

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Alyth Common Good Fund Committee

22 May 2023

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Report by Head of Cultural and Community Services

(Report No. 23/146)

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The report asks the Alyth Common Good Fund Committee to consider one small grant application for financial assistance.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that Committee:
- consider the grant applications 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: Proposals: Small Grants
 - Section 6: Consideration and Conclusion

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 report is for the Alyth Common Good Fund.
- 4.4 A summary of the draft Financial Assistance budget, and the value of funding under consideration, is provided below:

2022/23 Fund Balance as at 28 Feb 2023	£20,503
2023/24 Estimated Annual Income	£800
Value of grants paid and committed	NIL
Value of funding requested and under consideration	£1,200

5. PROPOSALS – SMALL GRANTS

Alyth & District Agricultural Show

- 5.1 An application of £1,200 has been received by the Alyth & District Agricultural Show to pay local groups and an individual in exchange for a showcase of traditional displays and skills to the local community as a part of the Show. The aim is to offer a varied timetable of events from Farrier Demonstrations, Pipe Band, Chainsaw Art and Flyball Demonstrations throughout the day to engage spectators from all demographics and enhance the traditional agricultural show. Following a break due to the Covid-19 outbreak and a consequential lack of funds, the Show is due to return this year with a slightly new format with a focus to become a real community event. The aim is to get people to socialise and join and support local groups, whether it be through music, sport or the arts. If the grant is only partially awarded, this will result in fewer performing groups being paid to attend. It is estimated that 1050 people from within the Common Good Area will benefit, as well as 1150 from elsewhere in Perth and Kinross and 850 from outside of Perth and Kinross. These numbers are made up of exhibitors, visitors, traders and volunteers.
- 5.2 The total cost of the project is estimated to be £1,200 with the applicant requesting the full amount. A full breakdown of the cost is detailed below.

Specific Items	Basis of Costing	Amount
Farrier Demonstration	Quote	£400
Blairgowrie & District Pipe Band	Quote	£300
Star Paws Flyball Team	Quote	£150
Chainsaw Carving Demonstration	Quote	£350
Total Proposed Expenditure		£1,200
Funding requested		£1,200

- 5.3 The Committee is asked to consider this request and agree the level of any funding to be awarded.

6. CONSIDERATION AND CONCLUSION

- 6.1 The Committee is asked to consider one funding request.

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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	None
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	None
Assessments	
Equality Impact Assessment	None
Strategic Environmental Assessment	None
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	None
Legal and Governance	None
Risk	None
Consultation	
Internal	Yes
External	None
Communication	
Communications Plan	None

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. Awards of financial assistance will be funded from the 2023/24 Financial Assistance budget.

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

External

- 4.2 Not applicable.

5. Communication

- 5.1 Not applicable.

2. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 2.1 Alyth Common Good Fund Application papers.