

ANGUS COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 10 OCTOBER 2017

COMMON GOOD FUNDS – PROJECT APPROVALS

REPORT BY THE HEAD OF TECHNICAL & PROPERTY SERVICES

ABSTRACT

This report seeks Committee approval for 2017/18 Common Good funded projects.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) determine the application by Angus Cycle Hub CIC noting the split views of the local members
- (ii) refuse the application by Montrose Community Council noting the majority of local members were against granting the funding
- (iii) approve the remaining requested funding as submitted for a 2017/18 project as detailed in **Appendix 1**.

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 administers the five individual Common Good funds:

- Arbroath
- Brechin
- Forfar
- Kirriemuir
- Montrose

3.2 As part of the budget cycle council services have the opportunity to submit bids for Common Good funds and this is particularly prevalent where the bids are for the maintenance of the Common Good asset for repairs and maintenance which is a liability on the Common Good funds. Other organisations may make bids for funding from Common Good funds in accordance with the application process and guidance notes.

3.3. The process for approval of Common Good fund bids is set out in the council's Financial Regulations.

4. PROPOSALS

4.1 Details of the individual projects for which formal decisions are sought are contained in **Appendix 1** in this report.

4.2 Further reports will be presented to Committee, if further project approvals are sought during the financial year.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 A summary of the financial implications are outlined below if the Committee are minded to agree all the proposed projects. Financial implications may be reduced if not all projects are approved:

Common Good Fund	Actual Revenue Balance as at 01/04/17 (£)	Estimated Outturn Revenue Balance as at 31/03/18 (£)	Additional 2017/18 Cost per this Report (£)	Updated Estimated Outturn Revenue Balance as at 31/03/18 (£)	Minimum Revenue Account Balance (£)
Arbroath	651,276	579,044	76,429	502,615	300,000
Brechin	590,694	444,033	5,720	438,313	200,000
Forfar	631,193	658,081	4,000	654,081	300,000
Montrose	440,533	393,071	1,247	391,824	100,000

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 Funding requests has been received in 2017/18 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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Appendices – APPENDIX 1 – Common Good Applications
APPENDIX 2 - Extract of bid from Angus Cycle Hub CIC

ARBROATH COMMON GOOD FUND

Project Name 1	Education and Training, a Community Cycle Hub, Recycling Project and Bike Loan Scheme
Organisation	Angus Cycle Hub CIC
Value	£69,929 one off
Description	Salary costs for Project Director, Development & Support Officer, SQA centre setup costs and premises rent costs Summary details of the bid are provided in Appendix 2 and Committee is asked to determine this application
Status	3 Members did not support the salary element of the application and this reduces the application to £18,875. 3 Members did not support the bid at any level of funding.

Project Name 1	Christmas Lighting Display
Organisation	Royal Burgh Of Arbroath Community Council
Value	£6,500 one off
Description	Contribution to costs of Christmas lighting
Status	5 Members supported the application, with 2 supporting additional funding if the other funding sources are not secured; 2 Members did not support the bid.

Total funding requested Arbroath Common Good Fund 2017/18 – £76,429
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BRECHIN COMMON GOOD FUND

Project Name 1	Brechin Mechanics Institute
Organisation	Brechin Mechanics Institute Trust
Value	£5,720 one off
Description	Interior decorating of the premises
Status	All 3 Members support the bid

Total funding requested Brechin Common Good Fund 2017/18 – £5,720
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FORFAR COMMON GOOD FUND

Project Name 1	Christmas Lighting Display
Organisation	Forfar Community Council
Value	£4,000 one off
Description	Contribution to costs of Christmas lighting
Status	All 4 members support the bid with 2 supporting on the basis of a contribution for this year only.

Total funding requested Forfar Common Good Fund 2017/18 – £4000
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MONTROSE COMMON GOOD FUND

Project Name 1	Christmas Lighting Display
Organisation	Montrose Community Council
Value	£1247 one off
Description	Contribution to costs of Christmas lighting
Status	3 Members did not support the bid; 1 Member supported on the basis of a contribution this year only;

Total funding requested Montrose Common Good Fund 2017/18 – £1247
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