

PERTH COMMON GOOD FUND COMMITTEE

2 October 2013

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**Report by Depute Director (Environment)****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

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

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Perth and Kinross Council owns land and property which forms part of the common good of the former burghs in Perth and Kinross and has a statutory duty in terms of section 15 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 to administer this land and property “having regard to the interests of the inhabitants” of those former burghs. This duty also applies to the administration of the associated Common Good Funds.
- 1.2 The Common Good Funds have traditionally demonstrated their support to local residents and organisations by distributing grant. These grant awards are made to individuals and local organisations to carry out a wide range of community based activities. For each application, the level of previous grant awarded is listed, but variances between years could be due to the numbers of participants.

2. PROPOSALS**Perth and District Badminton Association**

- 2.1 An application has been received from the Perth and District Badminton Association seeking a grant towards the costs of hosting the Scottish National Badminton Championships 2014. The event will run from 30 January – 2 February 2014 and it would be the 13th successive year that the tournament is held in Perth. The total costs for the event amounts to £12,900. The Association has requested £7,000 towards the anticipated deficit of £10,200 for the event in 2014 (£6,352 in 2013). The deficit has been met in past years by Badminton Scotland and it is likely that Badminton Scotland would contribute £6,500 towards the deficit in 2014. £1,250 has been secured from Perth and Kinross Council’s Corporate Financial Assistance Budget and the applicant has applied to Perth and Kinross Sports Council for £400 leaving a shortfall of £2,050. The organisation has benefitted from the Fund in 2010/2011 (£1,250), 2011/12 (£1,250) and 2012/13 (£1,250).

- 2.2 It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £2,050 being a shortfall and to allow the event to proceed in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 2). The grant will contribute to sport development.

Recommendation

- 2.3 Perth and District Badminton Association be awarded a grant of £2,050 towards the costs of hosting Scottish National Badminton Championships 2014.

Scottish Orchestras

- 2.4 An application has been received from the Scottish Chamber Orchestra on behalf of Scottish Orchestras (RSNA, BBC SSO, SCO) seeking a grant towards the costs of a series of concerts in Perth from Sept. 2013 to April 2014. The total costs for the concerts amounts to £130,164 including £18,000 for the hire of the Concert Hall. The applicant has requested £18,000. The organisation has benefitted from the Fund in 2010/2011 (£8,250), 2011/12 (£8,400) and 2012/13 (£8,000) which was matched by equal amounts by the Council's Corporate Financial Assistance Budget. The Council's Corporate Financial Assistance Panel agreed a grant of £6,000 for this year's series. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £9,000 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 2). If the grant is not provided, the applicant will have to fund the event from its own resources outwith the specific budget's allocation for the series and/or reduce the numbers of concerts. The grant will contribute to the provision of events and culture. The attraction of national orchestras to Perth makes a direct contribution to the City Plan objectives by promoting Perth as a vibrant cultural destination. A further analysis of audience attending these concerts would be undertaken to measure economic impact.

Recommendation

- 2.5 Scottish Chamber Orchestra be awarded a grant of £9,000 towards the costs of a series of concerts in Perth from Sept. 2013 to April 2014.

St Ninian's Primary School

- 2.6 An application has been received from St Ninian's Primary School seeking a grant towards the costs of transport and accommodation for a 10 year old pupil who has qualified to take part in the Delancey UK Chess Challenge Finals in Manchester on 13 July 2013 (the application was received before the event, but too late for the last meeting). The total costs amount to £250. The applicant has applied for the full amount. As it is considered the purpose is to attend at a summer event, it is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £125 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 11). If the grant is not awarded, the applicant will have to provide funds from their own resources. The grant will contribute to promote social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.7 St Ninian's Primary School be awarded a grant of £125 towards the costs of transport and accommodation for a pupil to attend the Delancey UK Chess Challenge Finals.

Our Lady's Primary School Parent Council

- 2.8 An application has been received from Our Lady's Primary School Parent Council seeking a grant towards the costs of their Christmas outing to the Pantomime in December 2013. The total costs for the 233 pupils amounts to £2,134. The Parent Council has never benefitted from the Fund before. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £700 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 10). The grant will contribute to promote social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.9 Our Lady's Primary School be awarded a grant of £700 toward the costs of their Christmas outing.

Fair City Amateur Boxing Club

- 2.10 An application has been received from the Fair City Amateur Boxing Club seeking a grant towards the purchase of a 20 foot Competition Boxing Rink. The total cost of the Rink amounts to £1,700. The applicant has applied for the full amount. The Club has never benefitted from the Fund before. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £850 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 4). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.11 Fair City Amateur Boxing Club be awarded £850 towards the purchase of a 20 foot competition Boxing Rink.

Perth Volleyball Club

- 2.12 An application has been received from Perth Volleyball Club seeking a grant towards the purchase of specialised equipment. The total costs amount to £2,032. The applicant has applied for the full amount. The Club has never benefitted from the Fund before. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £1,016 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 4). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.13 Perth Volleyball Club be awarded a grant of £1,016 towards the purchase of specialised equipment.

Breathe Easy Perthshire

- 2.14 An application has been received from the Breathe Easy Perthshire seeking a grant towards the cost of their Christmas Lunch on the 19 December 2013. The total costs for 32 members amounts to £560. The applicant is requesting £200. The organisation has benefitted from the Fund in 2010/11 (£212) and in 2012/2013 (£210).
- 2.15 It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £200 in line with their request (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 10). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.16 Breathe Easy Perthshire be awarded a grant of £200 towards their Christmas Lunch.

Perth and Kinross Disability Sport

- 2.17 An application has been received from Perth and Kinross Disability Sport seeking a grant towards the cost of purchasing 2 Race Running Cycles. These cycles are to be used by Perth school children with additional support needs. The total costs of the cycles amounts to £4,800. The applicant is requesting the full amount. The organisation has never benefitted from the fund before. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund award a grant of £2,400 (50%) in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 4). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.18 Perth and Kinross Disability Sport be awarded a grant of £2,400 towards the purchase of Race Running Cycles.

PLUS Perth and Kinross

- 2.19 An application has been received from PLUS Perth and Kinross seeking a grant towards the cost of running a mental health, wellbeing awareness and improvement campaign event through the media of the arts during the month of October (1 – 26). The total costs amount to £2,715. The applicant is requesting £1,265. The applicant has not benefitted from the fund. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund award a grant of £633 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 2). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.20 PLUS Perth and Kinross be awarded a grant of £630 towards their awareness and improvement campaign event.

Julie Young Dance studios students

- 2.21 An application has been received from a group of 40 students attending the Julie Young Dance studios seeking a grant towards the cost of performing at Sadlers Wells Theatre on 4-6 October 2013. The total costs amount to £18,800. The applicant is requesting £1,500. The applicant has not benefitted from the fund. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund award a grant of £1,000 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 11). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.22 Julie Young Dance studios students be awarded a grant of £1,000 towards the costs of performing at Sadlers Wells Theatre in London.

Perth Parkrun and Parkrun Ltd

- 2.23 An application has been received from Perth Parkrun group willing to promote running and running related clubs and organisations by setting up a weekly Perth Parkrun. The group is seeking a grant towards the setting-up costs of Parkrun events. These events are organised by local organisers and volunteers who are supported on an on-going basis by Parkrun Ltd (an independent non-profit organisation) which provides, through sponsorships, equipment and training as well as registration, results, statistics, photos, news web hosting services. The total one-off setting up costs amount to £6,000. The applicant is requesting £3,000. It is the intention to organise a free, timed 5Km run on the North Inch and Muirton Riverside Parks every Saturday aiming at 100 runners for each run. There are currently ten parkrun event locations in Scotland including Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen, Dundee and Inverness, and more than 200 in the UK. The applicant has not benefitted from the fund. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund award a grant of £3,000 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 2). The grant will contribute to promote health and physical activities.
- 2.24 Parkrun Ltd is registered in England and Wales as a company limited by guarantee without share capital. A Service Level Agreement would be signed between the company and Perth and Kinross Council to meet the Following the Public Pound requirements if funding is approved.

Recommendation

- 2.25 Perth Parkrun and Parkrun Ltd be awarded a grant of £3,000 towards the costs of setting up Perth Parkrun events.

Headway Perth and Kinross

- 2.26 An application has been received from the Headway Perth and Kinross seeking a grant towards the cost of their Christmas outing (Perth Pantomime and meal at Perth Theatre) on 14 December 2013. The total costs for 61 members amounts to £1,861. The applicant is requesting £725. The

organisation has benefitted from the Fund in 2010/11 (£1,718) and in 2012/2013 (£728). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £427 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 10). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Recommendation

2.27 Headway Perth and Kinross be awarded a grant of £427 towards their Christmas outing.

3 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 The Committee is request to approve the recommendations in the report.

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1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Strategic Implications	Yes / None
Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement	Yes
Corporate Plan	Yes
Resource Implications	
Financial	Yes
Workforce	No
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	No
Assessments	
Equality Impact Assessment	Yes
Strategic Environmental Assessment	Yes
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	Yes
Legal and Governance	None
Risk	None
Consultation	
Internal	Yes
External	None
Communication	
Communications Plan	None

1. Strategic Implications

Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement

- 1.1 The proposals will contribute to the Community Plan's aim of safe, healthy and inclusive communities and the outcome of communities will have improved quality of life. The recommendations contained within this report are in accordance with the priorities of Perth Common Good Fund's criteria for financial assistance.

Corporate Plan

- 1.2 The proposals will contribute to the Corporate Plan's objectives of developing educated, responsible and informed citizens and the outcome of people are ready for life and work. The recommendations contained within this report are in accordance with the priorities of Perth Common Good Fund's criteria.

2. Resource Implications

Financial

- 2.1 The Head of Finance has been consulted and has indicated agreement with the proposals. The recommendations contained within this report will be funded from the contributions to organisations provision for 2013/14.

3. Assessments

Equality Impact Assessment

- 3.1 Under the Equality Act 2010, the Council is required to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between equality groups. 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.
- 3.2 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.

Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 3.3 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.

Sustainability

- 3.4 Under the provisions of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 the Council has to discharge its duties in a way which contributes to the achievement of sustainable development. In terms of the Climate Change Act, the Council has a general duty to demonstrate its commitment to sustainability and the community, environmental and economic impacts of its actions. The proposals in this report will encourage social equity and opportunities for cultural, leisure, community, sport and other activities.

4. Consultation

Internal

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

2. BACKGROUND PAPERS

12 applications for financial assistance

3. APPENDICES

Perth Financial Assistance - Appendix 1

COMMON GOOD FUNDS WITHIN PERTH AND KINROSS AREA CRITERIA

Within the boundary of the relevant common good area and if funding is available, applications will be considered from individuals either in full time education or of senior citizen status and from groups whose members qualify on the same basis or which are operating within the same boundary.

1. Christmas lighting - Firework displays up to a maximum of 50% of the total costs
2. Organisation of events/games/festivals up to a maximum of 50% of the total costs
3. Prizes at events/games/festivals
4. Acquisition of equipment - consideration on merits up to a maximum of 50%
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)
6. School/youth exchanges
7. School prizes
8. Voluntary work overseas
 - 6 months or more: £100 - **Perth Common Good Fund only:** up to £400 per individual
 - 1 – 5 months: £100 - **Perth Common Good Fund only:** up to £250 per individual
9. Attendance at summer schools/events
 - Less than 1 month but more than 2 weeks: £100 **Perth Common Good Fund only:** up to £150 per individual
 - One/two weeks: up to £100 per individual
10. Excursions/Parties (up to 2 per year per group)
 - Contribution of 50% towards the actual costs. Each organisation is allowed 2 applications during the course of a financial year. **Perth Common Good Fund only:** overall grant to be capped at up to £7 per individual with an overall maximum grant of up to £700.

11. Visits by and from School/Youth/Sport/Music groups

- Contributions of up to £600 for groups of less than 20 individuals and up to £1,000 for groups of over 20 individuals for youth groups, senior citizen or vulnerable groups for activities exceeding 1 day. **Perth Common Good Fund only and for schools:** Contribution of 50% of the costs up to a maximum of £300 for each young person who due to financial difficulties are unable to participate in an extra curriculum school activity outwith the boundaries of Perth, exceeding 1 day and organised by a school. It will be the responsibility of each school to state the purpose of the extra curriculum school activity and identify such young person and advise the Common Good Fund accordingly.

12. Any purpose where it can be demonstrated that there is a benefit to the community of the common good area

The following is not eligible:

- Assistance with further or higher education fees
- Charity based sponsored walk/cycle/canoe etc.
- Town twinning activities other than those qualifying through the age/occupation criteria
- Organisations with religious/political associations where there are restrictions on usage or availability
- Core funding of the voluntary sector
- Assistance with rental of premises