

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 15 November 2006 at 1.00pm.

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

In Attendance: Councillor Mair; W McCullough and Helen Smout (both Education and Children's Services); S Walker, D Calderwood, A Wilson and Y Oliver (all Corporate Services)

Apology for Absence: Councillor Flynn.

Councillor Gillies, Convener, Presiding.

708. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor McEwen declared a non-financial interest in Art. 710(b), below in terms of the Councillor's Code of Conduct.

Councillors Barrett and Stewart declared a non-financial interest in Art. 710(h), below in terms of the Councillor's Code of Conduct.

709. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Perth Common Good Fund Committee of 20 September 2006 (Arts. 588 -591) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

710. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Corporate Services) (06/766) on applications received for financial assistance.

Resolved:

(a) Perth Academy Hockey Club

To homologate the decision by the Executive Director (Corporate Services), taken in consultation with the Convener, to award a grant of £1,000 to the Perth Academy Hockey Club towards their five day tour to Paris in September 2006.

(b) Dewar Court Amenity Fund

The Dewar Court Amenity Fund be awarded a grant of £325 towards the cost of Christmas Lunch for fifty residents.

(c) The Friendly Group

The Friendly Group be awarded a grant of £132 towards the cost of Christmas Lunch for 33 residents.

(d) Our Lady's Afternoon Club

Our Lady's Afternoon Club be awarded a grant of £150 towards the cost of Christmas Lunch for 25 members

(e) St Columba's High School

St Columba's High School be awarded a grant of £1,000 towards the cost of their trip for 35 pupils to France in June 2007.

COUNCILLOR DOW ENTERED THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

(f) Perth City Club

Perth City Club be awarded a grant of £507 towards the cost of Christmas Lunch for 102 members.

(g) Fairfield Neighbourhood Centre

Fairfield Neighbourhood Centre be awarded a grant of £250 towards the cost of Christmas Lunch for 28 members.

(h) Bowerswell Memorial Home

Bowerswell Memorial Home be awarded a grant of £325 towards the cost of Christmas Lunch for 50 residents.

(i) Perth & Kinross Youth Council

Perth Youth Council be awarded a grant of £650 towards the cost of the evening meal and ceilidh for the Scottish Youth Parliament event on 25 November 2006.

(j) Letham Old Age Pensioners Club

Letham Old Age Pensioners Club be awarded a grant of £520 towards the cost of Christmas Lunch for 104 members.

(k) Chernobyl Children

Perth and Kinross Council be awarded a grant of £250 to purchase gifts for the Children of Chernobyl's Christmas Party, but with the proviso that, if necessary, this total be increased by the Executive Director (Corporate Services) in consultation with the Convener.

711. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director (Corporate Services) (06/767) detailing the income and expenditure on the Perth Common Good Fund for the period to 31 October 2006.

712. CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS CRÈCHE 2006

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (06/789) asking the Committee to agree the arrangements for a shoppers crèche facility for Christmas 2006.

Resolved:

- (i) The arrangements for a shoppers crèche, as decided through consultation with the Christmas Crèche Member / Officer Group, be agreed.
- (ii) A budget of £10,000 for the Christmas Shoppers Crèche facility, subject to any underspend being returned to the fund, be approved.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Education & Children's Services) be instructed to report back to the Perth Common Good Fund Committee on the operation of the 2006 Christmas Crèche and on proposals for 2007.

THE CONVENER RULED THAT IN HIS OPINION THE FOLLOWING ITEM SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY IN TERMS OF SECTION 50(b)(4)(b) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1973.

713. METAL DETECTORIST

The Convener reported on the terms of a letter he had received from a metal detectorist requesting access to the banks of the River Tay in Perth in which the Common Good Fund Committee had an interest.

Resolved:

The request be noted and passed to appropriate Council Services for their early consideration for a report back to a future meeting of the Committee.