

ABERFELDY COMMON GOOD FUND COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Aberfeldy Common Good Fund Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 16 December 2009 at 9.29am.

Present: Councillors K Lyall, I Campbell, G Hayton, K Howie and I Miller.

In Attendance: Councillors A Gaunt, A Grant, J Law, M Lyle and D Melloy (from Art. 651(a) onwards); D Calderwood and E Kerr (both Quality of Life Trust); L Maher and C France (both Corporate Services); A Wilson and S Hendry (both Chief Executive's Service).

Councillor K Lyall, Convener, Presiding.

649. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, Councillor K Lyall declared a financial interest in Art. 651(a).

650. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Aberfeldy Common Good Fund Committee of 30 September 2009 (Arts. 489-492) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

COUNCILLOR K LYALL LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT, AND IT WAS AGREED THAT COUNCILLOR K HOWIE TAKE THE CHAIR FOR THE FIRST APPLICATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM.

651. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

There was submitted a joint report by the Head of Legal Services and the Head of Finance (09/627) on applications received for financial assistance.

Resolved:

(a) Aberfeldy Town Hall Steering Group

Aberfeldy Town Hall Steering Group be awarded a grant of £500, to be split over financial years 2009/2010 and 2010/2011, towards the cost of a Talk of the Town Hall Newsletter, created by volunteers and produced quarterly, beginning in January 2010.

COUNCILLOR K LYALL RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT THIS POINT AND TOOK THE CHAIR.

(b) Aberfeldy Festive Committee

Aberfeldy Festive Committee be awarded a grant of £500 towards the cost of the Festive Celebrations.

652. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Finance (09/628) detailing the income and expenditure on the Aberfeldy Common Good Fund for the period up to 30 November 2009, anticipating a deficit of £15,200 being incurred in financial year 2009/2010, and projecting a balance on the Fund's Revenue Account of £87,858 at 31 March 2010.

THE CONVENER RULED THAT IN HIS OPINION THE FOLLOWING ITEM SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY IN TERMS OF SECTION 50(B)(4)(B) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1973.

653. REVIEW OF COMMON GOOD FUND PROPERTY

The Convener reported that work was underway in the Council's Legal Services Section to carry out a review of property held on common good fund accounts and also of property which was not currently held on common good fund accounts, but which was believed could have common rights of ownership. This type of review had been undertaken by other Councils and in line with best practice established elsewhere, the review work would be undertaken in close consultation with local community councils. The Convener reminded the Committee that in September 2000, the Council had considered formal non-Council representation on the Common Good Fund Committees, and had agreed at that time not to appoint non-Council members (Art. 299/00 refers).

Resolved:

The Chief Executive be requested to consider how to broaden community involvement in Common Good Fund Committees and so strengthen the link between the community and the way in which the Committee fulfilled its remit; and that a report based on these considerations be submitted to the Council's Modernising Governance Member/Officer Working Group, prior to submission of a report to a future meeting of Perth and Kinross Council.

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