

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL**Perth Common Good Fund Committee****18 May 2016****Applications for Financial Assistance****Report by Director (Environment)**

The report asks Perth Common Good Fund Committee to consider 13 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 allow 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. Retrospective applications are not accepted. However, if an application is received before the activities take place and cannot be considered at the following meeting because the papers have already been issued, the application will be considered at the next meeting even if the activities have taken place between meetings. Therefore, the Committee decision will only be known after the activities have taken place, and if the grant is not awarded, the applicant will have to fund the activities from its own funds.

2. PROPOSALS**J.D. Fergusson Arts Awards Trust**

- 2.1 An application has been received from J.D. Fergusson Arts Awards Trust seeking a grant towards the cost of Annual Award including brochures. The Trust promotes the Arts in Perth and Perth as a centre for art as well as the work of J.D. Fergusson. By running an Award competition, the Trust encourages promising artists of all ages. There are currently around 50 entries per annum and the award winner is publicised online and in the press. The total costs are £6,850 (Award prize of £4,000, £1,850 for brochures printing and £1,000 for judging/administration). The applicant will provide £1,000 in kind and £3,850 in cash.

The applicant has applied for £2,000. The applicant has benefited from the fund over the past 3 years (£2,000 in 2015/16, £2,000 in 2014/15 and £2,000 in 2013/14). It is recommended that a grant of £2,000 is awarded in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 3). The grant will contribute to promote Perth City and the Arts.

Recommendation

- 2.2 J.D. Fergusson Arts Awards Trust be awarded a grant of £2,000 towards the cost of the J.D. Awards competition 2016/17.

Our Lady's Primary School Parent Council

- 2.3 An application has been received from Our Lady's Primary School Parent Council seeking a grant towards the cost of a school trip to Edinburgh Zoo on 17 June 2016 for 240 pupils (P1-P7). The total costs are £1,830 for transport and £6.50 entrance fees per person. The applicant has asked for a contribution towards transport costs and will contribute towards the shortfall. The applicant has benefited from the fund over the past 3 years (£700 in 2015/16, £700 in 2014/15 and £700 in 2013/14). It is recommended that a grant of £700 is awarded in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 10). The grant will contribute to promote learning opportunities.

Recommendation

- 2.4 Our Lady's Primary School Parent Council be awarded a grant of £700 towards the cost of the outing to Edinburgh Zoo.

St John's R.C. Academy Parent Council

- 2.5 An application has been received from St John's R.C. Academy Parent Council seeking a grant towards the cost of the pupil awards ceremony in June 2016. The total costs are £1,950 (book vouchers, trophy shop, printing, catering, flowers). The applicant has asked for £1,500. The applicant will contribute £100 in kind and the school will contribute £400. The applicant has benefited from the fund over the past 3 years (£1,500 in 2015/16, £500 in 2014/15 and £500 in 2013/14). It is recommended that a grant of £1,500 is awarded in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 7). The grant will contribute to promote learning opportunities.

Recommendation

- 2.6 St John's R.C. Academy Parent Council be awarded a grant of £1,500 towards the cost of the pupil awards ceremony.

Perthshire Musical (Competition) Festival Association

- 2.7 An application has been received from Perthshire Musical (Competition) Festival Association seeking a grant towards the cost of the annual competition in March 2016 with around 2,500 participants. The total costs are £28,427. The applicant has secured £4,300 from different trusts and contributed in cash from donations, fundraising, entries, admissions, advertisement. The applicant has asked for £1,500. The applicant has

benefited from the fund over the past 3 years (£1,500 in 2014/15 and £1,500 in 2013/14). It is recommended that a grant of £1,500 is awarded in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 2). If the grant is not awarded, the applicant will have to fund the activities from its own funds. The grant will contribute to promote learning, music and Perth City.

Recommendation

- 2.8 Perthshire Musical (Competition) Festival Association be awarded a grant of £1,500 towards the cost of the annual competition 2016.

Tulloch Primary School Parent Council

- 2.9 An application has been received from Tulloch Primary School Parent Council seeking a grant towards the cost of a school trip to Camperdown Park last week in June 2016 for 346 pupils (P2-P6). The total costs are £1,851 for transport and £92 admissions. The applicant has asked for £700 and will contribute towards the shortfall. The applicant has not benefited from the fund over the past 3 years. It is recommended that a grant of £700 is awarded in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 10). The grant will contribute to promote learning opportunities.

Recommendation

- 2.10 Tulloch Primary School Parent Council be awarded a grant of £700 towards the cost of the outing to Camperdown Park.

Breathe Easy Perthshire

- 2.11 An application has been received from Breathe Easy Perthshire seeking a grant towards the cost of a summer outing to Brechin Castle Garden Centre on 19 May 2016 for 35 people. The total costs are £300 for transport and £350 for lunch. The applicant has asked for £350 and will contribute £300. The applicant has benefited from the fund over the past 3 years (£420 in 2015/16, £175 in 2014/15 and £450 in 2013/14). It is recommended that a grant of £245 is awarded in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 10). If the grant is not awarded, the applicant will have to fund the activities from its own funds. The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.12 Breathe Easy Perthshire be awarded a grant of £245 towards the cost of the outing to Brechin Castle Garden Centre.

Bowerswell Social Fund

- 2.13 An application has been received from Bowerswell Social Fund seeking a grant towards the cost of an outing to Perth Amateur Operatic Group production of Sunshine on Leith at North Inch Community Campus on 9 April 2016 for 23 people. The total costs are £625 (transport, tickets and high teas). The applicant has asked for £250 and participants will contribute the rest. The applicant has benefited from the fund over the past 3 years (£385 in 2015/16, £750 in 2014/15 and £730 in 2013/14). It is recommended that a grant of £161

is awarded in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 10). If the grant is not awarded, the applicant will have to fund the activities from its own funds. The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.14 Bowerswell Social Fund be awarded a grant of £161 towards the cost of the outing to Perth Amateur Operatic Group's production.

Wednesday Tea Dance

- 2.15 An application has been received from Wednesday Tea Dance seeking a grant towards the cost of a 2 day residential outing to Dumfries on 21-23 August 2016 for 25 people. The total costs are £4,080 (transport, subsistence and accommodations). The applicant has asked for £840 towards transport costs and participants will contribute £124 each. The applicant has benefited from the fund over the past 3 years (£413 in 2015/16, £861 in 2014/15 and £469 in 2013/14). It is recommended that a grant of £175 is awarded in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 10). If the grant is not awarded, the applicant will have to fund the activities from its own funds. The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.16 Wednesday Tea Dance be awarded a grant of £175 towards the cost of the outing to Dumfries in August 2016.

Perth and Kinross Association of Voluntary Services

- 2.17 An application has been received from Perth and Kinross Association of Voluntary Services seeking a grant towards the cost of carers family fun day on 11 June 2016 for 150 people at North Inch Community Campus. The total costs are £2,000 (venue hire, refreshments, face painter, animal handler, crafts, tombola, music workshop, bouncy castle). The applicant has asked for £2,000. The applicant has benefited from the fund over the past 3 years (£1,000 in 2015/16 and £1,591 in 2013/14). It is recommended that a grant of £1,000 is awarded towards this event in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 2). If the grant is not awarded or not in full, the applicant will have to fund the activities from its own funds. The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.18 Perth and Kinross Association of Voluntary Services be awarded a grant of £1,000 towards the cost of the carers family fun day in June 2016.

Perth and Kinross Credit Union

- 2.19 An application has been received from Perth and Kinross Credit Union seeking a grant towards the cost of upgrading its IT facilities to provide new ways of accessing services through mobile/tablet applications and on-line loan application services. The applicant promotes savings in the community and provides low cost loans to its members when needed including those who may

be financially excluded. The costs are £7,460 (mobile/tablet modules, on-line application module, on-line newsletter, SMS module). The applicant has asked for a grant of £5,460. The applicant has not benefited from the fund over the past 3 years. It is recommended that a grant of £3,730 is awarded in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 4). The applicant will have to fund the difference from its own fund or other funding sources. The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.20 Perth and Kinross Credit Union be awarded a grant of £3,730 towards the cost of upgrading its IT facilities.

Perth Highland Games

- 2.21 An application has been received from Perth Highland Games seeking a grant towards the cost of Perth Highland Games on 14 August 2016. The total costs are £37,859 (Ground services and labour (£8,860), equipment rentals (£6,603), prize money & trophies (£11,553), officials' expenses (£3,600), professional fees (£3,013), catering (£1,400), permits (£340), advertising/printing (£650), administration (£1,840). The applicant has asked for £10,000. The applicant will provide cash of £29,152 from entries, stand fees and other sponsorships leaving a shortfall of £8,707. Any deficit will be covered from applicant's reserves. The applicant has benefited from the fund over the past 3 years (£6,276 in 2015/16, £1,600 in 2014/15 and £2,000 in 2013/14). It is recommended that a grant of £7,253 towards equipment rental and advertising costs is awarded in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 2) with the remaining shortfall of £1,454 to be covered by applicant's reserves. The support from Perth Common Good Fund will have to be explicitly recognised in advertising material. The grant will contribute to promote tourism and Perth City.

Recommendation

- 2.22 Perth Highland Games be awarded a grant of £7,253 towards equipment rental and advertising costs for Perth Highland Games 2016.

Street Dance Crew

- 2.23 An application has been received from Street Dance Crew (operating from Dance Attic in Gray Street in Perth) seeking a grant towards the costs of participation in the UDO World Street Dance Championships in August 2016 in Glasgow which will run over 3 days. 50 children will be given the opportunity to mix with other children from different countries and cultures building up confidence and team working. The total costs are £7,584 (entrance fees, transport, outfits) and the applicant has asked for a grant of £2,000. The applicant will provide the remaining funding from its own reserves and fundraising. The applicant has benefited from the fund over the past 3 years (£1,000 in 2015/16). It is recommended that a grant of £1,000 towards participation costs in the UDO World Street Dance Championships in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 11). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.24 Street Dance Crew be awarded a grant of £1,000 towards participation costs in the UDO World Street Dance Championships in August 2016.

Perth and District YMCA

- 2.25 An application has been received from Perth and District YMCA to support 40 young people experiencing difficulty at home or in school or training. The aim is to provide a supportive environment and increasing life chances through different activities at a dedicated space. Young people will be able to access gym equipment and activities. This free gym will offer young people a safe place to start/restart physical activities with a youth worker linking to Live Active facilities through Compass membership cards. They will also be able to access breakfast club. They would learn how to upcycle furniture which can either be sold or given to other young people who are starting up a new home. The PX2 Programme will also be run to promote positive communication, build stronger relationship and equip individuals with effective thinking skills. The total costs are £20,265 (staff, rental, shower upgrade, PX2 Manuals, travel and staff gym training) and the applicant has asked for a grant of £5,000. £5,365 will be provided by the applicant (staff time) and £9,900 has been applied for to NHS Community Innovation Fund. Charities administered by the Council have agreed to provide £1,300 towards PX2 Programme leaving a shortfall of £3,700. The applicant has benefited from the fund over the past 3 years (£2,500 in 2015/16). It is recommended that a grant of £3,700 towards rental costs, shower upgrade and travel costs for the youth project dedicated space and activities in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 5 and 11). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.26 Perth and District YMCA be awarded a grant of £3,700 towards the rental costs, shower upgrade and travel costs for the youth project dedicated space and activities.

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 recommendations contained within this report will be funded from the Perth Common Good Fund Financial Assistance budget for 2016/17.

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

- 2.1 13 applications for financial assistance

3. APPENDICES

- 3.1 Perth Common Good Fund Criteria.

**PERTH COMMON GOOD FUND
CRITERIA**

Within the boundary of the Perth 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: up to £400 per individual
 - 1 – 5 months: up to £250 per individual
9. Attendance at summer schools/events
 - Less than 1 month but more than 2 weeks: 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. 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. 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