

## 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 30 September 2009 at 1.00pm.

Present: Councillors C Gillies, R Band, P Barrett, L Caddell, J Flynn, G Hayton, E Maclachlan, A MacLellan, I Miller, D Scott, A Stewart, H Stewart and W Wilson.

In Attendance: Councillors I Campbell (Art. 486(g) onwards), A Gaunt (Art. 486(m) onwards), K Howie, K Lyall, and M Lyle (Art. 486(p) onwards); D Calderwood and E Kerr (both Quality of Life Trust); L Maher (Corporate Services); A Wilson and S Hendry (both Chief Executive's Service); Mr V Clements, Secretary, Aberfeldy Community Council (Arts. 484-487).

Apology for Absence: Councillor J Coburn.

Councillor C Gillies, Convener, Presiding.

### 484. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, Councillor A MacLellan declared a non-financial interest in Art. 486(c); and Councillor A Stewart declared a non-financial interest in Arts. 486(c), (g) and (h).

### 485. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Perth Common Good Fund Committee of 24 June 2009 (Arts. 327-331) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

### 486. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

There was submitted a joint report by the Head of Legal Services and Head of Finance (09/449) on applications received for financial assistance.

**Resolved:**

**(a) Scottish Ballet**

Two girl ballet dancers from Perth be awarded a grant of £100 each, towards the cost of participating in a junior associate scheme, at the Scottish Ballet.

**(b) St John's Academy**

St John's Academy be awarded a grant of £1,000 towards the cost of 23 pupils participating in a skiing trip to Italy in March 2010.

**(c) Headway Perth & Kinross**

Headway Perth and Kinross be awarded a grant of £864 towards the cost of taking 49 of its members on a trip to the pantomime in Glasgow on 12 December 2009 including a Christmas meal at a hotel in Stirling.

**(d) Dalreoch Place Comfort Fund**

Dalreoch Place Comfort Fund be awarded a grant of £305 towards the cost of Christmas lunch for 30 residents on 17 December 2009, it being noted that

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this represented 50% of the total application of £610, amended from the £1,000 stated in Report 09/449.

- (e) **Bowerswell Social Club - Tenants**  
Bowerswell Social Club be awarded a grant of £380 towards the cost of Christmas lunch on 17 December 2009.
- (f) **Perth Strathearn 200 Round Table**  
Perth Strathearn 200 Round Table be awarded a grant of up to a maximum total of £10,000, comprising £8,000 towards the cost of a fireworks display on 5 November 2009, and £2,000 towards the cost of expenses for the evening.
- (g) **Visor Group**  
The decision by the Head of Legal Services and Head of Finance, in consultation with the Convener of Perth Common Good Fund Committee, to award the Visor Group a grant of £1,000 towards the cost of a holiday to Melrose for 23 members during the period 7-11 September 2009, be homologated.
- (h) **Friends of Stepping Stone Theatre Company**  
The decision by the Head of Legal Services and Head of Finance, in consultation with the Convener of Perth Common Good Fund Committee, to award the Friends of Stepping Stone Theatre Company a grant of £125 towards the cost of its trip to Pitlochry Festival Theatre on 5 August 2009, be homologated.
- (i) **Project Trust Student**  
The decision by the Head of Legal Services and Head of Finance, in consultation with the Convener of Perth Common Good Fund Committee, to award a Project Trust Student a grant of £100 towards the cost of their trip to Guyana, where they will be teaching mathematics and science to pupils of Wauna Primary School, be homologated.
- (j) **Perth Academy Senior Hockey Club**  
The decision by the Head of Legal Services and Head of Finance, in consultation with the Convener of Perth Common Good Fund Committee, to award Perth Academy Senior Hockey Club a grant of £1,000 towards the cost of a tour to Dublin over the period 30 September – 3 October 2009, be homologated.
- (k) **Perth Safer Cities Initiative**  
The decision by the Head of Legal Services and Head of Finance, in consultation with the Convener of Perth Common Good Fund Committee, to award Perth Safer Cities Initiative a grant of £500 towards the cost of employing two taxi marshals for the taxi rank at Murray Street during the period 17 July – 15 August 2009, be homologated.
- (l) **Perth Indigent Old Men's Society**  
Perth Indigent Old Men's Society be awarded a grant of £298 towards the cost of its 2010 New Years lunch for 20-40 gentlemen.
- (m) **Tulloch Feel Good Factor**  
Tulloch Feel Good Factor be awarded a grant of £231 towards the cost of its senior citizens' Christmas 2009 outing.
- (n) **Perth Islamic Society**  
Perth Islamic Society be awarded a guarantee against loss of a maximum of up to £1,000 for the Society's East/West fashion show at Perth Concert Hall on 3 October 2009.

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**(o) Perth Magic Circle**

Perth Magic circle be awarded a guarantee against loss, up to a maximum of £1,000, towards the cost of its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events during 2010, including a celebration dinner and cabaret, plus a day of magic.

**(p) Trio Rocks**

Trio Rocks be awarded a grant of £1,000 towards the cost of the group participating in the European Freestyle Dance Championships in Wales during the period 30 October – 2 November 2009.

**(q) Isla Court Comfort Fund**

Isla Court Comfort Fund be awarded a grant of £155 towards the cost of taking 25 residents for a Christmas 2009 lunch.

**487. FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Finance (09/450), detailing the income received and expenditure incurred on the Perth Common Good Fund for the period up to 31 August 2009, with an anticipated surplus of £12,000 being generated in financial year 2009/2010, and the Fund's Revenue Account Balance being £1,096,276 at 31 March 2010.

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

**488. APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – ST JOHN'S KIRK OF PERTH**

There was submitted a joint report by the Head of Legal Services and Head of Finance (09/451) on an application received for financial assistance.

**Resolved:**

- (i) A payment of £1,000 be made to the Kirk Session of St John's Kirk of Perth for the purpose detailed in Report 09/451.
- (ii) A decision on further funding be deferred until clarity has been received from the Kirk Session in what it wishes to achieve to allow the Perth Common Good Fund Committee to determine what, if any, financial support is necessary; whether this be recurring support or a one-off; and the precise nature of any business arrangement/contractual agreement which the Perth Common Good Fund Committee would in effect be expected to underwrite.

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