

# **PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL**

## **Crieff Common Good Fund Committee**

**29 January 2024**

### **APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

#### **Report by Head of Cultural and Community Services**

(Report No. 23/32)

#### **1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The report asks Crieff Common Good Fund Committee to consider one grant application.

#### **2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 It is recommended that Committee:

- Consider the grant application and agree any financial assistance to be awarded.

#### **3. STRUCTURE OF REPORT**

- 3.1 This report is structured over the following sections:

- Section 4: Background / Main Issues
- Section 5: Proposals: Small Grants
- Section 7: Conclusion

#### **4. BACKGROUND / MAIN ISSUES**

- 4.1 Perth and Kinross Council owns land and property which forms part of the Common Good of the former burghs in Perth and 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.
- 4.2 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.
- 4.3 Applications to Common Good Funds vary across the different former burghs of Perth and Kinross. This report is for the Crieff Common Good Fund

- 4.4 The 2023/24 Budget for the Crieff Common Good Fund was approved at the Committee meeting on 18 September 2023 (Report 23/253 refers). A summary of the approved Financial Assistance budget, committed grant funding, and the budget remaining, is provided below:

<b>2023/24 Financial Assistance Budget</b>	£1,500
<b>Value of grants paid and committed</b>	£1,000
<b>Remaining Financial Assistance Budget</b>	£500
<b>Value of funding requested and under consideration</b>	£500

## 5. PROPOSALS – SMALL GRANTS

### **Brass Central Strathearn**

- 5.1 A grant of £500 has been requested from Brass Central Strathearn. The grant will be used to purchase new pieces of music for the band. The band has its own music library, however, they have become aware that its current contents are becoming out-dated. The financial assistance will provide them with up-to-date modern music, which all recital attendees will enjoy and attract more locals. Across the year, the group participates in several local events such as Carols at Christmas; bandstand events organised by Friends of McRosty Park; and Drummond Castle Gardens. If the funding was partially awarded, it would still help the group to buy some new pieces. If no award was made, they would utilise their limited funds to continue what they would like to achieve. Any underspend would likely be used towards purchasing new music stands to replace older and broken stands.
- 5.2 It is estimated that 55 people from the Common Good Area will benefit from this project, along with all those interested in music from elsewhere in Perth & Kinross and beyond.
- 5.3 The project's total cost is estimated at £500, with the group requesting the full amount to buy approximately 10 new musical pieces at around £50 per piece.

## 6. CONSIDERATION AND CONCLUSION

- 6.1 The Committee is asked to consider the application for funding and agree any financial assistance to be awarded.

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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>None</b>
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	<b>None</b>
<b>Assessments</b>	
Equality Impact Assessment	<b>None</b>
Strategic Environmental Assessment	<b>None</b>
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	<b>None</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

- 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 2023/24 Financial Assistance budget.

### Workforce

- 2.2 Not applicable.

### Asset Management (land, property, IT)

- 2.3 Not applicable.

## **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. Carrying out Equality Impact Assessments for plans and policies allows the Council to demonstrate that it is meeting these duties.
- 3.2 This section should reflect that the proposals have been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) with the following outcome: Assessed as **not relevant** for the purposes of EqIA.

### Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 3.3 The Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 places a duty on the Council to identify and assess the environmental consequences of its proposals.
- 3.4 However, no action is required as the Act does not apply to the matters presented in this report. This is because the Committee are requested to note the contents of the report only and the Committee are not being requested to approve, adopt or agree to an action or to set the framework for future decisions.

### Sustainability

- 3.5 Not applicable.

### Legal and Governance

- 3.6 Not applicable.

### Risk

- 3.7 Not applicable.

#### **4. Consultation**

##### Internal

- 4.1 The Head of Finance and the Head of Legal and Governance have been consulted.

##### External

- 4.2 Not applicable.

#### **5. Communication**

- 5.1 Not applicable.

#### **6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 6.1 Perth Common Good Fund Application papers.