

# **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 29 January 2024 at 1.00pm.

Present: Baillie C Ahern, Councillors A Parrot, L Barrett, B Leishman, I MacPherson, I Massie, A Chan, S McCole and J Rebbeck.

In Attendance: L Haxton and J Dudgeon (Communities); D Coyne, D Williams, A Brown and R Ramsay (Corporate and Democratic Services).

Apologies: Councillors P Barrett, G Laing, I Massie, E Drysdale and S Donaldson.

Depute Provost A Parrott, Convener, Presiding.

## **1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

The Convener welcomed all those present to the meeting and apologies were noted as above.

## **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct:

- (i) Councillor A Chan declared a non-financial interest in relation to Item 6(2).
- (ii) Depute Provost A Parrott declared a non-financial interest in relation to Item 6(5).
- (iii) Councillors J Rebbeck and S McCole declared a non-financial interest in relation to Item 6(6).

## **3. MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE PERTH COMMON GOOD FUND OF 27 NOVEMBER 2023 FOR APPROVAL**

The minute of meeting Perth Common Good Fund of 27 November 2023, 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 the Head of Cultural and Community Services (24/27) presenting an application towards St John's Kirk Carillon, four small grant applications and one cost of living application.

**Resolved:**

**St John's Kirk Carillon**

- (1) St John's Kirk Carillon be awarded £2,000 to go towards the cost of their 2023/24 Carillon Programme.

HAVING DECLARED AN INTEREST, COUNCILLOR A CHAN DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM OF BUSINESS.

**Small Grants**

- (2) Perth Chinese Association be awarded £2,236 to go towards the cost of their yearly event of Chinese Cultural Celebration with the Perth and Kinross community, held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024.
- (3) Perth Flower Club be awarded £300 to go towards the cost of coach hiring to transport their members to Tomnah'a Gardens at Comrie Croft.
- (4) Perth Festival of The Arts be awarded £1,990 to help in covering the costs of staging of a new series of Festival's Community Stage Project.

HAVING DECLARED AN INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM, DEPUTY PROVOST A PARROTT DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM OF BUSINESS.

THE COMMITTEE AGREED THAT COUNCILLOR J REBBECK BE APPOINTED ACTING CONVENER FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEM OF BUSINESS.

- (5) ESOL Perth be awarded £600 to go towards the cost of running guitar lessons.

DEPUTY PROVOST A PARROTT RESUMED THE ROLE OF CONVENER FOR THE REMAINING ITEMS OF BUSINESS.

HAVING DECLARED AN INTEREST, COUNCILLORS J REBBECK AND S MCCOLE DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM OF BUSINESS.

**Cost of Living Grants**

- (6) Letham4All be awarded £15,000 to go towards assistance in the operating of their PayPoint voucher service and the distribution of the cards for it.

**6. 2024/25 BUDGET AND 2023/24 FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

There was a submitted report by Head of Cultural Finance (24/28), seeking the approval of Perth Common Good Fund Committee and containing the details of the Income and Expenditure to 30 November 2023 and the estimated overrun for Financial Year 2024/25.

**Resolved:**

- (i) Perth Common Good Fund Budget for financial year 2024/25, as set out in Appendix 1, be approved.
- (ii) Draft budgets for the Fund for financial years 2025/26 and 2026/27, as set out in Appendix 1, be noted.
- (iii) Projected Income and Expenditure to 31 March 2024 for the Perth Common Good Fund for the 2023/24 Financial Year, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report, be noted.

**IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN ORDER TO AVOID THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION WHICH IS EXEMPT IN TERMS OF SCHEDULE 7A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1973.**

**P1. PROPOSED LEASE OF SHOP – 2 NORTH PORT, PERTH**

There was a submitted report by the Strategic Lead – Economy, Development and Planning (24/29), seeking approval for a lease that has been proposed, regarding a property known as and forming, 2 North Port, Perth. The status of the property is currently Common Good and is vacant, whilst being marketed for let.

**Resolved:**

The lease of 2 North Port, Perth, be approved under the terms set out in Report (24/29).