

AUCHTERARDER COMMON GOOD FUND COMMITTEE

29 April 2024

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Report by Strategic Lead – Housing and Communities
(Report No. 24/139)

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The report asks the Auchterarder Common Good Fund Committee to consider one capital grant application for financial assistance.

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: Capital Grants
 - Section 6: Consideration and 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. The report is for the Auchterarder Common Good Fund.
- 4.4 The proposed 2024/25 Budget for the Auchterarder Common Good Fund is included in a separate report at this meeting. A summary of the draft Financial Assistance budget, and the value of funding under consideration, is provided below:

Proposed 2024/25 Financial Assistance Budget	£20,000
Value of grants paid and committed	£0
Remaining Financial Assistance Budget	£20,000
Value of funding requested and under consideration	£7,560

5. PROPOSALS – CAPITAL GRANTS

Auchterarder Parish Church

- 5.1 An application of £7,560 has been received by Auchterarder Parish Church to help with the costs of maintaining their Community Centre Car Park to prevent flooding, ensuring access for all. During recent heavy rain and snow, access to the car park has been restricted, limiting access to community activities within the Centre and visits from the Mobile Bank. Local neighbours have also voiced concern over flood water from the car park getting into their gardens and are very supportive of the planned works. A local Contractor has been found to construct a soakaway for the car park, adding gravel to ease drainage. The works are set to commence as soon as possible, with completion due a week after.
- 5.2 It is estimated that the project will benefit 205 people from within the Common Good area, along with 205 people from elsewhere in Perth & Kinross.
- 5.3 The total costs of the project are estimated to be £7,560 with the Group requesting the full amount. A full breakdown is included below.

Specific Items	Basis of Costing	Amount
Soakaway in parking area (include waste disposal costs)	Quote	£7,560
Total Proposed Expenditure		£7,560
Funding requested		£7,560

6. CONSIDERATION AND CONCLUSION

- 6.1 The Committee is asked to consider this request and agree the level of any funding 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

Financial

- 2.1 The Head of Finance has been consulted and has indicated agreement with the proposals. Awards of financial assistance will be funded from the 2024/25 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 Strategic Lead, Finance & Business Support and Strategic Lead, Legal & Governance have been consulted.

External

4.2 Not applicable.

5. Communication

5.1 Not applicable.

2. BACKGROUND PAPERS

2.1 Auchterarder Common Good Fund Application papers.