

# PERTH COMMON GOOD FUND COMMITTEE

29 April 2024

## BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS DISPLAY EVENT ON 5 NOVEMBER 2024

### Report by Strategic Lead – Housing and Communities (Report No. 24/134)

#### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The report provides details of the Bonfire and Fireworks event on 5 November 2024 to be organised by the Perth and Strathearn 200 Round Table and a request for additional funding from Perth Common Fund Committee.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that Committee:
- Consider the 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: Proposal
  - Section 6: Conclusion
  - Appendices

#### 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 Perth Common Good Fund is larger and receives a much higher number of applications than the other Funds. Therefore, additional criteria are applied to assist with assessing applications (see Appendix 1).

- 4.4 The 2024/25 Budget for the Perth Common Good Fund was approved at the Committee meeting on 29 January 2024 (Report 24/28 refers). The approved budget includes an allocation of £20,000 to support the Perth Fireworks and Bonfire Display on 5 November 2024.
- 4.5 This report outlines how this funding will be used and includes an application for additional funding.

## 5. PROPOSAL

### Perth & Strathearn 200 Round Table (Fireworks)

- 5.1 A grant application has been received for the Perth Fireworks and Bonfire display for £22,028.80. The group has organised this event for several years in collaboration with the Council, local communities and businesses. This is a major event where the community can gather in large numbers on the South Inch in Perth and safely enjoy the sights and sounds of the display. In addition to the Bonfire and Fireworks Display, the event provides entertainment, including music, opportunities for local young artists, a funfair and food vendors.
- 5.2 It is estimated that the event will attract 5,500 people, of which 3,000 are from Perth and Kinross, 2,000 are from elsewhere in Perth and Kinross and 500 are from outside of Perth & Kinross. Although the event is free of charge, the public can leave a donation that will be distributed to local causes.
- 5.3 The total cost of the event is estimated at £22,028.80 – a breakdown of costs has been provided below. The Perth Common Good Fund has been asked to provide the full amount. The group have secured donations of vehicles, labour and reduced rates from local plant hire companies for the event.

Specific items	Amount
Pyrotechnics fireworks display/ Sound system	£15,900
Fencing and safety barriers (2 days)	£900
Generator (2 days)	£250
Generator Cabling (2 days)	£100
Portacabin (x2)	£400
Trailer Hire with Insurance (2 days)	£400
First Aid facilities and trained personnel	£808.80
Telehandler	£320
Tower lights	£400
Other (e.g. fuel, volunteer's food and drink etc)	£300
South Inch Site Hire	£150
Pallets/Potato Boxes	£400
Skip Hire	£800
Portaloos	£900
<b>Total proposed expenditure</b>	<b>£22,028.80</b>
<b>Funding requested</b>	<b>£22,028.80</b>
<b>Funding provisionally allocated</b>	<b>£20,000</b>
<b>Remaining funding gap</b>	<b>£2,028.80</b>

## Consideration

- 5.4 The Perth Common Good Fund has been asked to provide £22,028.80 of funding, of which £20,000 has provisionally been allocated as agreed at Perth Common Good Fund meeting on 29 January 2024. Based on the overall cost of £22,028.80, the Committee is asked to consider a further grant of £2,030 which is consistent with Criteria 9.2a.
- 5.5 The Perth & Strathearn 200 Round Table have had a total of £44,094 in approved funding from the Perth Common Good Fund over the last three years.

Year	Amount	Project
2023/24	£22,000 (£20,000 Budget + £2,000 additional funding)	Perth Fireworks and Bonfire 2023
2022/23	£22,094 (16,500 Budget + £5,594 additional funding)	Perth Fireworks and Bonfire
2021/22	-	Application withdrawn as event cancelled

## 6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 The Committee is asked to consider allocating a grant of £22,030 to Perth & Strathearn 200 Round Table for the costs of the Bonfire and Fireworks Display on 5 November 2024. This comprises the £20,000 previously allocated, with an additional grant of £2,030.

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## APPENDICES

- Appendix 1 – Perth City Common Good Fund Criteria

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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>None</b>
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	<b>None</b>
<b>Assessments</b>	
Equality Impact Assessment	<b>None</b>
Strategic Environmental Assessment	<b>None</b>
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	<b>None</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

- 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 Perth 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 Perth 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 recommendations contained within this report will be funded from the 2022/23 Financial Assistance budgets.

### 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 and Governance have been consulted.

##### External

- 4.2 Not applicable.

#### **5. Communication**

- 5.1 Not applicable.

#### **2. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 2.1 Perth & Strathearn 200 Round Table Common Good Fund Application.