

Auchterarder Common Good Fund Committee – 3 October 2012**APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE****Report by Depute Director (Environment)****ABSTRACT**

The report asks Auchterarder Common Good Fund Committee to consider applications for financial assistance.

1. RECOMMENDATION

1.1 The Committee is requested to approve the recommendations in the report.

2. APPLICATIONS**2.1 Auchterarder Community Partnership**

2.1.1. An application has been received from the Auchterarder Community Partnership seeking a grant towards a website to promote and enhance community spirit. The total costs to design and develop the website are £3,000 and the partnership has applied for £1,999 as a non-recurring grant. It is recommended that Auchterarder Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £1,500 in line with the guidance (Criteria 12: Any purpose where it can be demonstrated that there is a benefit to the community of the common good area). The grant will contribute to promote tourism, events and culture and social inclusion. The future revenue costs of maintenance the website will be met by the Community Partnership.

Recommendation

2.1.2 Auchterarder Community Partnership be awarded a grant of £1,500 towards the costs of the design and development of a website.

2.2 Community School of Auchterarder Parent Council

2.2.1 An application has been received from the Community School of Auchterarder Parent Council seeking a grant towards the conversion of a derelict piece of walled garden at the back of the school into a community garden and outdoor classroom. The total costs to clear out the ground and marking out the garden plan are £2,000 and the group has applied for £1,300 as a non-recurring grant. It is recommended that Auchterarder Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £1,000 in line with the guidance (Criteria 5: Capital grants for provision/improvement of facilities - consideration on merits up to a maximum of 50% (the facilities must be available to the general public). The grant will contribute to promote the environment and lifelong learning.

Recommendation

- 2.2.2 Community School of Auchterarder Parent Council be awarded a grant of £1,000 towards the costs of creating a community garden.

3. CONSULTATION

- 3.1 The Head of Democratic Services and the Head of Finance have been consulted.

4. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- 4.1 The recommendation contained within this report is in accordance with the priorities of Auchterarder Common Good Fund's criteria for financial assistance.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATION

- 5.1 The recommendation contained within this report will be funded from the contributions to organisations provision for 2012/13.

6. EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EqIA)

- 6.1 An equality impact assessment needs to be carried out for functions, policies, procedures or strategies in relation to race, gender and disability and other relevant protected characteristics. This supports the Council's legal requirement to comply with the duty to assess and consult on relevant new and existing policies.
- 6.2 The function, policy, procedure or strategy presented in this report was considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) with the following outcome: No further action is required as the items summarised in the committee report do not require further assessment as they do not have an impact on people's wellbeing or equality protected characteristics other than improving access to services.

7. STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is a legal requirement under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that applies to all qualifying plans, programmes and strategies, including policies (PPS). The matters presented in this report were considered under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 and no further action is required as it does not qualify as a PPS as defined by the Act and is therefore exempt.

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Background Papers – 2 applications for financial assistance

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