

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 24 May 2006 at 1.00pm.

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

In Attendance: Councillor Mair; D Calderwood (Grants Direct); R McArthur, Executive Director (Corporate Services); A Wilson and V Goldthorp (both Corporate Services).

Councillor Gillies, Convener, Presiding.

328. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, Councillor Coburn declared a financial interest in Article 334 and Councillor Wilson declared a non-financial interest in Article 330(j).

329. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Perth Common Good Fund Committee of 29 March 2006 (Arts. 208-212) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

330. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Corporate Services) (06/345) on applications received for financial assistance.

Resolved:

(a) Perth Highland Games

The Perth Highland Games be awarded a grant of £2,500 towards the cost of support for the pipe band contest at this year's games on 13 August 2006 on the condition that Perth Common Good Fund is acknowledged on any publicity material.

(b) Perth Sea Cadets

Perth Sea Cadets be awarded a grant of £600 towards the cost of sending four cadets on adventure trips to Gibraltar (6 to 13 August 2006) and two cadets to the Training Ship *Royalist* (7 to 14 October 2006), to broaden their outlook and for training.

(c) Perth and District YMCA

Perth and District YMCA be awarded a grant of £600 towards their Great Aschaffenburg Tandem Trip from 20 to 28 June 2006, as part of the 50th anniversary of the twinning of Perth and Aschaffenburg.

(d) Bridge of Earn Under 15 Football Team

Follow participation by Bridge of Earn under 15 Football Team in the Blackpool Tournament from 14 to 17 April 2006, a grant of £500 by the Executive Director (Corporate Services), in consultation with the Convener of the Common Good Fund, be homologated towards costs of the trip.

(e) Perth Volunteer

A grant of £100 by the Executive Director (Corporate Services), in consultation with the Convener, to a young Perth volunteer who went abroad on an international youth exchange from 18 April 2006 to 5 May 2006, be homologated.

(f) Perth City Club

A grant of £580 be awarded to Perth City Club towards their summer outing to the Fife Coast on 5 June 2006.

(g) Perth Student

A grant of £100 be awarded to a young female medical student towards costs of participation in an eight week voluntary programme to work in a public hospital in Mombasa, Kenya.

(h) Servite Friendly Group

The Friendly Group be awarded a grant of £220 towards the cost of a summer outing for the residents of Servite House, Canal Street, Perth.

(i) Perth Academy Junior Hockey Club

A grant of £1,000 by the Executive Director (Corporate Services), in consultation with the Convener, towards the cost of the Tournament held in York from 24 to 26 May 2006, be homologated.

COUNCILLOR WILSON, HAVING DECLARED A NON-FINANCIAL INTEREST IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM, TOOK NO PART IN THE DECISION THEREIN.

(j) Royal Horticultural Society of Perthshire

The Royal Horticultural Society of Perthshire be awarded a grant of £1,500 towards undertaking a series of events to celebrate the Society's history and achievement over the past 200 years as one of the oldest such organisations within the United Kingdom.

(k) North Perth Integrated Community School

North Perth Integrated Community School be awarded a grant of £1,600 towards the cost of hiring buses for the summer activities programme planned for children from Letham, Fairfield and Muirton.

(l) Young Chess Player

(i) The young chess player be awarded a grant of £100 towards expenses to participate in the UK (Northern) Gigafinal in Manchester during July.

(ii) The young person be congratulated on securing a place in the Gigafinal, and advised of the Committee's best wishes for her further success.

(m) Headway Perth and Kinross

Headway Perth and Kinross be awarded a grant of £575 towards the cost of its summer outing to Rothesay.

(n) Belarus Children

(i) A grant of £250, as in previous years, be awarded to purchase gifts for the Belarus children who will be staying in Perth during June/July 2006.

(ii) The Committee's thanks be extended to all those in the local community and local businesses who support the children's visit.

331. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director (Corporate Services) (06/349) detailing the income and expenditure on the Perth Common Good Fund for the period to 30 April 2006.

332. CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS CRÈCHE 2005

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (06/346), (1) outlining the expenditure incurred, income received and attendance figures for the Christmas Crèche operated in 2005 in Perth; and (2) setting out proposals for the arrangement for a crèche facility for Christmas 2006.

Resolved:

(i) The expenditure incurred, income received and attendance figures for the Christmas Crèche operated for the period 20 November 2005 to 24 December 2005 in Lesser City Hall, King Edward Street, Perth, be noted.

(ii) It be delegated to the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services), in consultation with appropriate officers and members of the Christmas Crèche Member/Officer Working Group, to make arrangements for a Crèche facility for Christmas 2006 including identifying of a suitable venue.

(iii) Councillors Caddell, Coburn, Gillies, Hunter and Lennie be appointed to the Christmas Crèche Member/Officer Working Group.

(iv) An early meeting of the Christmas Crèche Member/Officer Working Group be held to progress arrangements for Christmas 2006.

(v) All involved be congratulated on their efforts in consistently bringing this project to fruition.

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

333. HOSPITALITY, CONFERENCE AND EVENT SUPPORT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Corporate Services) (06/348) providing details of the draft programme of Hospitality, Conferences and Events proposed by the Council.

Amendment – (Councillors Gillies and Wilson) – Grant £12,500 toward the 50th Anniversary of Perth – Aschaffenburg Twinning civic event.

Motion – (Councillors Doig and MacLellan) – Grant £10,000 towards the civic event planned for the 50th Anniversary of Perth - Aschaffenburg Twinning.

Amendment – 5 Votes

Motion – 4 Votes

Resolved:

In accordance with the Amendment.

THE COMMITTEE ADJOURNED AT 2.00PM TO ENABLE THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD.

THE COMMITTEE RECONVENED AT 2.18PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

Resolved:

With the exception of the Perth-Aschaffenburg Twinning Anniversary award, the remainder of the report be deferred to the August Committee when commitments, projected outturns and funding issues would have been clarified.

COUNCILLOR COBURN, HAVING DECLARED A FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM, LEFT THE MEETING.

334. MONCRIEFFE ISLAND

There was submitted a report by the Head of Property (06/353) seeking (1) instructions in relation to the options proposed to the Island causeway; and (2) setting up a Working Group to address the long term future for the Island.

Resolved:

- (i) That a further report detailing costs for renewal of the causeway and repairs to the Island footpath be submitted to the next meeting.
- (ii) To establish a Member/Officer Working Group to explore the long term future of the island and bring back proposals to a future meeting of this Committee.