

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL
PERTH COMMON GOOD FUND COMMITTEE
1 October 2008

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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 1 October 2008 at 1.00pm.

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

In Attendance: Councillors J Law (from Art. 529(c)), K Lyall (from Art. 529(f)), I Campbell and M Lyle (both from Art. 329(i)) and P Mulheron (from Art. 533); T Hart and C Rowan (both Corporate Services); D Calderwood and E Kerr (both The Environment Service); H Smout (Art. 531) (Education and Children's Services); A Wilson and S Hendry (both Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors L Caddell and A MacLellan.

Councillor C Gillies, Convener, Presiding.

527. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

528. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Perth Common Good Fund Committee of 25 June 2008 (Arts. 382-389) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

529. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Corporate Services) (08/494) on applications received for financial assistance.

Resolved:

(a) Perth Congregational Church Social Group

The decision by the Executive Director (Corporate Services), in consultation with the Convener of Perth Common Good Fund Committee, to award a grant of £485 to Perth Congregational Church Social Group towards the cost of an outing for 20 of its senior members to the Dundee Caird Hall to see Prom Praise, a mixture of Songs of Praise and Last Night of the Proms, including high tea, theatre tickets and transport, on 21 August 2008, be homologated.

(b) K.O.L.A – Kids of Letham Association

The decision by the Executive Director (Corporate Services), in consultation with the Convener of Perth Common Good Fund, to award a grant of £305 to Kids Of Letham Association towards the cost of their trip on 5 August 2008 for 25 young people to Landmark, including snack lunch and coach hire, be homologated.

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- (c) **Perth Street Pastors**
In commending the work of the Perth Street Pastors, they be awarded a grant of £3,800 towards the cost of purchasing uniforms for their 19 new volunteer recruits.
- (d) **Dalreoch Place Sheltered Housing Comfort Fund**
Dalreoch Place Sheltered Housing Comfort Fund be awarded a grant of £300 towards the cost of their Christmas Lunch, including coach hire, for 32 tenants at the Salutation Hotel on 15 December 2008.
- (e) **Headway Perth and Kinross**
Headway Perth and Kinross be awarded a grant of £772 towards the cost of their annual Pantomime, which includes a Christmas meal in Stirling and coach hire for 49 attendees.
- (f) **Scottish Orchestras**
The Chamber Orchestra, as applicant on behalf of the participating orchestras, be awarded a grant of £7,500 towards the cost of hiring Perth Concert Hall for a series of six orchestral concerts including the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, the Royal Scottish National Orchestra and the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, subject to a similar contribution being awarded through the Council's financial assistance to the voluntary sector budget.
- (g) **Perth Indigent Old Men's Society**
Perth Indigent Old Men's Society be awarded a grant of £290 towards the cost of their New Year lunch for 25 participants.
- (h) **Diabetes Research Campaign**
The Diabetes Research Campaign be awarded a grant of £15,000, to be paid over two financial years 2008/09 and 2009/10, towards the cost of essential equipment for a unique Centre of Excellence in Diabetes Care and Research at Perth Royal Infirmary, it being noted that recommendations to award £5,000 had been made to each of the Aberfeldy and Auchterarder Common Good Fund Committees.
- (i) **Breathe Easy Perthshire**
Breathe Easy Perthshire be awarded a grant of £228 towards the cost of their Christmas lunch for approximately 26 members on 18 December 2008.
- (j) **K.O.L.A – Kids of Letham Association**
Kids of Letham Association be awarded a grant of £250 towards the cost of purchasing a new computer and equipment.
- (k) **Perth Academy Model United Nations Group – Conference**
Perth Academy Model United Nations Group be awarded a grant of £500 towards the cost of sending 15 pupils to participate in a conference being held in Belfast during October 2008.
- (l) **Park Mark Award Initiative**
The Safer Parking Scheme be awarded a grant of £908 towards the cost of installing 10 aluminium signs within five Perth City Car Parks to upgrade them to the Park Mark status.
- (m) **The Friendly Group**
The Friendly Group be awarded a grant of £100 towards the cost of their Christmas lunch at the Salutation Hotel for approximately 16 members.
- (n) **Strathmore Street Sheltered Housing**
Strathmore Street Sheltered Housing be awarded a grant of £288 towards the cost of their Christmas dinner for approximately 34 members.

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- (o) **Our Lady's Afternoon Club**
Our Lady's Afternoon Club be awarded a grant of £156 towards the cost of their Christmas meal and party for approximately 25 members.
- (p) **Perth Strathearn 200 Round Table**
Perth Strathearn 200 Round Table be awarded a grant of £9,000 for the 2008 Firework Display, to be paid directly to the supplier.
- (q) **St Columba's High School**
St Columba's High School be awarded a grant of £1,000 towards the cost of a week of skiing instruction for 35 pupils in Italy during March 2009.
- (r) **Perth City Club**
Perth City Club be awarded a grant of £613 towards the cost of their Christmas lunch for 100 attendees at the Salutation Hotel on 1 December 2008.
- (s) **Dewar Court Amenity Fund**
Dewar Court Amenity Fund be awarded a grant of £433 towards the cost of their Christmas lunch for 45 attendees at the Civil Service Club on 16 December 2008.
- (t) **Letham O.A.P Tuesday Club**
Letham OAP Tuesday Club be awarded a grant of £600 towards the cost of their Christmas party meal for 100 members.

530. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director (Corporate Services) (08/495), detailing the income received and expenditure incurred on the Perth Common Good Fund for the period to 30 September 2008, with an anticipated surplus of £31,500 being achieved in financial year 2008/09, and the Fund's Revenue Account Balance being £950,607.

531. CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS CRÈCHE 2008

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (08/511) recommending the delivery of a shoppers crèche facility for Christmas 2008.

Resolved:

- (i) Arrangements for a shoppers' crèche for Christmas 2008, as detailed in Report 08/511, be approved.
- (ii) A budget of £10,000 for the Christmas shoppers' crèche facility be approved.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to report back to the Perth Common Good Fund Committee at a later date on the operation of the 2008 Christmas shoppers' crèche and proposal for 2009, including an investigation into assistance with costs.

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

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532. 0.263 and 0.217 HECTARES, SHORE ROAD, PERTH – RENT REVIEWS

There was submitted a report by the Head of Property (08/496) seeking approval for two rent reviews at Shore Road, Perth.

Resolved:

The review of rent levels at 0.263 Hectares and 0.217 Hectares Shore Road, Perth, to those named in Report 08/496, at a revised rent of £7,500 and £6,250 per annum respectively, be approved.

533. 1.8 ACRES, SHORE ROAD, PERTH – PROPOSED FEASIBILITY STUDY AND NEW LEASE

There was submitted a report by the Head of Property (08/497) seeking approval (1) to carry out a feasibility study into modifying an existing access through the floodwall at Shore Road, Perth with the aim of bringing a vacant area of ground back into use; and (2) to grant a three year lease to those named within Report 08/497.

Resolved:

The matter be deferred to enable a further, more detailed report to be submitted to the next meeting of the Perth Common Good Fund Committee on the proposed feasibility study and new lease.

534. SITES IN PERTH HARBOUR – ASSIGNATIONS OF LEASES BY CPL DISTRIBUTION LTD AND PROPOSED ASSIGNATION BY IAN AND AGNES WATSON - UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Head of Property (08/498) updating on progress made in connection with transactions between CPL Distribution Ltd, Ian and Agnes Watson and those named in Report 08/498.

Resolved:

- (i) The current position regarding ongoing negotiations be noted.
- (ii) The decision take by the Head of Property, in consultation with the Convener of Perth Common Good Fund, to agree expenditure on a study into the feasibility of reconfiguring the road layout in the area of the harbour end store and weighbridge, as detailed in Report 08/498, be homologated.
- (iii) A financial contribution towards the cost of demolishing the harbour end store, on the understanding that the amount will be approved, together with the remaining lease terms, by the Head of Property and Head of Legal Services, in consultation with the Convener, be approved in principle.

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