

KINROSS COMMON GOOD FUND COMMITTEE

3 October 2018

Applications for Financial Assistance

Report by Depute Chief Executive (Report No.18/311)

The report asks Kinross Common Good Fund Committee to consider two applications for financial assistance from Light Up Kinross and Perth and Kinross District Scout Council.

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 Local residents and organisations can apply to Common Good Funds for support to develop projects in the Common Good area. These grants allow individuals and local organisations to carry out a wide range of community based activities. Retrospective applications are not accepted. However, if an application is received before the project takes place and cannot be considered at the following meeting because papers have already been issued, the application will be considered at the next meeting even if the activities have taken place. 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 At the meeting of 24 February 2016, the Committee requested that £157,000 of the revenue balance of the fund was to be ring-fenced as ‘Capital’. The Unaudited Revenue Balance at 1 April 2018, an estimate of the income for 2018/19 and the value of funding to be considered by this meeting is summarised below:

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| Unaudited Revenue Balance at 1 April 2018 | £157,029 |
| Estimated income for 2018/19 | £1,000 |
| Value of applications to be considered by Committee | £1,350 |

- 1.4 In the event that Committee approves funding in excess of the estimated income, an option open to Committee, the earmarked minimum balance will reduce accordingly. The 2018/19 Financial Statement report to be considered at this meeting provides details of the estimated income and expenditure for the year, the Revenue Account balance at 1 April 2018, and the estimated Revenue Account balance at 31 March 2019 for the Fund.

2. PROPOSALS

Light Up Kinross

- 2.1 An application has been received from Light up Kinross seeking a grant towards a Christmas Light and Tree display in Kinross. The total costs amount to £7,664.76. The applicant is applying for £750. The applicant will contribute £1,500 from its group and fundraising activities. A source of funding of up to £500 from the Cooperative is pending. The applicant has previously benefitted from the fund in 2017/18 (£500).
- 2.2 The grant will pay for the display of Christmas Lights and a Christmas Tree in Kinross to give a festive atmosphere to the town for residents and to encourage other festive activities.

Perth and Kinross District Scout Council

- 2.4 An application has been received from Perth and Kinross District Scout Council, seeking a grant towards the costs of three young individuals (who are residents of Kinross) attending the World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia, USA. The total costs amount to £10,384.62. Other sources of funding are Parental Contributions (£3,685.38), Forteviot Trust (£923.08), Thomas Trust (£553.85), Jimmie Cairncross Charitable Trust (£276.92), Lethendy Charitable Trust (£276.92), Guildry Incorporation of Perth (£230.77) and Aberfeldy Rotary (£115.38). The applicant is applying for £600. The applicant has previously benefitted from the fund in 2017/18 (£375). The grant will allow the young people involved to enhance their leadership skills and feedback their experiences to local Scout Groups, thereby encouraging more young people to become involved.
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3. RECOMMENDATION

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

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1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

| Strategic Implications | Yes / None |
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| 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 Committee will be contained within the 2018/19 estimated income for the fund and, if applicable, will be funded from the revenue 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 Legal and Governance and the Head of Finance have been consulted.

2. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- Two applications for financial assistance.

3. APPENDICES

None.