

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

The report asks Kinross Common Good Fund Committee to consider 2 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.
- 1.3 At the Kinross Common Good Fund meeting on 24 February 2016, the Committee requested that £157,000 of the Revenue balance of the Fund is to be ring-fenced as Capital. (Art. 177(ii) refers) The projected Revenue balance for the Fund at 1 April 2016 is £157,679, which will result in £679 being available for distribution, and the estimated income to be generated from investments in 2016/17 is approximately £1,100.

2. PROPOSALS**Horsecross Arts Ltd**

- 2.1 An application has been received from Horsecross Arts Ltd seeking a grant towards the cost of Youth Theatre Kinross. In partnership with Kinross-shire Local Events Organisations (KLEO), Kinross High School Drama Department and local theatre-maker, the applicant would like to deliver a series of six tutor-led drama and music workshops and an additional actor-led masterclass

for 22 people aged between 12 and 17. It would be part of a series of satellite projects linked to Perth Youth Theatre taking place between August and October 2016. The series will culminate in two performances, one in Kinross and one in Perth Concert Hall. The total costs are £1,990. The applicant will provide £1,008 in kind (staff time, materials and resources, studio hire). The applicant has applied for £982. The applicant has not benefited from the fund over the past 3 years.

- 2.2 The proposal meets the criteria of the provision of funding of any activity which is beneficial to the interests of the inhabitants of Kinross.

Recommendation

- 2.3 In line with revised guidance, the Committee is asked to consider the request and no recommendation is made by Officers.

Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association

- 2.4 An application has been received from the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association seeking a grant towards the cost of Local Leven Pipe Band Competition to coincide with the Loch Leven half Marathon on 14 May 2016. The event is very popular and usually attracts 2,000+ visitors over the course of the day. The total costs are £3,350 (hire of grounds, hire of marquee, barrier fencing, wheelie bins, PA system, leaflet printing, adjudicators' fees and expenses, officials' fees and expenses, £2,000 of prize money). The applicant has applied for £1,350 to cover all costs except prize money. The applicant has not benefited from the fund over the past 3 years.

- 2.5 The proposal meets the criteria of the provision of funding of any activity which is beneficial to the interests of the inhabitants of Kinross.

Recommendation

- 2.6 In line with revised guidance, the Committee is asked to consider the request and no recommendation is made by Officers.

Light up Kinross

- 2.7 An application has been received from Light Up Kinross seeking a grant towards the costs of the purchase of additional Christmas lighting and fittings to extend and improve the town displays for Christmas 2016. The group has identified a fundraising target of £25,000-£30,000. The applicant has applied for a contribution towards the fundraising target. The applicant has not benefited from the fund over the past 3 years.

- 2.8 The proposal meets the criteria of the provision of funding of any activity which is beneficial to the interests of the inhabitants of Kinross.

Recommendation

- 2.9 In line with revised guidance, the Committee is asked to consider the request and no recommendation is made by Officers.

3. RECOMMENDATION

3.1 The Committee is requested to consider request 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 Kinross 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 Kinross Common Good Fund's criteria.

2. Resource Implications

Financial

- 2.1 If approved, the applications contained within this report will be funded from the surplus Revenue balance of the Fund, and/or from the anticipated investment income 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 3 applications for financial assistance.

3. APPENDICES

- 3.1 None.

