

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 22 May 2023 at 1:00pm.

Present: Bailie C Ahern, Councillors A Parrott, L Barrett, P Barrett, S Donaldson (Item 5 onwards), E Drysdale, B Leishman, I MacPherson, I Massie and S McCole.

In Attendance: C Robertson, F Lambie, J Guild, R Ramsay and M Pasternak (all Corporate and Democratic Services); L Haxton and J Dudgeon (Communities).

Apologies: Councillors A Chan, E Drysdale and G Laing.

Councillor A Parrott, Convener, Presiding.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Councillor A Parrott welcomed all present to the meeting and apologies were noted as above.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declaration of Interests in terms of the Councillors Code of Conduct.

3. MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE PERTH COMMON GOOD FUND OF 6 FEBRUARY 2023 FOR APPROVAL

The minute of meeting of the Perth Common Good Fund Committee of 6 February 2023 was submitted and approved as an accurate record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

5. COMMON GOOD FUND CRITERIA

There was submitted a report by Head of Cultural and Community Services (23/143) setting out some proposed changes to the criteria against which applications to the Perth Common Good Fund are assessed.

Resolved:

The proposed changes as set out in Report 23/143, be agreed.

6. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

There was submitted a report by Head of Culture and Community Services (23/144) asking Perth Common Good Fund Committee to consider five small grant applications, one cost of living grant application and two capital grant applications.

Motion by Councillor A Parrott and Bailie C Ahern

Perth Minorities Association to be awarded £10,000 for the summer Mela Festival.

Amendment by Councillors P Barrett and S McCole

Perth Minorities Association to be awarded up to £20,000 for the summer Mela Festival

In terms of Standing Order 21.5, a roll call vote was taken.

4 Members voted for the Motion as follows:

Bailie C Ahern, Councillors I MacPherson, I Massie and A Parrott

5 Members voted for the Amendment as follows:

Councillors L Barrett, P Barrett, B Leishman, S McCole and J Rebbeck

COUNCILLOR S DONALDSON JOINED THE MEETING AT THIS POINT

Motion by Councillor A Parrott and J Rebbeck

Black Watch Regimental Trust be awarded a grant of £4,550 towards a visit to Scotland of "The Hauntings", specifically contributing to:

- Jewellery Workshop with Ukrainian Refugees
- Kunsugi Workshop with Veterans
- Still Life Workshop with Mental Health Groups
- Cost of free school entry for 1000 children

Amendment by Bailie C Ahern and Councillor P Barrett

Black Watch Regimental Trust be awarded a grant of up to £18,200.

Under Standing Order 21.5, a roll call vote was taken:

6 Members voted for the Motion as follows:

Councillors L Barrett, B Leishman, I MacPherson, S McCole, A Parrott and J Rebbeck.

3 Members voted for the Amendment as follows:

Bailie C Ahern, Councillors P Barrett and I Massie

1 Member abstained from voting as follows:

Councillor S Donaldson

Resolved:

Small Grants

- (i) World Challenge Trip to Ecuador be awarded a grant of £250 to help the applicant raise funds towards a taking part in a group trip to Ecuador coordinated by the organisation, World Challenge to carry out voluntary work in the local farming communities, promoting sustainable farming and helping to carry out manual maintenance tasks.
- (ii) Friends of Letham Primary Parent Council be awarded a grant of £680 towards the Parent Council to pay for P7's leavers hoodies so that all pupils will receive one, and to purchase two urns for use at parents' events.
- (iii) Perth Minorities Association be awarded a grant of up to £20,000 towards the summer Mela Festival, a celebration of world music, dance, and culture, featuring a colourful parade and a day of activities on the North Inch on 10 June.
- (iv) Parent Fundraisers of Inspire Dance Studios be awarded a grant of £450 to help the organisation meet costs to take a group of dancers to Dublin in August for the World Lyrical Dance Federation World Championships.
- (v) Black Watch Regimental Trust be awarded a grant of £4,550 towards a visit to Scotland of "The Hauntings", specifically contributing to:
 - Jewellery Workshop with Ukrainian Refugees
 - Kunsugi workshop with Veterans
 - Still life workshop with Mental Health groups
 - Cost of free school entry for 1000 children

Cost of Living Grants

- (vi) VitalityMe CIC be awarded a grant of up to £10,520 to enable the organisation to run two groups - a family group for 2 hours a week where families can come together to focus on improving their overall wellbeing through family activities such as yoga, fitness, crafting and baking as well as providing a hot meal and refreshments, and a group for 2 hours a week that would be targeted at adults with a movement-based activity, lunch and peer support, linking in with local services to come along to provide advice on financial wellbeing, employment support, welfare rights, fire safety etc.

Capital Grants

- (vii) Perth Working Men's Garden Association (PWMGA) be awarded a grant off £2,850 towards the refurbishment of their pavilion on Moncreiffe Island.
- (viii) Perth Bridge Club be awarded a grant of £2,500 to assist with a major upgrade to their fire prevention, alarm and safety system.

7. 2022/23 AND 2023/24 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (23/145) providing details of the Income and Expenditure to 31 March 2023 and the projected outturns for Financial Years 2022/23 and 2023/24.

Resolved:

- (i) The Income and Expenditure to 31 March 2023, and the projected outturn for Financial Year 2022/23, as set out in Appendix 1, be noted.

- (ii) The projected outturn for Financial Year 2023/24, as set out in Appendix 2, be noted.