

ANGUS COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 9 JUNE 2015

ARBROATH AND FORFAR COMMON GOOD FUNDS – PROJECT APPROVAL

REPORT BY THE HEAD OF TECHNICAL & PROPERTY SERVICES

ABSTRACT

This report seeks Committee approval for Arbroath and Forfar Common Good funded projects.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) approve the requested funding for projects from Arbroath Common Good Fund (Old Kirk, Abbey Bowling Club, Lawn Tennis Club, Golf Course Committee of Management) respectively as set out in this report, and;
- (ii) approve the requested funding for a project from Forfar Common Good Fund (Forfar Dramatic Society) as set out in this report, and;
- (iii) note the revised Arbroath and Forfar Common Good Fund revenue fund balance estimate as at 31 March 2016 which has been updated to reflect the contents of this report, and;
- (iv) note for information, the recently submitted funding requests for two additional projects from Montrose Common Good Fund which are currently in the assessment / Member approval stage of the application process as set out in this report paragraph 4.3

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN / SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT / CORPORATE PLAN

2.1 This report contributes to the following local outcome(s) contained within the Angus Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement 2013-16:

- Angus is a good place to live in, work in and visit;
- Individuals are involved in their communities.

3. CURRENT POSITION

3.1 The Council approved its budget for 2015/16 in February 2015. The 2015/16 Final Budget Volume includes a final budget for each of the five Common Good Funds. The funds concerned are outlined below:

- Arbroath
- Brechin
- Forfar
- Kirriemuir
- Montrose

4. PROPOSALS

4.1 Four additional projects requesting funding from Arbroath Common Good have been submitted; two from external organisations and two from Technical & Property Services.

In addition, a further project funding request from an external organisation from Forfar Common Good has been made.

All these projects has been considered and agreed with the local elected members respectively as part of the approval process. The projects are set out within this report for formal approval by this committee.

4.2 Details of the individual projects, for which formal approval is sought, are contained in Appendix 1 in this report. Further reports will be presented to Committee as and when necessary.

4.3 For noting, two further projects requesting funding from Montrose Common Good Fund are currently in the assessment / Member review stage of the application process and potentially will be the subject of a further approval request to this committee at a later date, as detailed below:

- Links Park Community Trust - £50,000. Contribution towards the replacement of the all-weather pitch
- Repairs to steps at Bridge Street - £7,500

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 A summary of the financial implications are outlined below:

Common Good Fund	Estimated Outturn Revenue Balance as at 01/04/15 (£)	Estimated Outturn Revenue Balance as at 31/03/16 (£)	Additional 2015/16 Cost per this Report (£)	Updated Estimated Outturn Revenue Balance as at 31/03/16 (£)	Minimum Revenue Account Balance (£)
Arbroath	655,944	672,250	37,000	635,250	300,000
Forfar	799,454	527,951	31,483	496,468	300,000

6. CONCLUSION

6.1 Additional funding requests in 2015/16 have been received totalling: £37,000 from the Arbroath Common Good Fund, and £31,483 from the Forfar Common Good Fund.

NOTE: No background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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ARBROATH COMMON GOOD FUND

Project Name 1	Arbroath Lawn Tennis Club
Client Department	Chief Executive – Economic Development (External Funding)
Value	£10,000
Description	Funding towards upgrading of the 3 Blaise Courts to all weather courts with Floodlighting and to include ramps so that the facilities are available to all.
Status	Submission agreed with local members

Project Name 2	Arbroath Golf Course Committee of Management
Client Department	Chief Executive – Economic Development (External Funding)
Value	£10,000 maximum, actual costs incurred to be reimbursed.
Description	Funding towards legal expenses to create a company limited by guarantee.
Status	Submission agreed with local members.

Project Name 3	Old Kirk, Arbroath
Client Department	Client Department – Technical & Property Services/Property (Internal Funding)
Value	£5,000
Description	Funding towards property expenses for gutter cleaning.
Status	Submission agreed with local members

Project Name 4	Abbey Bowling Club, Walker Place, Arbroath
Client Department	Client Department – Technical & Property Services/Property (Internal Funding)
Value	£12,000
Description	Funding towards property expenses for wall repairs.
Status	Submission agreed with local members.

Total additional funding request Arbroath Common Good Fund 2015/16 - £37,000

FORFAR COMMON GOOD FUND

Project Name 1	Forfar Dramatic Society
Client Department	Chief Executive – Economic Development (External Funding)
Value	£31,483
Description	Contribution towards c. 50% building/redevelopment costs of converting current clubroom to small theatre studio
Status	Submission agreed with local members

Total additional funding request Forfar Common Good Fund 2015/16 - £31,483
