

PERTH COMMON GOOD FUND COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Perth Common Good Fund Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 20 September 2006 at 1.00pm.

Present: Councillors Barrett, Caddell, Coburn, Doig, Flynn, Gillies, Hunter, Lennie, MacLellan, Miller, Stewart and Wilson.

In Attendance: A Bernard, S Thornton and A Wilson (All Corporate Services)

Councillor Gillies, Convener, Presiding.

588. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

589. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Perth Common Good Fund Committee of 28 June 2006 (Arts.452-457) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

590. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Corporate Services) (06/639) on applications received for financial assistance.

Resolved:

(a) Dance & Musical Theatre Student

A Perth student be awarded £100 towards the last part of her final year's course at the Cumbria Institute of the Arts in Carlisle.

(b) Perth and Kinross Cricket Development Group

To homologate the decision by the Executive Director (Corporate Services) taken in consultation with the Convener, to award a grant of £306 to the Perth and Kinross Cricket Development Group towards their tour to Durham in August 2006.

(c) Scottish Orchestras

A grant of £5,400 be allocated towards the cost of hiring Perth Concert Hall for a series of six orchestral concerts, subject to a similar contribution being awarded through the Council's financial assistance to the voluntary sector budget and to the number of complementary tickets allocated to local schools being appropriate to satisfy demand.

(d) Perth Strathearn 200 Round Table

To award a grant of up to £7,000 to meet the costs of the firework display for 5 November 2006.

(e) Friends of West Mill Street Library

To refuse a request from the Friends of West Mill Street Library for financial assistance towards the cost of three laptop computers for the library, but that the applicant be directed towards more appropriate potential sources of funding.

(f) Perth Pub Watch

To refuse a request from Perth Pub Watch for financial assistance from the Common Good Fund towards the cost of equipping 15 licensed premises with a radio, plus access charge and crime partnership charge at a cost of £6,878, on the grounds that the main beneficiaries would be the pubs involved, rather than the common good, and that the costs could be met by the participating pubs.

(g) Soutar House Writers Group

Considerable discussion took place on the application for a grant to support The Big Community Read project, the aim of which is to encourage reading in the community. Although the aim of the project was welcomed, the method of funding was questioned.

Motion (Councillors Gillies and Doig) – To support the aims of the project but to refuse the application to the Common Good Fund as this was not the appropriate Committee to fund such an application.

Amendment (Councillors Caddell and MacLellan) – Defer the application pending the receipt of further information from the AK Bell Library on the level of demand from readers for books in the Scots language.

Amendment - 8 votes

Motion - 3 votes

Resolved

In accordance with the Amendment.

591. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director (Corporate Services) (06/640) detailing the income and expenditure on the Perth Common Good Fund for the period to 31 August 2006.