

PERTH COMMON GOOD FUND COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting of the Perth Common Good Fund Committee held virtually via Microsoft Teams on Monday, 19 October 2020 at 9.30am.

Present: Councillors A Parrott, C Ahern, P Barrett, A Coates, E Drysdale, J Duff, M Lyle, S McCole, J Rebbeck and W Wilson.

In Attendance: D Coyne, C Flynn, G Fogg, C Holgate, L Haxton, K Molley and J Salisbury (all Corporate and Democratic Services) J Janes, M McCaskie and S Merone (Housing and Environment).

Apology: Councillor H Coates

Councillor A Parrott, Convener, Presiding.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Councillor A Parrott welcomed all present and an apology was noted as above.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, Councillor S McCole declared a non-financial interest in P1.

3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of the Perth Common Good Fund Committee of 19 February 2020 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

5. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – JUNE 2020

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, members of the Perth Common Good Fund Committee were contacted, and the following decisions were agreed:

- (1) Letham Primary School be awarded a grant of £468 towards support for their Lifeskills at Letham Project.
- (2) An individual be awarded a grant of £150 towards the cost of two week ballet dancing training at the Royal Conservatories over the summer.
- (3) St John's RC Academy be awarded a grant of £520 towards their 2020 Award Ceremony to celebrate the success of pupils at the end of the 2019/20 session in June.

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- (4) PKAVS Walled Garden be awarded a grant of £18,786 towards the costs of a replacement art studio.
- (5) Kinnoull Bowling Club be awarded a grant of £974.55 towards the costs of installing an energy efficient boiler.

Resolved:

The grants awarded by Perth Common Good Fund members in June 2020, be noted.

6. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

There was submitted a report by Executive Director (Communities) (20/185) asking Perth Common Good Fund Committee to consider applications for financial assistance for small grants and for capital grants.

Resolved:

(1) Perth Badminton

Perth and District Badminton Association be awarded a grant of £3,000 towards holding the Scottish National Badminton Championship in 2021.

(2) Tulloch Primary School Parent Council

Tulloch Primary School Parent Council be awarded a grant of £439.60 towards hosting a pantomime for pupils on campus on 22 December 2020.

(3) Tulloch Primary School

Motion (Councillors A Parrott and W Wilson)

Tulloch Primary School be awarded a grant of £1,650 to support their 2021 P7 residential to Dalguise Outdoor Activity Centre.

Amendment (Councillors C Ahern and J Rebbeck)

Tulloch Primary School be awarded a grant of £2,154 to support their 2021 P7 residential to Dalguise Outdoor Activity Centre.

In accordance with Standing Order 58, a roll call vote was taken.

4 members voted for the Motion as follows:

Councillors P Barrett, A Coates, A Parrott and W Wilson.

6 members voted for the Amendment as follows:

Councillors C Ahern, E Drysdale, J Duff, M Lyle, S McCole and J Rebbeck.

Resolved:

In accordance with the Amendment.

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(4) Friends of William Soutar Society

The Friends of William Soutar Society be awarded a grant of £1,800 towards publishing 'The Complete Works of William Soutar (Poetry)'.

(5) Riverside Church North Muirton

Riverside Church in North Muirton be awarded a grant of £2,000 towards supporting the creation of a community kitchen to support low-income households in their local area in partnership with Fareshare.

7. 2019/20 AND 2020/21 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (20/186)(1) providing an update on the Audited outturn for Financial Year 2019/20; and (2) detailing the Income and Expenditure and the projected outturn to 31 March 2021 for Financial Year 2020/21.

Resolved:

- (i) The Audited Income and Expenditure to the 31 March 2020 for the Perth Common Good Fund for the 2019/20 Financial Year, as set out in Appendix 1 to report 20/186, be noted.
- (ii) The proposals in Section 2.9 of report 20/186 that the estimated £3,000 expenditure to complete the review of property titles in line with requirements of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, be approved.
- (iii) The established Income and Expenditure to 31 March 2021 for the Perth Common Good Fund for the 2020/21 Financial Year, as set out in Appendix 2 to report 20/186, be noted.

8. DISPOSAL OF FORMER COUNCIL OFFICES AT 1-5 HIGH STREET,

There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning and Development (20/187) seeking approval from the Perth Common Good Fund Committee to dispose of the former Council offices at 1-5 High Street, Perth for redevelopment as a boutique hotel, following the Council's decision on 30th July to appoint a preferred bidder to acquire the property for this purpose.

Resolved:

- (i) The disposal of parts deemed as common good fund assets within the property of 1-5 High Street, be approved.
- (ii) It be approved that the Head of Legal Services will proceed with the necessary court application.

IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN ORDER TO AVOID THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION WHICH IS EXEMPT IN TERMS OF SCHEDULE 7A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1973.

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COUNCILLOR S MCCOLE LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

P1. 2-4 NORTH METHVEN STREET, PERTH

There was submitted a report Head of Planning and Development (20/188) seeking approval for the granting of a rent-free period for the shop premises at 2-4 North Methven Street, Perth.

Resolved:

- (i) The initial six-month rent-free period from 28 August to 27 February 2021, be approved.
- (ii) It be approved that the tenants financial/business position is reviewed at the end of the initial six-month period.
- (iii) It be approved that the decision to extend the rent-free period, if justified, is delegated to officers and is reported to a future meeting of the Committee.

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