

CRIEFF COMMON GOOD FUND COMMITTEE

16 June 2021

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Report by Depute Director of Communities
(Report No. 21/90)

The report asks Crieff Common Good Fund Committee to consider applications for financial assistance for 1 Capital grant.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Perth & 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 the former burghs. This duty also applies to the administration of the associated Common Good Fund.
- 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 The 2021/22 Budget for the Crieff Common Good Fund was approved at the Committee meeting on 28 April 2021 (Report 21/55 refers). A summary of the approved Financial Assistance budget, grants committed, and the budget remaining is provided below:

2021/22 Financial Assistance Budget	£1,400
Value of grants committed	NIL
Remaining Financial Assistance Budget	£1,400
Value of award under consideration	£300

Small Grants

- 1.4 N/A

Capital Grants

Crieff Community Garden

- 1.5 A grant of £300 is sought to improve the infrastructure of the Crieff Community Garden by making it more self-sustaining. This will cover the costs of waterbutts and compost bins. Currently volunteers rely on the fire service for regular access to water, so the waterbutts, which collect rainwater will make this more straightforward. Compost bins will be used to recycle the garden waste. The total cost is £316.68, with other costs being covered by “Go Fund Me.”
- 1.6 This initiative will encourage further participation from volunteers as make the task less strenuous, as water and other supplies will be more readily available. Local residents can also recycle their food waste by adding it to the compost bins and learn how to make their own gardens self-sustaining through composting.
- 1.7 Thousands of volunteer hours were given in 2020 to revive the garden after being derelict for 3 years. Seminars have been hosted with local companies Strathearn Living Well and Willow Works, who have built willow sculptures to feature in the garden to help increase footfall and nature trails for children have been created.
- 1.8 If approved, the project will start in June 2021.

2. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to consider the request and agree any financial contribution.

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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	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 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. The Reserves of the Perth Common Good Fund will reduce if the Financial Assistance budget is exceeded.

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.