

## PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

## Kinross Common Good Fund Committee

28 June 2017

## Applications for Financial Assistance

## Report by Director (Environment)

The report asks Kinross Common Good Fund Committee to consider 3 applications 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 unaudited balance of the Fund as at 1 April 2017 is summarised below:-

Revenue balance at 1 April 2017	£157,551.53
Amount ring-fenced as ‘Capital’	£157,000
Remaining Balance available for distribution	£551.53
Estimated 2017/18 income from investments	£1,100
<b>Total Balance available for distribution</b>	<b>£1,651.53</b>

## **2. PROPOSAL**

### **Kinross High School**

- 2.1 An application has been received from Kinross High School seeking a grant towards the costs of a Shakespeare Schools Festival between June and November 2017. The Festival will target S2/3 as an extra-curricular project for students who want to get involved in theatre without necessarily studying drama. The Festival will culminate in a performance at the Byre in St Andrews in November 2017. The total costs are £2,656 including £1,856 for registration and participant fees (£928 or 50% of these costs will be covered by Shakespeare Schools Festival Charity) and £800 for transport. The applicant has applied for £1,300 to cover transport (£800) and part of fees (£500). The rest will be covered through fundraising. The applicant has not benefited from the fund in the past 3 years.
- 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.

### **Light up Kinross**

- 2.4 An application has been received from Light Up Kinross seeking a grant towards the costs of the maintaining, repairing and erecting Christmas lights and improve the town displays for Christmas 2017 (25 November 2017 – 10 January 2018). The total costs are £4,323 (£1,923 for erection of lights and £2,400 for repairs and maintenance). The applicant has applied for a grant of £500. The rest of the funding will come from fundraising and a grant from Kinross Newsletter. The applicant has benefited from the fund in 2016/17 (£1,000).
- 2.5 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**

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

### **Perth and Kinross District Scout Council**

- 2.7 An application has been received from Perth and Kinross District Scout Council seeking a grant towards the costs of the Explorer Belt Poland 2017 Expedition for 2 people in the Summer 2017 (15 days). The Explorer Belt is a challenge of a lifetime focusing on an expedition that provides a real understanding of a different country, its culture and way of life. By travelling in small teams through Poland, explorers will complete a series of projects and meet local people. The total costs are £22,303. The applicant will raise the

rest of the funding through grants, parents and fundraising. The applicant is applying for £150 for each individual. The applicant has not previously benefited from the Fund.

- 2.8 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**

- 2.9 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 request in the report.

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## 1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

<b>Strategic Implications</b>	<b>Yes / None</b>
Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement	<b>Yes</b>
Corporate Plan	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Resource Implications</b>	
Financial	<b>Yes</b>
Workforce	<b>No</b>
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	<b>No</b>
<b>Assessments</b>	
Equality Impact Assessment	<b>Yes</b>
Strategic Environmental Assessment	<b>Yes</b>
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	<b>Yes</b>
Legal and Governance	<b>None</b>
Risk	<b>None</b>
<b>Consultation</b>	
Internal	<b>Yes</b>
External	<b>None</b>
<b>Communication</b>	
Communications Plan	<b>None</b>

### 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. The recommendation contained within this report will be funded from the balance remaining available for distribution in 2017/18.

### **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 Finance and the Head of Legal and Governance have been consulted.

### **2. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 2.1 3 applications for financial assistance

### **3. APPENDICES**

- 3.1 None