

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 27 February 2013 at 1.00pm.

Present: Councillors J Coburn, B 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: Councillors I Campbell, B Ellis, A Gaunt, T Gray, K Howie, M Lyle, C Shiers, B Vaughan and M Williamson; B Renton, Depute Director (Environment); S Merone, D Calderwood; E Kerr, A Clegg (up to and including Art. 113) and A Thomson (all The Environment Service); H Smout and K McWilliam (Education and Children's Services); J Symon, J Cockburn, L Robertson, C Robertson, C Flynn and Y Oliver (all Chief Executive's Service).

Councillor J Coburn, Convener, Presiding.

109. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

110. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Perth Common Good Fund Committee of 19 December 2012 (Arts. 651-659) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

111. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (13/89) on applications received for financial assistance.

Resolved:

- (1) Wednesday Tea Dance**
Wednesday Tea Dance be awarded a grant of £263 towards the costs of their post Christmas Party.
- (2) Multiple Sclerosis Society (Perth and Kinross-shire Branch)**
Multiple Sclerosis Society (Perth and Kinross-shire Branch) be awarded a grant of £385 towards the costs of their Christmas Party.
- (3) Perthshire Chinese Community Association**
Perthshire Chinese Community Association be awarded a grant of £200 towards the costs of their New Year Celebrations.

(4) Perth Youth Orchestra

Motion (Councillors W Wilson and A MacLellan)

Perth Youth Orchestra be awarded a grant of £2,000 towards the costs of their triennial tour in Italy, as it is their anniversary year (without prejudice to subsequent applications).

Amendment (Councillors J Flynn and B Band)

Perth Youth Orchestra be awarded a grant of £1,000 towards the costs of their triennial tour in Italy.

4 Members voted for the Amendment as follows:

Councillors B Band, D Doogan, J Flynn and C Gillies.

10 Members voted for the Motion as follows:

Councillors J Coburn, P Barrett, E Maclachlan, A MacLellan, A Munro, A Stewart, H Stewart, W Wilson, I Miller and A Grant.

Resolved:

In accordance with the Motion.

(5) Perth Academy

Perth Academy be awarded a grant of £1,000 towards the costs of the residential trip.

(6) Breathe Easy Perthshire

Breathe Easy Perthshire be awarded a grant of £210 towards the costs of their summer outing.

(7) Perth Sea Cadets

Motion (Councillors C Gillies and J Flynn)

Perth Sea Cadets be awarded a grant of £452 towards the costs of purchasing band equipment.

Amendment (Councillors A Grant and I Miller)

Perth Sea Cadets be awarded a grant of £226 towards the costs of purchasing band equipment.

8 Members voted for the Amendment as follows:

Councillors J Coburn, B Band, P Barrett, D Doogan, E Maclachlan, A Stewart, I Miller and A Grant.

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6 Members voted for the Motion as follows:

Councillors J Flynn, C Gillies, A MacLellan, A Munro, H Stewart and W Wilson.

Resolved:

In accordance with the Amendment.

(8) St Leonard's-in-the-Fields Church

St Leonard's-in-the-Fields Church be awarded a grant of £2,000 towards the costs of upgrading fire safety system.

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

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (13/90) (1) summarising the review of the Perth Town Waters Fishing Beats for 2012 season; and (2) recommending changes to the beats, fishing from boats and sale of permits in response to management issues.

Resolved:

Consideration of Report 13/90 – Perth Town Waters Fishing Beats: Review of 2012 Season and Proposals for Management Changes be deferred to a future meeting of the Perth Common Good Fund Committee, for the provision of further information relating to:

- (i) the removal of beat Five from the Council Fishing Permit;
- (ii) the necessity of fishing by boat being removed from the conditions on the Permit; and
- (iii) the possible discontinuation by Visit Scotland to sell fishing permits for the Council.

113. PERTH, SOUTH INCH PARK UPGRADE, PHASE 2

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (13/91) outlining (1) proposals approved at the Environment Committee on 30 January 2013 (Art. 13/48 refers) for the creation of a high quality destination play area on the South Inch; and (2) improvements to park entrances to welcome people into the park. These proposals are phase 2 of upgrade works which complements the phase 1 works to upgrade the boating pond (completed in 2011).

Resolved:

The decision of the Environment Committee on 30 January 2013 for Phase 2 of the South Inch Upgrade Programme, including the creation of a new play area for the South Inch which will provide high quality play facilities and act as a destination, for both residents of Perth and visitors to the city, enhancing its environmental reputation, be ratified.

114. UPDATE ON USE OF THE SOUTAR HOUSE

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (13/92) (1) providing an update on the development and current use of the Soutar House following renovations as a result of severe weather damage; and (2) recommending further exploration of longer term solutions for future use of the property.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 13/92 and the current arrangements for use of the property, be noted.
- (ii) The undertaking of an options appraisal for the future use of the property, be approved.

115. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

There was submitted a revised report by the Head of Finance (13/93) detailing (i) the expenditure incurred and income received for the period up to 8 February 2013 and the projected outturn to 31 March 2013; and (ii) the repayment of £45,800 rental income to the Council's Housing Revenue Account.

Resolved:

- (i) The expenditure incurred and income received for the period up to 8 February 2013 and the projected outturn to 31 March 2013, be noted.
- (ii) The repayment of £45,800 rental income to the Council's Housing Revenue Account, be noted.
- (iii) The Head of Finance to report back to Councillor Gillies clarifying the position regarding the inclusion of the sum of £12,000 to the Shoppers Crèche (which had not been operational in 2012) on the Financial Statement.

IT WAS RECOMMENDED 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

116. RELAY STATION, KINNOULL HILL, PERTH

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (13/94) (1) seeking approval for the lease of the Relay Station at Kinnoull Hill, Perth to Heartland Radio Foundation Ltd; and (2) setting out proposed terms.

Resolved:

The lease of the Relay Station on Kinnoull Hill to Heartland Radio Foundation Ltd, as detailed in Report 13/94, and subject to other terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the Head of Planning and Regeneration and the Head of Legal Services, be agreed.

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