

PERTH COMMON GOOD FUND COMMITTEE

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CENTENARY FIELDS INITIATIVE IN PERTH AND KINROSS

Report by Director (Environment)

This report sets out the aims of the Centenary Fields initiative to commemorate World War 1. It recommends Jeanfield Park for nomination as a Centenary Field.

1. BACKGROUND / MAIN ISSUES

- 1.1 Centenary Fields (CF) is a partnership programme led by Fields in Trust and the Royal British Legion to commemorate World War 1 through protecting green spaces. It was launched by HRH The Duke of Cambridge in 2014 to mark the centenary of World War 1 and will close in 2018.
- 1.2 CF aims to protect at least one site in each local authority area across the UK and the Council has been asked to nominate one or more parks or other key green space with a link to World War 1. Sites containing war memorials which are used for active recreation sport and/or play are appropriate greenspaces to nominate.
- 1.3 The main benefits of taking part in the initiative are to:
- contribute to a UK initiative to commemorate those involved with World War 1.
 - raise awareness of both the initiative and the Council's commitment to providing for public access and recreation.
 - raise the profile of the nominated sites.
- 1.4 The initiative also aims to safeguard valued public spaces for the future however, as the area is already safeguarded as common good land, this is not an additional benefit.
- 1.5 A disadvantage to the Council is the need to obtain consent from CF in the event of any management change to the site.
- 1.6 Nominated sites are subject to an application process including a site visit by CF. If accepted, the Council is required to undertake legal processes, including signing and registering a Minute of Agreement (MoA). The MoA ensures the Council does nothing to detract from the amenity value of the site, and in the event of disposal, that the MoA is transferred to the new owner. The Council has existing MoAs for all Queen Elizabeth II (QE11) Fields. Thereafter, the Council will be required to install a commemorative plaque supplied by CF and arrange an unveiling ceremony. The site name will not change and there are no funds associated with CF status.

Selection of eligible sites

- 1.7 Although any site within Perth and Kinross can be nominated, the landowner must complete the application form. For simplicity, and especially due to the legal undertaking required, it is recommended that the Council should nominate a site in its ownership and management.
- 1.8 In addition to the conditions covered above in relation to ownership, connection with World War 1, and its recreation function, CF specifies that eligible sites must:
- be accessible in terms of location and affordability for the local community.
 - should have local managers who are responsible for the quality of the facilities, maintenance and development, improving participation, and financial and operational sustainability.
- 1.9 Sites which are already protected as QEII sites are not eligible. Fourteen parks and countryside sites, including those with war memorials such as the North Inch, were given QEII status following committee approval in 2011 ([Environment CR 11/302 8 June 2011](#)).
- 1.10 To identify sites eligible for CF nomination, all sites with war memorials were listed and classified in relation to their location type and associated public use (as shown within Appendix 1). War memorials within street settings, with or without floral or grass areas, and those associated with burial grounds or located within memorial gardens were discounted on the basis that these do not provide for active recreation. In addition, the Wellmeadow in Blairgowrie, although it is used as a central civic space for events, was discounted on the same basis.

2. PROPOSALS

- 2.1 Only two council sites are eligible and are proposed for nomination for Centenary Field status. These are:
- The Lower Birks in Aberfeldy.
 - Jeanfield Park in Perth.
- 2.2 Jeanfield Park is located within a residential area of western Perth and has a freestanding war memorial, equipped play area, football pitch, grass and border planting, and paths providing connections to residential areas.
- 2.3 Additional information regarding this site is provided in Appendix 2.

3. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 It is recommended that Jeanfield Park is nominated for Centenary Field status.
- 3.2 The Head of Legal and Governance Services has been consulted on this recommendation and has confirmed that this site is common good land. There are no resource implications arising from the nomination of the site.
- 3.3 If approved, the community will be consulted regarding the proposed nomination through contact with the community council and other groups known to have an interest. Depending on community response, which is anticipated to be favourable, Jeanfield Park will be nominated.
- 3.4 The Committee is asked to approve the nomination of Jeanfield Park as a Centenary Field.

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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	None
Workforce	None
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	None
Assessments	
Equality Impact Assessment	None
Strategic Environmental Assessment	None
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	None
Legal and Governance	None
Risk	None
Consultation	
Internal	Yes
External	None
Communication	
Communications Plan	Yes

1. Strategic Implications

1.1 The report relates to the delivery of the Perth and Kinross Community Plan/Single Outcome Agreement by helping to create a safe and sustainable place for the general public. They contribute to the following Local Outcomes: Our area will have a positive image locally, nationally and internationally; Our communities will be vibrant and active; Our communities will have access to the key services they need; Our area will have a sustainable natural and built environment.

Corporate Plan

1.2 The Council's Corporate Plan 2013 – 2018 lays out five outcome focussed strategic objectives which provide clear strategic direction, inform decisions at a corporate and service level and shape resources allocation. They are as follows:

- (i) Giving every child the best start in life;
- (ii) Developing educated, responsible and informed citizens;
- (iii) Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy;
- (iv) Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives; and
- (v) Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations.

1.3 This Policy relates to (i), (ii), (iv) and (v) above.

2. Resource Implications

Financial

- 2.1 There will be no resource implications arising from this report.

Workforce

- 2.2 There will be no workforce implications arising from this report.

Asset Management (land, property, IT)

- 2.3 The site proposed for nomination as a Centenary Field site is already designated as an area for public amenity and common good land. The Centenary Fields legal process adds further protection to safeguard the sites for public amenity.

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. Carrying out Equality Impact Assessments for plans and policies allows the Council to demonstrate that it is meeting these duties.
- 3.2 The matters presented in this report were considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) with the following outcome:
- (i) Assessed as **not relevant** for the purposes of the EqIA.

Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 3.3 The Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 places a duty on the Council to identify and assess the environmental consequences of its proposals. The proposal has been considered under the Act 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.
- 3.5 This policy has no effect on the above.

Legal and Governance

- 3.6 The Head of Legal and Governance Services has been consulted on the matters presented within this report.

Risk

- 3.7 There are no risks arising from this report.

4. Consultation

Internal

- 4.1 The Head of Legal and Governance Services, as well as officers in Property and Estates have been consulted on the matters presented within this report.

External

- 4.2 There have been no external consultation carried out in relation to the report, but there have been communications with Fields in Trust who have encouraged nomination of this site as a Centenary Field.

5. Communication

- 5.1 The community councils and other user groups with an interest in the nominated site will be consulted on the intention to put this nominated site forward to the Centenary Fields application process. It is envisaged that communities will be supportive.

2. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 2.1 There are no background papers relevant to this report.

3. APPENDICES

- 3.1 Appendix 1: Sites with war memorials classified in relation to location type and associated public use.

Appendix 2: Description of Jeanfield Park.

Sites with war memorials classified in relation to location type and associated public use.

Location of Memorial	site description. S=street, P=park, CS=countryside site, G= garden, C=churchyard, O=other greenspace	Additional site notes
WAR MEMORIAL SOUTH AFRICAN, ALYTH	S	
WAR MEMORIAL A927, ALYTH	O	
CHURCHYARD KINCLAVEN, BLAIRGOWRIE	C	
SQUARE BURRELTON	S	
WAR MEMORIAL CLUNIE	O	
WAR MEMORIAL CAPUTH	S	
COMMON SPITTALFIELD	P	not PKC owned - personal memorial
WAR MEMORIAL KETTINS	G	
WAR MEMORIAL KIRKMICHAEL	O	
VICTORY PARK MEIGLE	P	not PKC owned
WAR MEMORIAL ST MARTINS	O	
WELLMEADOW, BLAIRGOWRIE	G	no play or sports areas , used for events, high accessibility, high profile
LOWER BIRKS, ABERFELDY	CS	active recreation on paths, high accesibility, high profile
CHURCHYARD DULL	C	
WAR MEMORIAL FEARNAN	S	
CHURCHYARD FORTINGALL	C	
BURIAL GROUND INNERWICK	C	
OUTSIDE CHURCHYARD KENMORE	C	
RECREATION PARK KINLOCH RANNOCH	O	
WAR MEMORIAL BLAIR ATHOLL	S	
WAR MEMORIAL BALLINLUIG	O	
WAR MEMORIAL DUNKELD	O	
CHURCHYARD DOWALLY	C	
WAR MEMORIAL PITLOCHRY	G	no play or sports areas, high accessibility, high profile
VILLAGE HALL, CROOK OF DEVON	S	
GAIRNEY BRIDGE, KINROSS		
WAR MEMORIAL/COUNCIL OFFICE, KINROSS	S	
WAR MEMORIAL MILNATHORT	G	
KING EDWARD STREET, PERTH	S	
MEMORIAL AREA NORTH INCH, PERTH	P	QEII site
JEANFIELD PARK, PERTH	P	play area & sports pitch, local use, low profile
CEMETERY JEANFIELD, PERTH	C	
WAR MEMORIAL MAYFIELD SCONE	O	
WAR MEMORIAL SCONE	O	
CROSS STREET SCONE	S	
WAR MEMORIAL GLENFARG	O	
CHURCHYARD ABERDALGIE	C	
CHURCHYARD MURIE, ERROL	C	
BURIAL GROUND INCHTURE	C	
INVERGOWRIE PARK	WM MOVED TO C	War memorial has been moved from park to outside the church
CHURCHYARD KILSPINDIE	C	
CHURCHYARD & OUTSIDE AREA KINFAUNS	C	
WAR MEMORIAL LONGFORGAN	G	
WAR MEMORIAL ALMONDBANK	O	
WAR MEMORIAL BANKFOOT	O	
WAR MEMORIAL STANLEY	G	
WAR MEMORIAL METHVEN	P	not PKC owned -in wall enclosed area off road adjacent to King Jubillee park
WAR MEMORIAL ABERUTHVEN	S	
WAR MEMORIAL TULLIBARDINE	S	
OLD CEMETERY AUCHTERARDER	C	
WAR MEMORIAL BLACKFORD	S	
GENTLE CROFT, BRACO		
WAR MEMORIAL DUNNING	S	
WAR MEMORIAL COMRIE	G	
WAR MEMORIAL BURRELL STREET, CRIEFF	S	
JAMES SQUARE, CRIEFF	S	
WAR MEMORIAL MADDERTY, CRIEFF	S	
CEMETERY MONZIEVAIRD, CRIEFF	C	
MONUMENT HARRIETFIELD	O	
HIGHLANDMAN PARK, MUTHILL	S	
WAR MEMORIAL ST FILLANS	O	

Description of Jeanfield Park

Jeanfield Park, Perth

War memorial – large free standing former water fountain located on the grass at the east end of the park marked as having been provided by the Jeanfield Residents' Association.

Ownership and management – owned and managed by the Council as a park with neighbourhood equipped play area (NEAP), football pitch and a path connects Jeanfield Road and Hawarden Terrace with Rannoch Road providing a short cut. The play area is to be refurbished in 2015.

Public knowledge and use of site – A local park known of and used principally by local residents.

Community interest – There is a changing facility in poor condition owned by the football club (Tay Thistle AFC).



[WW1 memorial drinking fountain.](#)



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