ABERFELDY COMMON GOOD FUND COMMITTEE

29 April 2024

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Report by Strategic Lead – Housing and Communities (Report No. 24/137)

1. PURPOSE

1.1 The report asks Aberfeldy Common Good Fund Committee to consider one small 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 6: Consideration and Conclusion
 - Appendices

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. Applications to Common Good Funds vary across the different former burghs of Perth and Kinross. This report is for the Aberfeldy Common Good Fund.

4.4 The estimated income for financial year 2024/25, and the value of the application to be considered at this meeting, is summarised below:

Estimated income for 2024/25	£5,700
Value of grants paid and committed	£0
Income remaining available for distribution	£5,700
Value of funding requested and under consideration	£500

5. PROPOSALS - SMALL GRANTS

Breadalbane Academy

- 5.1 A grant of £500 has been requested from Breadalbane Academy. The grant will help to support a group pupils undertake an excursion to Poland, to learn about the history and legacy of the Holocaust. The excursion will visit the location of the Krakow Ghetto, the location of Oscar Schindler's factory, and Auschwitz Concentration Camp. There would also be the opportunity to meet and talk to a first-generation Holocaust survivor. The excursion is taking place from 1-4 June 2024, and it is estimated that 10 young people from the Common Good Area will benefit from this project, along with 14 young people from elsewhere in Perth & Kinross.
- 5.2 The total cost for this project estimated at £15,312. This is based on a package quote for the entire trip. The group are requesting £500 from Aberfeldy Common Good Fund. They have received funding of £5,000 from the Basil Death Fund and Taymouth Castle. The remaining costs will be met by school fundraising and pupil contributions A full breakdown of the total costs is provided below.

Total proposed expenditure	£15,312
Basil Death Fund (Approved)	£3,000
Taymouth Castle (Approved)	£2,000
Maximum contribution from participants (£400pp)	£9,600
Funding requested	£500

6. CONSIDERATION AND CONCLUSION

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

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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	None
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	None
Assessments	
Equality Impact Assessment	None
Strategic Environmental Assessment	None
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	None
Legal and Governance	None
Risk	None
Consultation	
Internal	Yes
External	None
Communication	
Communications Plan	None

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.

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.

2. Resource Implications

<u>Financial</u>

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 budgets.

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.

<u>Sustainability</u>

3.5 Not applicable.

Legal and Governance

3.6 Not applicable.

Risk

3.7 Not applicable.

4. Consultation

Internal

4.1 The Strategic Leads of Finance and Legal and Governance have been consulted.

<u>External</u>

- 4.2 Not applicable.
- 5. Communication
- 5.1 Not applicable.
- 2. BACKGROUND PAPERS
- 2.1 Aberfeldy Common Good Fund Application papers.