

KINROSS COMMON GOOD FUND COMMITTEE

16 June 2021

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Report by Depute Director of Communities
(Report No. 21/94)

The report asks Kinross Common Good Fund Committee to consider an application for financial assistance from Kinross-shire Move Greener.

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 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 2021, an estimate of the income for 2021/22, and the value of funding to be considered by this meeting is summarised below:

Unaudited Fund Balance at 1 April 2021	£158,486
Estimated income for 2021/22	£157
Value of award under consideration	£4,000

Small Grants

- 1.4 N/A

Capital Grants

Kinross-shire Move Greener

- 1.5 This application is for a community led initiative, with the aims of promoting health and wellbeing from bike sharing and usage, reducing environmental impact and generating local employment opportunities.
- 1.6 Kinross-shire Move Greener would like to create a fleet of e-Bikes and variants, including tandems, trikes and wheelchair conversion to make the equipment accessible for all. In addition to use, activities will be run including bike-ability courses, tours, maintenance and training. Employment will be created, to operate the scheme and maintain the fleet. Apprenticeship opportunities may also become available.
- 1.7 A survey conducted locally, received 170 respondents and 82.4% stated they would support/use an e-bike share scheme.
- 1.8 Total proposed expenditure of £8,000. This is to cover the cost of:
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|-------------------------|--------|
| 4 e-bikes | £6,000 |
| Charging Station | £1,500 |
| Marketing/leaflets, etc | £500 |
- 1.9 £4,000 is being requested from this grant application, with £2,000 already secured from other funding. If approved, the scheme is scheduled to commence in October 2021.

2. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to consider the application and agree the level of any grant to be awarded.

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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 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 value of funding requested exceeds the estimated income for the year, any approved award which exceeds the annual income of the Fund will reduce 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 Finance and the Head of Legal and Governance have been consulted.

2. BACKGROUND PAPERS

2.1 One application for financial assistance.

3. APPENDICES

3.1 None.