

ANGUS COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 7 JUNE 2016

COMMON GOOD FUNDS – PROJECTS APPROVAL

REPORT BY THE HEAD OF TECHNICAL & PROPERTY SERVICES

ABSTRACT

This report seeks Committee approval for 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 (repairs to Old Kirk; contribution to Witches project) as set out in this report;
- (ii) approve the requested funding for a project from Brechin Common Good Fund (contribution to secure fencing at Guthrie Park) as set out in this report;
- (iii) approve the requested funding for projects from Forfar Common Good Fund (Steele park footway; Myre trip rail) as set out in this report;
- (iv) refuse the requested funding for projects from Forfar Common Good Fund (Disabled access at Voluntary Action Access) as set out in this report, and;

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

2.1 This report contributes to the following local outcomes 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 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.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 A summary of the financial implications are outlined below:

Common Good Fund	Estimated Revenue Balance as at 1/04/16 (£)	Estimated Outturn Revenue Balance as at 31/03/17 (£)	Additional 2016/17 Cost per this Report (£)	Estimated Outturn Revenue Balance as at 31/03/17 (£)	Minimum Revenue Account Balance (£)
Arbroath	604,195	586,530	7,281	579,249	300,000
Brechin	482,655	514,480	2,053	512,427	200,000
Forfar	516,265	421,755	18,000	403,755	300,000

6. CONCLUSION

6.1 Additional funding requests have been received in 2016/17 totalling £27,334 as set out in Appendix 1.

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	Old Kirk in Arbroath
Organisation	Technical & Property Services
Value	£5,000
Description	Repair to wood rot works
Status	Submission agreed with all local members.

Project Name 2	Witches Project
Organisation	Tayside Council of Alcohol
Value	£2,281
Description	Engagement with 12-18 year old females in regard to life issues, including alcohol and body image
Status	Submission agreed with 5 out of 8 local members.

Total additional funding request Arbroath Common Good Fund 2016/17 – £7,281
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BRECHIN COMMON GOOD FUND

Project Name 1	Fence to Cricket Ground
Organisation	Brechin Buccaneers
Value	£2,053 (a further £2,053 of funding provided by HRA)
Description	Provision of secure boundary fence along the western edge of Guthrie Park
Status	Submission agreed with all local members.

Total additional funding request Brechin Common Good Fund 2016/17 – £2,053

FORFAR COMMON GOOD FUND

Project Name 1	Steele Park Footpath
Organisation	Communities - Parks & Burial Grounds
Value	£3,000
Description	Path works
Status	Submission agreed with all local members.

Project Name 2	The Myre Trip Rails
Organisation	Communities - Parks & Burial Grounds
Value	£15,000
Description	Replacement of wooden trip rails
Status	Submission agreed with all local members.

Project Name	Disabled Access Ramp
Organisation	Voluntary Action Angus
Value	£3,526
Description	Access ramp to premises at Academy Street
Status	Submission REFUSED by all local members.

Total additional funding request Forfar Common Good Fund 2016/17 – £21,526 (submitted); £18,000 (agreed)
