

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Kinross Common Good Fund Committee

4 October 2021

Applications for Financial Assistance

Report by Head of Culture & Community Services

(Report No. 21/176)

The report asks Kinross Common Good Fund Committee to consider 1 application for financial assistance.

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 Kinross Common Good Fund.
- 1.4 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 on 1 April 2021, an estimate of the income for 2021/22, and the value of funding approved to date is summarised below:

2021/22 Financial Year

Unaudited Fund Balance on 1 April 2021	£158,486
Estimated income for the year	£157
Estimated Balance on 31 March 2022	<u>£158,643</u>
Less ring-fenced Balance	<u>(£157,000)</u>
Balance available for Financial Assistance	£1,643
Value of award approved in 2021/22	£1,200
Balance remaining	£443

2. CAPITAL GRANTS

Kinross-shire Move Greener Organisation (KMGO)

- 2.1 This grant application will be used to part-fund a pilot of the KMGO Car Share Scheme which was initially launched in April 2021. The Car Share Scheme was for Kinross-shire and the original plan was for a 6-month pilot, but KMGO would now like to extend this. The organisation saw the opportunity to change habits and make a positive impact on the environment, while capitalising on the public's growing awareness of the environment and their willingness to make positive changes. As a further impact of this project, it will also reduce traffic in the centre of Kinross and create local employment opportunities (i.e. through vehicle maintenance and cleaning). This application requests funds to part-cover the remaining 3-4 months period of the pilot. There is good support from local residents, and it is thought that approx. 810 people will benefit from this scheme based on surveys to date. 600 (74%) are from the Common Good area itself.

The applicant has established a simple performance management framework but currently has insufficient data which is part of the reason for this extension request. Initial costs for the 6 -9 months pilot have now been re-configured for a 12month period, as detailed below:

Specific Items	Costs (£)
Match Funding payment to Enterprise of £300 per month (quote)	£3,600
VAT	£720
Marketing/leaflets, etc	£500
Totals	£4,820

- 2.2 £3,250 was already secured prior to the launch in April 2021, £750 of which was from the Kinross Common Good Fund. This application is for a further £750 to go towards the remainder of these costs. The remaining £820 is hoped to be made up through other grant applications, for example to the Kinross-shire Newsletter Fund, amongst others. The applicant is confident that their other applications will be approved, but in the event of applications being unsuccessful the applicant has confirmed that they will either: seek alternative funds, which will be required towards the end of the financial year; raise funds through local events and sponsorship; or, if necessary, end the trial early due to lack of funds.

3. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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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 The Kinross Common Good Fund.

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 The Kinross Common Good Fund.

2. Resource Implications

Financial

- 2.1 Any award of Financial Assistance funding will reduce the Fund Balance. The Committee may also be required to review the level of the Fund Balance ring-fenced as 'Capital'.

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. 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

3.3 N/A.

Legal and Governance

3.4 The Head of Legal and Governance has been consulted.

Risk

3.5 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 Kinross Common Good Application papers.