

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 February 2010 at 1.00pm.

Present: Councillors C Gillies, R Band, P Barrett, L Caddell, J Coburn, J Flynn, G Hayton, E MacLachlan, A MacLellan (from Art. 106 onwards), I Miller (from Art. 106 onwards), D Scott, A Stewart, H Stewart and W Wilson.

In Attendance: D Calderwood and E Kerr (both Quality of Life Trust); J Somerville, S Walker and A Wilson (all Chief Executive's Service); J Low, B Clough, A Seggie and R Thomson (all the Environment Service).

Councillor C Gillies, Convener, Presiding.

104. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

105. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Perth Common Good Fund Committee of 16 December 2009 (Arts. 639-648/09) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

COUNCILLORS A MILLER AND A MACLELLAN JOINED THE MEETING DURING DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM.

106. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (10/102) on applications received for financial assistance.

Resolved:

- a) **Reality Adventure Works**
Reality Adventure Works in Scotland Ltd be awarded a grant of £1,000 towards taking 32 pupils to Easter and Summer camps.
- b) **Perth Academy Ocean Youth Trust Sailing**
Perth Academy Ocean Youth Trust Sailing Group be awarded a grant of £1,000 towards sending 20 pupils on the Iceland Challenge Voyage/ Introductory Voyage, consisting of 5 days and 4 nights sailing around the West Coast of Scotland in May and 16 days round trip sailing to Iceland in July.
- c) **Embroiders Guild Perth Branch**
The Embroiders Guild Perth Branch be awarded a grant of £985 towards the cost of purchasing a digital projector and compatible laptop computer.

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- d) **Perth Academy Hockey Club**
Perth Academy Hockey Club be awarded a grant of £1,000 towards the cost of its annual trip to Seamill Hydro, Ayrshire in June 2010.
- e) **North Muirton Primary School**
North Muirton Primary School be awarded a grant of £1,000 towards the cost of its Summer holiday activity programme for 30 young people.
- f) **Letham Community Sports Club**
Letham Community Sports Club be awarded a grant of £1,000 towards the cost of 13 young people representing Perth in an international soccer tournament in Italy from 27 July until 1 August 2010.
- g) **Royal Scottish Geographical Society**
The Royal Scottish Geographical Society be awarded a grant of £3,000 towards the shortfall in funding for the Fair Maid's House Project to restore and extend the Fair Maid's House for opening to the public as an education and interpretation centre, with exhibitions showcasing the Society's collection, telling modern and historical geographical stories and giving information about Perth's local heritage.
- h) **Trust for St John's Kirk of Perth**

Motion (Councillors W Wilson and R Band)

That the Perth Common Good Fund Committee award the Trust for St John's Kirk of Perth £100,000 at £20,000 per annum over five years.

Amendment (Councillors C Gillies and P Barratt)

- (i) **That the Perth Common Good Fund Committee award the Trust for St John's Kirk of Perth £60,000 at £20,000 per annum over three years.**
- (ii) **That the Perth Common Good Fund Committee will consider a further approach for funding up to a maximum of £40,000 in the event of an overall funding shortfall be agreed in principle, as recommended in Report 10/102.**

Amendment – 7 votes

Motion – 7 votes

In terms of Standing Order 45, the Convener exercised a casting vote in accordance with the Amendment.

Resolved:

In accordance with the Amendment.

- i) **We Care Perthshire**
The application for financial assistance by We Care Perthshire for £500 towards set up costs of establishing a befriending service for children with disabilities aged 0 -18 years be refused.
- j) **North Inch Bowling Club**
North Inch Bowling Club be awarded a grant of £7,000 towards the cost of upgrading the clubhouse, including double-glazed windows, electric roller shutters, rewiring and altering the inside of the building to enable internal access to the toilets, to accommodate their existing members and encourage new members into the sport.

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- k) PUSH (Pushing for Inclusion for People with Learning Disabilities)**
PUSH be awarded a grant of £3,023 towards the cost of purchasing furniture and equipment for their new premises.

107. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – PERTH 800 FUNDING

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (10/103) on applications received for financial assistance relating to Perth 800 events.

Resolved:

- a) Craigclowan Preparatory School**
Craigclowan Preparatory School be awarded financial assistance of £1,500 towards the cost of a concert in St John's Kirk on 29 May 2010 by the Stiftskirche Choir from Aschaffenburg along with Perth Choral Society and the senior choir from the School.
- b) Perth Orchard 800 (Art. 642(b)/09)**
Perth Orchard 800 be awarded a further grant of £2,240 towards the Perth 800 Orchard project, making a total contribution of £4,240 from the Common Good Fund.
- c) Scottish Orienteering Association**
The Scottish Orienteering Association be awarded financial assistance of £3,000 towards the cost of the Park World Tour Development Project.
- d) Perth Ultra Running Festival – Scottish Athletics**
Scottish Athletics be awarded financial assistance of £5,000 towards the Perth Ultra Running Festival, a 24 hour ultra race around the North Inch during May 2010.
- e) Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust**
Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust be awarded financial assistance of £2,500 towards the cost of a conference on the history of Perth during the past 800 years, to take place over two days on 10 and 11 September 2010 in the Norrie Miller Suite, Perth Concert Hall, with a further £1,000 to be given by way of a guarantee against loss on the event.
- f) Friends of Perth & Kinross Archive**
The Friends of Perth & Kinross Archive be awarded financial assistance of £482 toward the schools' Heraldic competition, open to all P1-S2 pupils, to produce their own design of heraldic shields to illustrate what was significant about their own community.
- g) Chansons**
Chansons be awarded financial assistance of £1,000 towards the cost of the visit of the "Ars Antiqua" Choir from Aschaffenburg as part of the Perth 800 celebrations.

108. PERTH TOWN WATERS FISHING BEATS: REVIEW OF THE 2009 SEASON

There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Public Space Management (Environment) (10/104) summarising the review of the Perth Town Waters Fishing Beats for the 2009 season.

109. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Finance (10/105), detailing the income received and expenditure incurred on the Perth Common Good Fund for the period up to 31 January 2010, with an anticipated loss of £1,500 being generated in financial year 2009/2010, and the Fund's Revenue Account Balance being projected as £1,082,776 at 31 March 2010.

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

110. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Art. 46(iii)/09)

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (10/106) requesting that the Committee consider an application for financial assistance.

Resolved:

The request for funding be refused.

111. STORAGE OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (10/134) seeking approval of the increase in rent payable for storage of the Perth Christmas lights.

Resolved:

Consideration of this matter be deferred in order for Officers to:

- (i) make further enquiries regarding the proposed increase in rent for the storage of Perth Christmas lights.
- (ii) examine possible alternative storage facilities, taking into account relocation costs.

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