

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL**PERTH COMMON GOOD FUND COMMITTEE****1 July 2015****APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE****Report by Depute Director (Environment)**

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 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 following 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. Applicants are made aware of this.

2. PROPOSALS**Dalreoch Friendship Club**

- 2.1 An application has been received from Dalreoch Friendship Club seeking a grant towards the cost of their summer outing to Pitlochry on 10 July 2015. The total costs for the 15 members amounts to £210. The applicant is requesting the full amount. The applicant has previously benefited as detailed below. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £105 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 10). (This is paid at the maximum of £7 per individual for 15 people per trip £105). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

2014/15 £94

Recommendation

- 2.2 Dalreoch Friendship Club be awarded a grant of £105.

Perth Youth Orchestra

- 2.3 An application has been received from Perth Youth Orchestra seeking a grant towards the cost of their triennial tour to Prague in July 2016. The total costs for 86 people to attend amounts to £95,000 including travel, accommodation and instrument transport. 27 of 73 pupils live in Perth, 10 in outlying areas such as Scone, Stanley & Glencarse. A further 22 live in other towns and villages within the PKC area and there are a further 11 who attend private schools in the PKC area whose residency is not known. The remaining 3 live outside the PKC area. The applicant has applied for £19,000. The applicant has previously benefited as detailed below. 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 promotion of lifelong learning opportunities.

Grants awarded to Perth Youth Orchestra from the Perth Common Good Fund in:

2012/13:	£1,100
2013/14:	£2,000

Recommendation

- 2.4 Perth Youth Orchestra be awarded a grant of £1,000 towards the costs of their triennial tour in Prague.

Perth High School Pupil (Project Trust RA)

- 2.5 An application has been received from a 6th year pupil at Perth High School seeking a grant towards the cost of undertaking spending a year volunteering (teaching English and skills to children) in Guyana with Project Trust. The total costs for the course amounts to £5,900. The applicant is requesting £2,300. The applicant has never previously benefited from the fund. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £400 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 8). The grant will contribute to the promotion of lifelong learning opportunities.

Recommendation

- 2.6 Perth High School Pupil be awarded a grant of £400.

Our Ladies Afternoon Club

- 2.7 An application has been received from Our Ladies Afternoon Club seeking a grant towards the cost of their summer outing to Perth Theatre and Royal George Hotel on 15 July 2015. The total costs for the 15 members amounts to £495. The applicant did not specify an amount in their application but asked for any award to be “at your discretion”. The applicant has previously benefited as detailed below. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £105 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 10). (This is paid at the maximum of £7 per individual for 15 people per trip). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Grants awarded to Our Ladies Afternoon Club from the Perth Common Good Fund in:

2012/13: £413
2013/14: £140
2014/15: £308

Recommendation

- 2.8 Our Ladies Afternoon Club be awarded a grant of £105.

Scottish Youth International Fly Fishing (student resident in Perth)

- 2.9 An application has been received from the Scottish Youth Team seeking a grant towards the costs of participation in the International Fly Fishing Competition in Lake of Menteith, Stirlingshire on 5 August 2015. The total costs amount to £1,900. The applicant has previously benefited from the fund, for the same junior member, as detailed below. 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.

2014/15 £100

Recommendation

- 2.10 A junior member of the Scottish Youth Team be awarded a grant of £100 towards the costs of participation in the International Fly Fishing competition.

Perth Highland Games

- 2.11 An application has been received from Perth Highland Games Committee requesting a grant towards this year's annual event on Sunday 9 August. The Committee are trying to promote the Games with the local press, flyer distribution, joint marketing with Perth and Kinross Council as part of the "A Touch of Tartan Weekend", as well as their own Website to increase the number of attendees. In previous years, they have been awarded 2 national championships in cycling and running and in 2014 they had a World Champion Highland Dancer taking part. The total costs amount to £34,680. Contributions from the Highland Games Committee amount to £28,404. The applicant applied for a grant of £10,000.
- 2.12 The applicant has previously benefited as detailed below. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant up to £6,276 being the anticipated shortfall in the anticipated costs in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 2). The grant will contribute to the promotion of events and tourism.

Grants awarded to Perth Highland Games from the Perth Common Good Fund in:

2012/13: £1,250
2013/14: £1,600
2014/15: £1,600

Recommendation

- 2.13 Perth Highland Games be awarded a grant of £6,276 towards this year's annual event.

Perth Academy

- 2.14 An application has been received from Perth Academy seeking a grant towards the costs of sending 4 (S1) pupils on a trip to South Africa in June 2016. The pupils are to visit Krugar National Park to learn about the animals in their natural habitat and study their environment and landscape. The total costs for the trip amount to £2,227 per pupil. The applicant has applied for £300 for each of the 4 pupils who due to financial difficulties would be unable to participate. The applicant has previously benefited as detailed below. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £1,200 (£300 for each pupil) in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 11). The grant will contribute to the promotion of learning and to social inclusion.

Grants awarded to Perth Academy from the Perth Common Good Fund in:

2012/13:	£1,489
2013/14:	£900
2014/15:	£2,660

Recommendation

- 2.15 Perth Academy be awarded a grant of £1,200 (£300 for each pupil) towards the costs of sending 4 pupils to South Africa in June 2016.

Letham Old People's Club

- 2.16 An application has been received from Letham Old People's Club seeking a grant towards the cost of their autumn outing to Falkirk on 22 September 2015. The total costs for up to 100 members amounts to £707. The Club is requesting the full amount. The applicant has previously benefited as detailed below. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant up to a maximum of £354 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 10). (This is paid at 50% of the actual costs or £7 per person whichever is the lesser). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Grants awarded to Letham Old People's Club from the Perth Common Good Fund in:

2012/13:	£1,190	(2 applications for £665 & £525)
2013/14:	£1,129	(2 applications for £569 & £560)
2014/15:	£800	(2 applications for £450 & £350)

Recommendation

- 2.17 Letham Old People's Club be awarded a grant up to a maximum of £353.50.

Headway Perth and Kinross

- 2.18 An application has been received from Headway Perth and Kinross seeking a grant towards the cost of their summer outing to the Falkirk Wheel and Kelpies on 5 August 2015. The total costs for the 49 members amounts to

£1,070. The applicant is applying for £332. The applicant has previously benefited as detailed below. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £343 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 10). (This is paid at the maximum of £7 per individual for 49 people per trip £343). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Grants awarded to Headway Perth & Kinross from the Perth Common Good Fund in:

2012/13:	£728	(2 applications £343 & £385)
2013/14:	£770	(2 applications £343 & £427)
2014/15:	£586	(2 applications £343 & £243)

Recommendation

- 2.19 Headway Perth and Kinross be awarded a grant of £343.

Perth & Kinross Association of Voluntary Services

- 2.20 An application has been received from Perth & Kinross Association of Voluntary Services (PKAVS) seeking a grant towards the cost of holding an event for unpaid carers as part of their Carers Week. The event took place on 13 June 2015 from 11.00 to 15.00 at Skypark Scone and included “fun” activities, a health walk and peer-to-peer support. The event allowed 120 carers to have time out from their caring roles. The event provided social inclusion and stimulation. The total cost of staging the event for 120 carers was £2,638.60. PKAVS is applying for a grant of £1,000. The applicant has previously benefited as detailed below. Although the date of the event has passed by the date that this application goes before the Committee, the application was made prior to the event taking place. Guidance allows the application to proceed, however, the applicant understands that they will have to find the money themselves if the application is refused. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee awards a grant of £1,000 in line with the guidance (Appendix 1 – Criteria 2). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Grants awarded to PKAVS from the Perth Common Good Fund in:

2012/13:	£1,407
2013/14:	£1,591

Recommendation

- 2.21 PKAVS be awarded a grant of £1,000 towards the cost of holding the event for unpaid carers.

Moncrieffe Tea Dancers

- 2.22 An application has been received from Moncrieffe Tea Dancers seeking a grant towards the cost of holding 12 Tea Dances (1 per month) during the period July 2015 to June 2016. The group holds regular Tea Dances in South Perth, giving many people over the age of 50 the opportunity to socialise with each other and enjoy gentle exercise through dance, thus enhancing their overall health and wellbeing. Numbers participating have increased during the past year and the group is supported by South Perth Community

Partnership; Moncrieffe Parish Church; Inchview & Moncrieffe Primary Schools; PKC (capacity building) & NHS Health collaborative. The group has been doing intergenerational Tea Dances at Inchview Primary School, which have also included educational talks from people involved in supporting those with dementia and disability. In total, the number of participants during the period is estimated at 30 per Tea Dance and 40 children at each of eight intergenerational events. The total cost of the year-long programme is £1,290. Moncrieffe Tea Dancers are applying for a grant of £840. The applicant has previously benefited as detailed below. Appendix 1 – Criteria 2 allows for a maximum of 50% of total costs. Therefore, it is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee awards a grant of £645. The grant will contribute to social inclusion and learning.

Grants awarded to Moncrieffe Tea Dancers from the Perth Common Good Fund in:

2012/13:	£455
2013/14:	£422
2014/15:	£571

Recommendation

- 2.23 Moncrieffe Tea Dancers be awarded a grant of £645 towards the cost of the programme of Tea dances.

South Perth Community Partnership

- 2.24 An application has been received from South Perth Community Partnership seeking a grant towards the cost of holding of their annual Community Fun Day event at Glenearn Community Campus on Saturday 5 September. In addition to the “fun” activities, the purpose of the event is to allow local residents an opportunity to socialise with each other; find out more about what goes on in their community and how they can become involved; and to celebrate the many achievements of the South Perth Community. On average over 300 people attend the annual event. The event contributes to social inclusion and community wellbeing. The total cost of staging the event is £1,500. South Perth Community Partnership is applying for a grant of £700. The applicant has previously benefited as detailed below. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee awards a grant of £700 in line with the guidance (Appendix 1 – Criteria 2).

Grants awarded to South Perth Community Partnership from the Perth Common Good Fund in:

2012/13:	£2,000
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Recommendation

- 2.25 South Perth Community Partnership be awarded a grant of £700 towards the costs of the Annual Community Fun Day.

Perth Grammar School

- 2.26 An application has been received from Perth Grammar School seeking a grant towards the cost of the Annual School Prize Giving and Concert on 29 June 2015. The total cost is £3,181.80 including £2,031 to hire the Concert Hall and £1,150 for prizes. The applicant is requesting the full amount. The applicant has previously benefited as detailed below. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee awards a grant of £1,016 for the cost of hiring the Hall in line with the guidance (Appendix 1 – Criteria 2) and a grant of £1,150 for the cost of prizes in line with the guidance (Appendix 1 – Criteria 7). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Grants awarded to Perth Grammar School from the Perth Common Good Fund in:

2014/15 £2,213

Recommendation

- 2.27 Perth Grammar School be awarded a grant of £1,016 for the cost of hiring the Concert Hall and a grant of £1,150 for the cost of prizes.

St Johns R C Academy Perth

- 2.28 An application has been received from St Johns R C Academy Perth seeking a grant towards the cost of the Annual School Prize Giving in May. The total cost for prizes is £1,915. The applicant has applied for £1,500. The applicant has previously benefited as detailed below. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee awards a grant of up to £1,500 for the cost prizes in line with the guidance (Appendix 1 – Criteria 7). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Grants awarded to St Johns R C Academy Perth from the Perth Common Good Fund in:

2013/14: £600
2014/15: £500

Recommendation

- 2.29 St Johns R C Academy, Perth be awarded a grant of up to £1,500 towards school prizes.

Us & the Housing

- 2.30 An application has been received from Us and the Housing seeking a grant towards the costs of holding a Communication Conference including hall costs (£680, website start-up costs (£300) and newsletter costs for 1 year (£400). The total costs are £1,380. The applicant is applying for £1,000. The majority of the group have learning disabilities of differing degrees. Communication was raised as an issue at the initial conference of the group last year. The planned Communication Conference will have workshops that look at different

effective ways of communicating with people with learning disabilities. Following on from the conference the group plans to produce a newsletter and to set up a website to promote the group and to highlight issues facing people with learning disabilities. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee awards a grant of £340 for conference cost in line with the guidance (Appendix 1- Criteria 2). The applicant has never previously benefited from the fund. Website costs and newsletter costs are considered to be core funding and are not eligible for funding support.

Recommendation

- 2.31 Us & the Housing be awarded a grant of £340 towards the Communication Conference costs.

Perth and Strathearn 200 Round Table

- 2.32 An application has been received from Perth and Strathearn 200 Round Table seeking a grant towards the cost of Perth Fireworks and Bonfire Display on 5 November 2015. The total cost is £30,600 including Pyrotechnic Fireworks Display - £18,000; Stadium Quality PA System - £4,200; Fencing and Safety Barriers - £3,000; Stage Hire - £1,400; Live Radio Broadcast with DJ/Compere - £1,150 and £2,800 on Generator and Cabling; Trailer Hire; 4x4 Hire; Advertising; First Aid facilities and trained personnel; Forklift vehicle and operator and sundries. The applicant is applying for £30,600. In kind support from local businesses, groups and individuals is estimated at £8,900. The event, which has been running for several years, provides a safe centralised event for the people of Perth and visitors. It is anticipated that the event will attract in the region of 8,000 spectators with around 2,000 from outwith Perth & Kinross. The applicant has previously benefited as detailed below. It is recommended that the Perth Common Good Fund Committee awards a grant of £15,300 towards the cost of staging the fireworks and bonfire display in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 2). The grant will contribute to raising Perth's profile by supporting events and festivals whilst supporting one of the key themes of Perth City Plan – Confident, Vibrant Perth.

Grants awarded to Perth and Strathearn 200 Round Table from the Perth Common Good Fund in:

2012/13	£10,000
2013/14	£15,000
2014/15	£15,000

Recommendation

- 2.33 Perth and Strathearn Round Table be awarded a grant of £15,300 towards the cost of Perth Fireworks and Bonfire Display on 5 November 2015

St John's Kirk of Perth (Carillon)

- 2.34 An application has been received from St John's Kirk of Perth seeking a grant towards the cost of 10 Carillon recitals from 1 July 2015 to 31 March 2016. There are 5 planned civic events in 2015: 9 August – Perth Highland Games; 8 November – Remembrance Sunday; 22 November – Christmas Lights

Switch On; 29 November – St Andrew’s Day Scottish Festival; 20 December – Lessons and Carols Service. A minimum of 5 additional events will take place between 1 July 2015 and 31 March 2016. The grant will provide funding to pay the £1,400 cost of the Carillon player at the events. The applicant is seeking a grant for the full amount of £1,400. The applicant has previously benefited from the fund as detailed below. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee awards a grant of £1,400 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 12). The grant will contribute to the promotion of the tourism sector, particularly events and culture.

2012/13 £1,875
 2113/14 £2,940

Recommendation

2.35 St John’s Kirk be awarded a grant of £1,400 towards the cost of the Carillon recitals.

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 2015/16.

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

17 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 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