

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Crieff Common Good Fund Committee

8 December 2021

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Report by Head of Culture & Community Services

(Report No. 21/234)

This paper outlines two applications for financial assistance from Crieff Common Good Fund. Committee is asked to consider the applications and agree the level of any funding support.

1. BACKGROUND / MAIN ISSUES

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 Applications to Common Good Funds vary across the different former burghs of Perth and Kinross. This report is for the Crieff Common Good Fund.
- 1.4 The 2021/22 Budget for the Crieff Common Good Fund was approved at the meeting of 28 April 2021 (Report 21/55 refers). A summary of the approved Financial Assistance budget, committed grant funding, and the budget remaining, is provided below:

2021/22 Financial Assistance Budget	£1,400
Value of grants paid and committed	£300
Remaining Financial Assistance Budget	£1,100
Value of funding requested and under consideration	£1,000

2. SMALL GRANTS

Richmond House Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation

- 2.1 An application has been received from Richmond House Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation seeking a grant towards a Christmas event. The group was set up earlier this year with the intention to host free health walks for local people to reduce social isolation during the Covid-19 pandemic. The group is open to all, but many attendees have long-term disabilities or conditions such as dementia, Parkinson's disease, diabetes or mental health conditions. Since the project started, over 35 people have directly benefitted from the walks. This grant will fund a Christmas social event for 35 beneficiaries and 25 volunteers to come together at the end of their last walk before Christmas – a time when people can feel particularly isolated. It would also provide an opportunity to thank the volunteers who have given their time to assist in the walks.
- 2.2 The total cost is £740 (see breakdown below) and the group has secured £240 from the Arnold Clark Community Fund towards this. The group is applying for £500 from the Common Good Fund. The applicant has not received grant funding from the Common Good Fund in the last three years.

Specific items	Basis of costing	Amount
Hire of hall and kitchen	£15 per hour x 5 hrs	£75
Entertainment	Quote from Music in Hospitals & Care	£125
Food	£5 x 60	£300
Small gift for each participant	£4 x 60	£240
Total expenditure		£740

Consideration

- 2.3 The Committee is asked to consider the request in the report and determine the level of any grant to be awarded.

3. CAPITAL GRANT

Strathearn Archaeological and Historical Society

- 3.1 An application has been received from Crieff Archaeological and Historical Society seeking a grant to purchase a laptop computer. The total cost is £700 and the group is asking for £500. The group will fund the remaining £200. The laptop will be used for administrative work and to continue conducting lectures and meetings online. Online lectures and meetings were originally enforced by Covid-19 restrictions on in-person meetings, but this will continue once restrictions have eased due to the positive benefits of increased accessibility of online activities for the group.

Consideration

- 3.2 The Committee is asked to consider the request in the report and determine the level of any grant to be awarded.

4. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 The Committee is asked to consider and approve the recommendations in the report.

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1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Strategic Implications	Yes / None
Community Plan	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. The recommendations contained within this report will be funded from the 2021/22 Financial Assistance budget.

Workforce

- 2.2 N/A.

Asset Management (land, property, IT)

- 2.3 N/A.

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. The Equality Impact Assessment undertaken in relation to this report can be viewed clicking [here](#).

Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 3.2 The Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 places a duty on the Council to identify and assess the environmental consequences of its proposals.
- 3.3 The proposals have been considered under the Act 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 N/A.

Legal and Governance

- 3.5 The Head of Legal and Governance has been consulted.

Risk

- 3.6 N/A.

4. Consultation

Internal

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

External

4.2 N/A.

5. Communication

5.1 N/A.

2. BACKGROUND PAPERS

2.1 None