

CRIEFF COMMON GOOD FUND COMMITTEE

24 April 2019

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Report by Depute Chief Executive (Report No. 19/123)

The report asks Crieff Common Good Fund Committee to consider one application for financial assistance from the Friends of Old St Michael's Hall and Grounds.

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. The 2019/20 Financial Assistance budget for the Crieff Common Good Fund is due to be considered by the Committee in the following paper. The annual income available to the Fund is £1,600.
- 1.4. The 2019/20 Budget & Financial Statement report to be considered at this meeting provides details of the proposed Budget, estimated income and expenditure for the year, the Revenue Account balance at 1 April 2019, and the estimated Revenue Account balance at 31 March 2020 for the Fund. The proposed Financial Assistance Budget and Value of Application to be considered at this meeting are summarised below:

Proposed Financial Assistance Budget	£1,000
Value of application to be considered at Committee meeting on 24 April 2019	£250

2. PROPOSALS

Friends of Old St Michael's Hall and Grounds

- 2.1. An application has been received from Friends of Old St Michael's Hall and Grounds seeking a grant towards the costs of purchasing a bench. The total costs amount to £584.60. This includes £459.60 for a 2m seat bench from Kacey Plastics of Comrie; £100 for concrete footing and labour; and £25 for delivery. The applicant will contribute £334.60 towards these costs. The applicant has applied for £250. The applicant has not previously benefitted from the Fund. This grant will improve the surroundings of the Memorial Garden and allow residents and visitors to utilise it further.
- 2.2. The proposal meets the criteria of the provision of funding of community benefit for the people (including any individual or group of people) who live in the former burgh served by Crieff Common Good Fund Committee.

3. RECOMMENDATION

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

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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 Crieff 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 Crieff 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 2019/20 Financial Assistance budget.

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

- a. One application for financial assistance

3. APPENDICES

None