 for

publicity. The applicant will contribute £200 and is applying for £800. The application was received before the first event took place and if the request is not successful, the applicant will have to fund the first event from its own funds.

The Christmas event will celebrate the start of the festive period by having a Christmas light switch on at Craigie Cross with around 450 people. The total costs for Christmas event are £3,600 including £3,100 for Christmas lights and £500 for new frames and bulbs. The applicant will contribute £200 and a further £1,200 through fundraising. The applicant is applying for £2,500. The applicant will fund the shortfall from further fundraising.

The applicant has previously benefited from the Fund £998 in 2016/17 towards the Christmas lights and £700 in 2015/16.

It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of up to £400 towards the costs of the Fun Day in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 7.2). The grant will contribute to social inclusion and lifelong learning.

It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of up to £1,440 towards the costs of the Christmas Event in line with the guidance see Appendix 1 – Criteria 7.2). The grant will contribute to social inclusion and lifelong learning.

Recommendation

- 2.4 South Perth Community Partnership be awarded a grant of £400 towards the costs of the fun day event and £1,440 towards the costs of the Christmas event.

Moncreiffe Tea Dancers

- 2.5 An application has been received from Moncreiffe Tea Dancers seeking a grant towards the costs of their annual programme of events at Moncreiffe Church Hall. The total costs are £1,200 for 12 sessions including hall hire and music. The applicant has previously benefited from the Fund £840 in 2015/16 and £704 in 2014/15. The application was received before the activities took place. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £480 towards their annual programme of events in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 7.2). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.6 Moncreiffe Tea Dancers be awarded a grant of £480 towards the costs of their annual programme of events.

Tulloch Primary School Parent Council

- 2.7 An application has been received from Tulloch Primary School Parent Council seeking a grant towards the costs of the school pantomime event on 29 November 2017. The whole school will have the opportunity to attend the pantomime 'Cinderella' performance by M&M productions benefiting around 400 people. The costs are £950 for performance fees. The applicant has applied for £475. The applicant has previously benefited from the Fund £700 in 2017/18 and £1,150 in 2016/17. It is recommended that a grant of £475 is awarded in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 7.6). The grant will contribute to social inclusion and lifelong learning.

Recommendation

- 2.8 Tulloch Primary School Parent Council be awarded a grant of £475 towards the costs of the school pantomime.

Music in Hospitals

- 2.9 An application has been received from Music in Hospitals seeking a grant towards the costs of high quality live music in care units. The total costs for 10 sessions are £2,790. Skilled professional musicians perform in hospitals, hospices, care homes, day centres and special needs schools. Last year, 19 sessions were organised in different healthcare settings such as Craigieknowes Care Home, New Rannoch Day Centre and Murray Royal Hospital. The applicant is meeting the shortfall through fundraising and donations. The applicant is applying for £1,060. The applicant has previously benefited from the Fund £700 in 2015/16. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £1,060 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 7.2). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.10 Music in Hospitals be awarded a grant of £1,060 towards the costs of 10 sessions in healthcare settings in Perth.

Scottish Orchestras

- 2.11 An application has been received from Scottish Chamber Orchestra (SCO) on behalf of BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, Royal Scottish National Orchestra (RSNO) and Horsecross Arts seeking a grant towards the costs of the Scottish Orchestras' Perth Concert series: 22 September 2017, 12 October 2017, 26 October 2017, 9 November 2017, 20 December 2017, 5 January 2018, 4 February 2018, 22 February 2018, 11 April 2018 and 27 April 2018. In addition as part of creative learning, SCO Masterworks sessions took take place in September to encourage upper secondary school music students including Perth Academy to enhance their skills. There will also be a BBC Ten Pieces interactive concert with hundreds of school children in February 2018, a Royal Conservatoire of Scotland Concerto Concert on

24 June 2018 and a RSNO Community Orchestra with monthly rehearsals between September 2017 and June 2018. The total costs are £283,050 including orchestras/soloists/conductors costs (£128,000), venue hires (£22,250) and creative learning sessions (£40,000). The concerts and associated activities should benefit 9,500 people. The applicant will contribute £213,550 through tickets and programmes, fundraising and in kind support. The applicant has secured £57,500 from the Gannochy Trust. The applicant has asked for £12,000. The applicant has benefited from the fund £3,150 in 2016/17, £9,500 in 2015/16 and £9,500 in 2014/15. It is recommended that a grant of up to £12,000 is awarded in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 7.2). The grant will contribute to promote event tourism and lifelong learning.

Recommendation

- 2.12 Scottish Chamber Orchestra be awarded a grant of up to £12,000 towards the costs of Scottish Orchestra's Perth Concert series and creative learning sessions.

Southbank Centre

- 2.13 An application has been received from the Southbank Centre seeking a grant towards the costs of the WOW (Women of the World) Festival Perth taken place between 27 and 29 October 2017 at Perth Concert Hall. Launched in Southbank Centre in 2010 in London, WOW is designed to celebrate women and girls challenging barriers that prevent them from realising their full potential through a broad spectrum of talks, debates, workshops, performances and discussions. The Festival would benefit around 1,300 people with a third coming from outwith the area. The Festival will include a WOW Education Day on 27 October 2017 to be attended by 150 school girls from secondary schools across Perth and Kinross including Perth High School, Perth Grammar, Perth Academy and St John's Academy. The total costs are £62,480 including staff costs, programming, marketing, artist fees, volunteers costs and venue hire. The applicant will contribute £8,700 in ticket sales, has secured £33,780 from the Spirit of 2012 and has applied to the Gannochy Trust for £10,000. The applicant is applying for £10,000. The applicant has never benefited from the fund. It is recommended that a grant of up to £10,000 is awarded in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 7.2). The grant will contribute to promote event tourism and lifelong learning.

Recommendation

- 2.14 Southbank Centre be awarded a grant of up to £10,000 towards the costs of the WOW (Women of the World) Festival Perth taken place between 27 and 29 October 2017.

Jar of Jewels

- 2.15 An application has been received from Jar of Jewels seeking a grant towards the cost of 2 multicultural events between September 2017 and April 2018.

Jar of Jewels is a group of women from different countries, cultures, religions and backgrounds residing in Perth. The group meets monthly at PKAVS (North Methven Street). The events will provide opportunities for women from ethnic minorities to meet other people and experience other cultures. The total costs are £3,000 for both events including venues, food, activities (face painting) and music/entertainment. The applicant has asked for £1,200. The applicant will contribute towards the shortfall. The applicant has benefited from the fund £1,000 in 2015/16. The application was received before the first event took place and The application was received before the first event took place and if the request is not successful, the applicant will have to fund the first event from its own funds. It is recommended that a grant of £1,200 is awarded in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 7.2). The grant will contribute to social inclusion and promote cultural activities.

Recommendation

- 2.16 Jar of Jewels be awarded a grant of £1,200 towards the cost of the 2 multicultural events between September 2017 and April 2018.

Wednesday Tea Dance Group

- 2.17 An application has been received from Wednesday Tea Dance Group (meeting at the Civil Service Club) seeking a grant towards the cost of their New Year party on 17 January 2018. The total costs for the 45 members amount to £630. The applicant is applying for £315. The applicant has previously benefited from the Fund £280 in 2016/17, £548 in 2015/16 and £861 in 2014/15. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £315 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 7.6). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.18 Wednesday Tea Dance Group be awarded a grant of £315 towards the costs of the New Year Party.

Headway Perth and Kinross

- 2.19 An application has been received from Headway Perth and Kinross seeking a grant towards the cost of their summer outing to the Blair Drummond Safari Park on 19 August 2017. The total costs for the 47 members amounts to £1,295.50. The applicant is applying for £340.50. The applicant has previously benefited from the Fund in 2016/17 (£343), in 2015/16 (£691 – 2 outings) and 2014/15 (£586 – 2 outings). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £329 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 7.6). The application was received before the date of the event. If the grant is not awarded or not in full, the applicant will have to fund the activities from its own funds. The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.20 Headway Perth and Kinross be awarded a grant of £329.

Phoenix Allstars Cheerleading

- 2.21 An application has been received from Phoenix Allstars Cheerleading seeking a grant towards the costs of new equipment, unit improvement and coaching qualifications. The total costs are £4,700 (£2,000 for new equipment, £1,500 for unit improvement including changing rooms and £1,200 for coaching qualifications). The applicant is applying for £1,500. The application has approached Perth and Kinross Sports Council and have received funding from the Sports Council which went towards safety equipment. The applicant is applying for more funding towards a tumble track and other equipment to help younger ones with skills (£500). The applicant has not previously benefited from the Fund. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £1,400 towards new equipment and unit improvement in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 7.2). The grant will contribute to promote physical activities and social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.22 Phoenix Allstars Cheerleading be awarded a grant of £1,400 towards new equipment and unit improvement.

Perth and Kinross Credit Union

- 2.23 The Committee approved a grant of £3,730 on 18 May 2016 towards the cost of upgrading Perth and Kinross Credit Union IT facilities to provide new ways of accessing services through mobile/tablet applications and on-line loan application services. The applicant promotes savings in the community and provides low cost loans to its members when needed including those who maybe financially excluded. The costs were £7,460 (mobile/tablet modules, on-line application module, on-line newsletter, SMS module). Unfortunately, the applicant was not able to progress the project and has asked if the grant purpose could be changed. Credit Union's Membership has grown faster than anticipated and the applicant requires more computer hardware including printers and licences. The total costs are £3,024. The applicant has asked for the full amount. The applicant has not benefited from the fund over the past 3 years. It is recommended that a grant of £756 is awarded in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 8.3). The applicant will have to fund the difference from its own funds or other funding sources. The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.24 Perth and Kinross Credit Union be awarded a grant of £756 towards the cost of computer hardware.

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

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 recommendations contained within this report will be funded from the 2017/18 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 12 applications for financial assistance.

3. APPENDICES

3.1 Appendix 1 – Perth Common Good Fund Criteria.