

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Aberfeldy Common Good Fund Committee

22 June 2022

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Report by Head of Culture & Community Services

(Report No 22/147)

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The report asks Aberfeldy Common Good Fund Committee to consider applications for financial assistance for 2 small grants.

2. RECOMMENDATION	
2.1	<p>It is recommended that Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• consider the 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
- Section 5: Proposals: Small Grants

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. Applications to Common Good Funds vary across the different former burghs of Perth and Kinross. This report is for the Aberfeldy Common Good Fund.

- 4.4 The estimated income for financial year 2022/23, and the value of the application to be considered at this meeting, is summarised below:

Estimated income for 2022/23	£1,320
Value of grants committed to date	£585
Income remaining available for distribution	£735
Value of funding requests to be considered by Committee	£4,374

5. PROPOSALS – SMALL GRANTS

Aberfeldy Festive Committee

- 5.1 An application for £1,044 has been received from the Aberfeldy Festive Committee to contribute to their Christmas Market project, which will take place on 3 December 2022. The all-day event will include: the switching on of the Aberfeldy Christmas lights; performers including a local dance group, choirs, and Atholl Pipe Band/Wind Band; a Christmas parade; Santa's Grotto; and around 20 stalls for various businesses and charities to promote their services and sell Christmas gifts. The Christmas Market has been a part of community life for around two decades but has been unable to take place over the last two years due to the pandemic. Entry to the Market will be free.
- 5.2 195 people from the Common Good Area, 50 people from elsewhere in Perth and Kinross, and 80 people from outside of Perth and Kinross (all of varying ages) are estimated to benefit from the project.
- 5.3 The total cost of the project is £2,044. A breakdown of the costs has been provided below. The applicant has not received grant funding from the Common Good Fund in the last three years.

Specific items	Basis of costing	Amount
Reindeer (to lead parade and offer petting/photo opportunities from 12-4)	Quote	£1,500
Pipe Band	Quote	£100
Volunteer expenses	Based on 3 years ago	£150
Prizes for parade/floats/window displays	Based on 3 years ago	£150
Premises for meetings	Hire costs £12 p/h x 2 hours x 6 meetings	£144
Total proposed expenditure		£2,044
Contribution from group		£1,000
Funding requested		£1,044

Aberfeldy Church of Scotland

- 5.4 An application for £3,330 has been received from the Aberfeldy Church of Scotland to contribute to their Upper Tay Church of Scotland Community Newsletter project. The project is to produce and distribute 3 editions (over the course of a year) of the free-of-charge Upper Tay Community Newsletter in hard copy to all PH9 and PH15 houses and further afield through the digital version. The newsletter contains a register of voluntary community-based activities and essential services. The community are invited to make contributions, including recipes, photos and articles, but it will not promote any businesses and does not contain advertising as the group want the newsletter to remain a register of voluntary activities and essential services, rather than a commercial magazine.
- 5.5 45% of those who receive a paper copy of the newsletter are from the Common Good Area. The rationale for distributing the newsletters outside of the Common Good Area is that the services offered in the directory are almost exclusively within the Common Good Area but the group do not want to exclude those who live in the rural community from accessing them. The newsletter was first published in April 2020 and focused on providing essential service information such as details on collecting prescriptions, accessing free meals and delivery of food/other necessary items. Subsequent editions have focused on health and wellbeing, encouraging people to be active. The Aberfeldy Healthiest Town initiative and GP practice both use the Newsletter as a source of information, and the Council uses it to promote initiatives such as Ways to Wellbeing and the Adult Learning Hub. The group may no longer be in a position to continue publishing and distributing the newsletter without funding, as they have funds to cover some of the Autumn Edition costs, but not the December Edition.
- 5.6 The total cost of the project is £3,330. A breakdown of the costs has been provided below. The applicant has not received grant funding from the Common Good Fund in the last three years.

Specific items	Basis of costing	Amount
Printing	£750 per edition	£2,250
Distribution	£360 per edition	£1,080
Total proposed expenditure		£3,330
Funding requested		£3,330

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APPENDICES

- None

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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 Aberfeldy Common Good Fund does not have an approved budget for awards of Financial Assistance, awards are typically funded from the income remaining available for the current financial year. Awards which exceed the available income will reduce the Revenue Balance accordingly.

Workforce

- 2.2 N/A.

Asset Management (land, property, IT)

- 2.3 N/A.

3. Assessments

- 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 N/A.

Legal and Governance

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

Risk

3.7 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.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 Aberfeldy Common Good Application papers.