

## Aberfeldy Common Good Fund Committee – 27 February 2013

### APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

#### Report by Depute Director (Environment)

The report asks Aberfeldy Common Good Fund Committee to consider an application for financial assistance.

#### 1. RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is requested to approve the recommendation in the report.

#### 2. APPLICATION

##### 2.1 Aberfeldy Golf Club

2.1.1 An application has been received from the Aberfeldy Golf Club seeking a grant towards the purchase of 3 second hand buggies for people with mobility issues who are members or visitors. The current buggies lease arrangements have expired. The total costs amount to £3,600. The applicant has requested a grant of £1,800 as a non-recurring grant and has applied to the Griffin Fund for £3,600.

2.1.2 It is recommended that Aberfeldy Common Good Fund refuse to grant the request as, although the purchase of equipment is eligible under the agreed criteria (Appendix 1 - Criteria 4: Acquisition of equipment - consideration on merits up to a maximum of 50%), the provision of a grant to purchase such equipment would create a precedent that can be used by all the other golf courses in Perth and Kinross. In addition, the buggies would be exclusively used by Club members or visitors thus limiting the wider community benefit. Furthermore, the Club may have sufficient funding to hire or purchase such equipment.

##### Recommendation

2.1.3 Aberfeldy Golf Club be refused a grant of £1,800 towards the purchase of 3 second hand buggies.

#### 3. CONSULTATION

3.1 The Head of Democratic Services and the Head of Finance have been consulted.

#### 4. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

4.1 The recommendations contained within this report are in accordance with the priorities of Aberfeldy Common Good Fund's criteria for financial assistance.

## **5. RESOURCE IMPLICATION**

- 5.1 The recommendation contained within this report will be funded from the contributions to organisations provision for 2012/13.

## **6. EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EqIA)**

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 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.

## **7. STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

- 7.1 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.

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Background Papers – 1 application for financial assistance

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## COMMON GOOD FUNDS WITHIN PERTH AND KINROSS AREA CRITERIA

Within the boundary of the relevant common good area and if funding is available, applications will be considered from individuals either in full time education or of senior citizen status and from groups whose members qualify on the same basis or which are operating within the same boundary.

1. Christmas lighting - Firework displays up to a maximum of 50% of the total costs
2. Organisation of events/games/festivals up to a maximum of 50% of the total costs
3. Prizes at events/games/festivals
4. Acquisition of equipment - consideration on merits up to a maximum of 50%
5. Capital grants for provision/improvement of facilities - consideration on merits up to a maximum of 50% (the facilities must be available to the general public)
6. School/youth exchanges
7. School prizes
8. Voluntary work overseas
  - 6 months or more: £100 - **Perth Common Good Fund only:** up to £400 per individual
  - 1 – 5 months: £100 - **Perth Common Good Fund only:** up to £250 per individual
9. Attendance at summer schools/events
  - Less than 1 month but more than 2 weeks: £100 **Perth Common Good Fund only:** up to £150 per individual
  - One/two weeks: up to £100 per individual
10. Excursions/Parties (up to 2 per year per group)
  - Contribution of 50% towards the actual costs. Each organisation is allowed 2 applications during the course of a financial year. **Perth Common Good Fund only:** overall grant to be capped at up to £7 per individual with an overall maximum grant of up to £700.

#### 11. Visits by and from School/Youth/Sport/Music groups

- Contributions of up to £600 for groups less than 20 individuals and up to £1,000 for groups over 20 individuals for youth groups, senior citizen or vulnerable groups for activities exceeding 1 day. **Perth Common Good Fund only and for schools:** Contribution of 50% of the costs up to a maximum of £300 for each young person who due to financial difficulties are unable to participate in an extra curriculum school activity outwith the boundaries of Perth, exceeding 1 day and organised by a school. It will be the responsibility of each school to state the purpose of the extra curriculum school activity and identify such young person and advise the Common Good Fund accordingly.

#### 12. Any purpose where it can be demonstrated that there is a benefit to the community of the common good area

The following is not eligible:

- Assistance with further or higher education fees
- Charity based sponsored walk/cycle/canoe etc.
- Town twinning activities other than those qualifying through the age/occupation criteria
- Organisations with religious/political associations where there are restrictions on usage or availability
- Core funding of the Voluntary sector
- Assistance with rental of premises