

CRIEFF COMMON GOOD FUND COMMITTEE

17 December 2020

Applications for Financial Assistance

Report by Executive Director (Communities) (Report No. 20/251)

The report asks Crieff Common Good Fund Committee to consider one application for financial assistance from Crieff Choral Group.

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 2020/21 Financial Assistance budget for the Crieff Common Good Fund was approved by Committee by email in August 2020. The audited revenue account balance at 1 April 2020 is £11,866. The approved financial assistance budget is £1,000.
- 1.4. The approved Financial Assistance Budget and Value of the Application to be considered at this meeting are summarised below:

Financial Assistance Budget 2020/21	£1,000
Value of approved application by email in 2020	£500
Remaining Financial Assistance Budget	£500
Value of application to be considered at Committee meeting on 17 December 2020	£250

2. PROPOSALS

Crieff Choral Group

Crieff Choral Group are seeking funding for their 'Songs from the Hills' Concert in March 2021. The concert will likely take place online if a physical event is not possible. The concert will feature songs by Elgar and Brahms, as well as traditional Scottish folk songs. The group is open to anyone in Crieff who wants to join and brings together a wide range of people interested in singing. The group estimates 370 people will be involved in the concert. The total cost of the concert is £3,650, and the group are seeking a £250 grant to support the event. The costs include: choir director/conductor (£1,300); accompanist fee (£800); soloists (£700); promotion and musical hire (£400); and venue/ piano hire (£450). The group have raised funds themselves and are also applying for other funding.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1. The Committee is asked to consider the request and agree any financial contribution.

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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 ImplicationsCommunity 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 ImplicationsFinancial

- 2.1. The Head of Finance has been consulted and has indicated agreement with the proposals. The funding requested, if approved by Committee, will be contained within the 2020/21 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.

5. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 5.1. One application for financial assistance

6. APPENDICES

- 6.1. None