

PERTH COMMON GOOD FUND COMMITTEE

Minute of hybrid meeting of the Perth Common Good Fund Committee held in the Council Chamber, 2 High Street, Perth on Monday 6 February 2023 at 1:00pm.

Present: Bailie C Ahern, Councillors A Parrott, L Barrett, P Barrett, A Chan, S Donaldson, E Drysdale, G Laing, B Leishman, I MacPherson, I Massie and S McCole.

In Attendance: D Coyne, F Lambie, K Molley, A Brown and M Pasternak (all Corporate and Democratic Services); J Dudgeon, J Gardner and D Stokoe (Communities).

Apology: Councillor J Rebbeck

Councillor A Parrott, Convener, Presiding.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

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

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In terms of the Councillors Code of Conduct:

- (i) Bailie C Ahern declared a non-financial interest in item 5(2).
- (ii) Councillor A Chan declared a non-financial interest in item 5(3).

3. MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE PERTH COMMON GOOD FUND OF 21 DECEMBER 2022 FOR APPROVAL

The minute of meeting of the Perth Common Good Fund Committee of 21 December 2022 was submitted and approved as an accurate record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

5. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

There was submitted a report by Head of Culture and Community Services (23/36) asking Perth Common Good Fund Committee to consider three small grant applications.

Resolved:

- (1) Ad-Lib Arts be awarded a grant of £1,000 towards holding informal focus group conversations with members and other community groups from the LGBT community in Perth, including Perthshire Pride, LGBT Youth Scotland, and Perth Parrotts.

- (2) North Muirton Community Group be awarded a grant of £3,500 towards their big Christmas Fun Day. Write to North Muirton Community Group to advise that future applications would be considered under criteria 9.2 instead of 9.8.

Councillor S McCole asked that her dissent to the decision taken be recorded.

- (3) Perth Chinese Association be awarded a grant of £4,875 towards their annual event to share the biggest Chinese Cultural Celebration with residents in Perth and Kinross.

6. 2023/24 BUDGET AND 2022/23 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (23/37) seeking approval of the budget for financial year 2023/24 for the Perth Common Good Fund; and (2) providing details of the Income and Expenditure to 31 December 2022 and the projected outturn for Financial Year 2022/23.

Motion by Councillor A Parrott and Bailie C Ahern

Approve the recommendations in Report 23/37.

Amendment by Councillor E Drysdale and Councillor I Massie

The Perth Common Good Fund Budget for Financial Year 2023/24, as set out in Appendix 1 to Report 23/37, be approved with the following addition:

- Earmark the sum of £69,500 to support the Cost-of-Living crisis in Perth City Centre. Applications can be made to the Perth Common Good Fund for the use of these funds.

THERE WAS A 15 MINUTE RECESS AND THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 13.47.

Under Standing Order 21.3 a roll call vote was taken:

2 members voted in accordance with the Motion:
Bailie C Ahern and Councillor A Parrott.

9 members voted in accordance with the Amendment:
Councillors L Barrett, P Barrett, A Chan, S Donaldson, E Drysdale,
B Leishman, I MacPherson, I Massie and S McCole.

1 member abstained from the vote as follows:
Councillor G Laing.

Resolved:

- (i) The Perth Common Good Fund Budget for Financial Year 2023/24, as set out in Appendix 1 to Report 23/37, be approved with the following addition:

- Earmark the sum of £69,500 to support the Cost-of-Living crisis in Perth City Centre. Applications can be made to the Perth Common Good Fund for the use of these funds.
- (ii) The draft Budgets for the Fund for financial years 2024/25 and 2024/26, as set out in Appendix 1 to Report 23/37, be noted.
- (iii) The projected income and Expenditure to 31 March 2023 for the Perth Common Good Fund for the 2022/23 Financial Year, as set out in Appendix 2 to Report 23/37, be noted.

7. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO COMMON GOOD FUND CRITERIA

The Convener provided a verbal update on the proposed changes to the Common Good Fund Criteria and advised that a report would be brought to the following Committee.

The Committee noted the position.