

KINROSS COMMON GOOD FUND COMMITTEE

20 December 2017

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Report by Interim Executive Director (Environment)

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The report asks Kinross Common Good Fund Committee to consider one application for financial assistance.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Perth and Kinross Council owns land and property which forms part of the common good of the former burghs in Perth & 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.
- 1.2 The Common Good Funds have traditionally demonstrated their support to local residents and organisations by distributing grant. These grant awards allow individuals and local organisations to carry out a wide range of community based activities. For each application, the level of previous grant awarded is listed, but variances between years could be due to the numbers of participants. Retrospective applications are not accepted. However, if an application is received before the activities take place and cannot be considered at the following meeting because the papers have already been issued, the application will be considered at the following next meeting even if the activities have taken place between meetings. Therefore, the Committee decision will only be known after the activities have taken place, and if the grant is not awarded, the applicant will have to fund the activities from its own funds.
- 1.3 The 2017/18 Financial Statement considered by Kinross Common Good Fund Committee at the meeting on 26 April 2017 (Report 17/172 refers) included a note of the estimated income available for distribution during 2017/18. The audited balance of the Fund as at 1 April 2017 is summarised below:-

Revenue Balance at 1 April 2017	£157,552
Amount ring-fenced as ‘Capital’	£157,000
Remaining Balance Available for Distribution	£552
Revised estimated 2017/18 income from investments	£1,000
Applications approved to date	£700
Total balance available for distribution	£852

2. PROPOSAL

Kinross Curling Trust

- 2.1 An application has been received from the Kinross Curling Trust seeking a grant towards the costs of improving access to Kinross Curling facilities. The Trust has operated the facilities since 1 September 2013. The ice hall facilities have been re-built in 2014, but access to pre-existing lounge recreational facilities remains by a stairway. The project aims to improve access to these facilities by installing a platform lift, improving entrance to the facilities and changing/staff facilities including a disabled toilet facility. The total costs are £150,000 including £40,000 for the lift project. The applicant has raised £80,000 and there is still a shortfall of £70,000. The applicant has asked for a contribution. The applicant has not benefited from the fund in the last 3 years. The number of people who live locally and enjoy curling exceeds 800. The British Curling Elite team has also used the facilities and more events might be attracted with the improved facilities.
- 2.2 The proposal meets the criteria of the provision of funding of any activity which is beneficial to the interests of the inhabitants of Kinross.

Recommendation

- 2.3 In line with revised guidance, the Committee is asked to consider the request and no recommendation is made by Officers.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Committee is requested to consider the request in the report.

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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	No
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	No
Assessments	
Equality Impact Assessment	Yes
Strategic Environmental Assessment	Yes
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	Yes
Legal and Governance	None
Risk	None
Consultation	
Internal	Yes
External	None
Communication	
Communications Plan	None

1. Strategic Implications

Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement

- 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 Kinross 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 Kinross 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. Any funding approved by the Committee will be contained within the income generated by the Fund for the year and/or from the Fund balance.

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. An equality impact assessment needs to be carried out for functions, policies, procedures or strategies in relation to race, gender and disability and other relevant protected characteristics. This supports the Council's legal requirement to comply with the duty to assess and consult on relevant new and existing policies.
- 3.2 The function, policy, procedure or strategy presented in this report was considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) with the following outcome: No further action is required as the items summarised in the committee report do not require further assessment as they do not have an impact on people's wellbeing or equality protected characteristics.

Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 3.3 Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is a legal requirement under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that applies to all qualifying plans, programmes and strategies, including policies (PPS). The matters presented in this report were considered under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 and no further action is required as it does not qualify as a PPS as defined by the Act and is therefore exempt.

Sustainability

- 3.4 Under the provisions of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 the Council has to discharge its duties in a way which contributes to the achievement of sustainable development. In terms of the Climate Change Act, the Council has a general duty to demonstrate its commitment to sustainability and the community, environmental and economic impacts of its actions. The proposals in this report will encourage social equity and opportunities for cultural, leisure, community, sport and other activities.

4. Consultation

Internal

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

2. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 2.1 1 application for financial assistance.

3. APPENDICES

- 3.1 None.