

PERTH COMMON GOOD FUND COMMITTEE

7 May 2014

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 & 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 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

Scottish Youth Team and International Fly Fishing Competition

- 2.1 An application has been received from a junior member of the Scottish Youth Team seeking a grant towards the costs to participate in the International Fly Fishing Competition in Grafinan Water, Cambridgeshire from 3 – 8 August 2014. The total costs amount to £4,120. The applicant has never benefitted from the Fund. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £100 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 9). The grant will contribute to social inclusion

Recommendation

- 2.2 A Junior member of the Scottish Youth Team be awarded a grant of £100 towards the costs to participate in the International Fly Fishing competition.

Perth Petanque

- 2.3 An application has been received from Perth Petanque seeking a grant towards the costs of competing in the European Veterans Championships in Sweden from 27 – 29 June 2014. The total costs for 4 members amounts to

£2,368. The applicant is requesting £1,200. The organisation has never benefitted from the Fund. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £400 (£100 per individual) in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 9). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.4 Perth Petanque be awarded a grant of £400 towards competing in the European Veterans Championships in Sweden.

Perth Highland Games

- 2.5 An application has been received from Perth Highland Games seeking a grant towards the costs of promoting the Pipe Band Competition at this year's event which will be held on 10 August 2014. The applicant is requesting £2,500. The organisation has benefitted from the Fund in 2012/2013 (£1,250) and 2013/2014 (£1,600). The Highland Games Committee has indicated that the award from Perth Common Good Fund will be reflected in the programme for the day. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £1,600 towards competition prizes in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 3). The grant will contribute to promote social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.6 Perth Highland Games Committee be awarded a grant of £1,600 towards the prizes of the Pipe Band Competition on 10 August 2014.

Wednesday Tea Dance

- 2.7 An application has been received from Wednesday Tea Dance seeking a grant towards the costs of their summer weekend outing to Dumfries from the 17 – 19 August 2014. The total costs for 28 members amount to £4,192. The applicant has applied for £560. The applicant has benefitted from the Fund in 2011/2012 (£118), 2012/2013 (£154) and in 2013/2014 (£189). It is recommended to award a grant of £196 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 10). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.8 Wednesday Tea Dance be awarded a grant of £196 towards their summer outing to Dumfries.

Perth Academy

- 2.9 An application has been received from Perth Academy seeking a grant towards the cost of a visit to various sites in Belgium and France relating to the First World War including war graves, museums and monuments from 2 – 8 September 2014. The total costs of the trip per pupil amounts to £460. 2 pupils cannot afford the whole costs due to financial circumstances and the

applicant has applied for £300 for each pupil. The applicant benefitted from the Fund in 2013/2014 (£1,450). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £460 (£230 per pupil 50% of the costs) in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 11). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.10 Perth Academy be awarded £460 towards the costs of sending 2 pupils on a visit to various sites in Belgium and France.

Perth Committee of MacMillan Cancer Support

- 2.11 An application has been received from Perth Committee of MacMillan Cancer Support seeking a grant towards the costs of hiring a room for 2 days for a Clothes Fayre in the Royal George Hotel in July 2014. The total costs amount to £600 (room hire £300 and other costs). The applicant has applied for £300. The organisation has never benefitted from the Fund. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £300 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 2). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.12 MacMillan Cancer Support be awarded a grant of £300 towards their event in July 2014.

Perth Grammar School

- 2.13 An application has been received from the Perth Grammar School seeking a grant towards the costs of the Annual School Prize Giving and Concert on 23 June 2014. The total costs amount to £3,098 including £1,770 to hire the Concert Hall and £1,328 for prizes. The applicant is requesting the full amount. The school has not benefitted from the Fund for a similar event. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £885 for the event costs and £1,328 for the prize costs in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 2 and 7). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.14 Perth Grammar School be awarded a grant of £2,213 towards the annual prize giving ceremony.

Perth Student

- 2.15 An application has been received from a Perth Student seeking a grant towards the costs of the Association for International Cancer Research (AICR) expedition to climb Mount Kilimanjaro from 11 – 16 June 2014. The total costs amount to £3,500. The applicant is requesting £500. The applicant has never benefitted from the Fund. It is recommended that Perth Common Good

Fund Committee award a grant of £100 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 9). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.16 Perth Student be awarded £100 towards the costs of AICR expedition to climb Mount Kilimanjaro.

Perth High School

- 2.17 An application has been received from Perth High School seeking a grant towards the costs of 56 young people participating in the Scottish Finals of the Rock Challenge 2014 being held in the Caird Hall in Dundee on Thursday 12 June 2014. The total costs amount to £1,200 (transport, set and props, costumes). The applicant is requesting the full amount. The Perth High School benefitted from the Fund in 2011/2012 (£2,040) and in 2013/2014 (£1,625). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £600 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 4). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.18 Perth High School be awarded £600 towards the costs of participating in the Scottish Finals of the Rock Challenge 2014.

Perth Student

- 2.19 An application has been received from a Perth Student seeking a grant towards the costs of attending the National Youth Orchestra of Scotland Spring and Summer courses in April (4 days) and July (9 days). The total costs amount to £595. The applicant is requesting the full amount. The applicant benefitted from the Fund in 2013/2014 (£100). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £100 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 9). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.20 Perth Student be awarded £100 towards the costs of participating in National Youth Orchestra of Scotland Spring and Summer courses in April and July.

Perth and District Badminton Association

- 2.21 An application has been received from the Perth and District Badminton Association seeking a grant towards hosting the Scottish National Badminton Championships 2015. The event will run from 30 January – 1 February 2015. The total costs for the event amounts to £14,150. The Association has requested £11,650. The organisation has benefitted from the Fund in 2011/12 (£1,250), in 2012/13 (£1,250) and in 2013/2014 (£2,050). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £2,500 in line

with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 2). The grant will contribute to promote the tourism sector including events and culture.

Recommendation

- 2.22 Perth and District Badminton Association be awarded a grant of £2,500 towards the cost of the Scottish National Badminton Championships.

Our Lady's Afternoon Club

- 2.23 An application has been received from Our Lady's Afternoon Club seeking a grant towards the costs of their outing to the theatre on Friday 9 May 2014. The total costs for the 24 members amounts to £740. The Club has benefitted from the Fund in 2011/12 (£413), in 2012/2013 (£413) and in 2013/2014 (£140). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £168 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 10). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.24 Our Lady's Afternoon Club be awarded £168 towards their outing to the theatre.

Perth Catholic Youth Project

- 2.25 An application has been received from Perth Catholic Youth Project (linked to St Johns RC Academy) seeking a grant towards the costs of taking 23 young people on a trip to Camino Santiago (Galicia – Northern Spain) from 17 – 27 July 2014. The total costs amount to £17,572. The applicant has requested £3,200. The applicant has never benefitted from this Fund. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £1,000 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 11). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.26 Perth Catholic Youth Project be awarded £1,000 towards the costs of taking young people to Camino Santiago.

Perth Student

- 2.27 An application has been received from a Perth Student seeking a grant towards a hockey trip to Barcelona from 8 – 13 June. The total costs amount to £670. The applicant is requesting the full amount. The applicant has never benefitted from the Fund. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £100 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 9). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.28 Perth Student be awarded £100 towards the trip to Barcelona.

Horsecross Arts Limited

2.29 An application has been received from Horsecross Arts Limited seeking a grant towards taking 26 young people to the National Theatre Connections Festival at Eden Court Theatre in Inverness. The total costs amount to £2,565. The applicant is requesting £575 towards transport costs. The applicant has never benefitted from the Fund. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £575 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 11). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Recommendation

2.30 Horsecross Arts Limited be awarded £575 towards the transport costs of taking 26 young people to the National Theatre Connections Festival.

3. RECOMMENDATION

3.1 The Committee is requested 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 recommendation contained within this report will be funded from the contributions to organisations provision for 2014/15.

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, the Head of Finance and the Head of Legal Services have been consulted.

2. BACKGROUND PAPERS

15 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 1month 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 less than 20 individuals and up to £1,000 for groups 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