

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 20 JUNE 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) approve the requested funding for various 2017/18 projects from Arbroath, Brechin, Forfar & Montrose Common Good Funds 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 approval is sought are contained in Appendix 1 in this report. Relevant Members views were sought during February/March 2017 regarding the proposed projects.

4.2 Given the timing of finalising Members agreement in March 2017 it was not possible to report to Committee for final agreement and subsequently the next available Committee falls within the new council cycle.

4.3 New ward members have been contacted and asked for their views on the previously agreed proposal with no contrary views.

4.4 It is noted that after further investigation and preparation of estimates the figures for 7 Swan Street Brechin have been revised.

- 4.5 In addition one emerging request for funding from Montrose Common Good Funding for MoFest has also been included which has been notified to the organisers due to the timescale. Similar painting of the William Lamb studio is also now complete.
- 4.6 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:

Common Good Fund	Estimated 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	579,547	596,203	39,750	556,453	300,000
Brechin	536,212	596,862	156,000	440,862	200,000
Forfar	493,992	500,942	11,000	489,942	300,000
Montrose	435,377	479,939	75,808	404,131	100,000

The Council's 2016/17 annual accounts process is currently ongoing; consequently, the 01/04/2017 revenue balance amount is an unaudited estimated figure, albeit it accounts for all known commitments at this time.

## 6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 Funding requests has been received in 2017/18 totalling: £39,750 from the Arbroath Common Good Fund, £156,000 from the Brechin Common Good Fund, £11,000 from the Forfar Common Good Fund, and £75,808 from the Montrose 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**

<b>Project Name 1</b>	<b>Abbey Bowling Club</b>
Organisation	Angus Council – Communities – Technical & Property Services - Property
Value	<b>£2,000 one off</b>
Description	Replace sash & case windows
Status	Majority of Members approved in March 2017

<b>Project Name 2</b>	<b>Old Kirk</b>
Organisation	Angus Council – Communities – Technical & Property Services - Property
Value	<b>£37,750 one off</b>
Description	Repointing & slate repairs, conduct two high level surveys to steeple, external repaint and associated joinery repairs and dry rot treatment
Status	Majority of Members approved in March 2017

<b>Total funding requested Arbroath Common Good Fund 2017/18 – £39,750.</b>
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**BRECHIN COMMON GOOD FUND**

<b>Project Name 1</b>	<b>Municipal Buildings</b>
Organisation	Angus Council – Communities – Technical & Property Services - Property
Value	<b>£75,000 one off</b>
Description	Replace slate roof and associated leadwork and zinc
Status	Majority of Members approved in March 2017

<b>Project Name 2</b>	<b>13 St. Ninian's Place</b>
Organisation	Angus Council – Communities – Technical & Property Services - Property
Value	<b>£1,800 one off</b>
Description	External repaint and associated joinery repairs
Status	Majority of Members approved in March 2017

<b>Project Name 3</b>	<b>7 Swan Street</b>
Organisation	Angus Council – Communities – Technical & Property Services - Property
Value	<b>£34,700 one off</b>
Description	Internal upgrade: toilets, heating, decoration & kitchen
Status	Majority of Members approved in March 2017 prior to cost increase

<b>Project Name 4</b>	<b>City Hall</b>
Organisation	Angus Council – Communities – Technical & Property Services - Property
Value	<b>£11,500 one off</b>
Description	Sash window replacement. Previously approved £14,500; £11,500 is for additional / revised costs
Status	Majority of Members approved in March 2017

<b>Project Name 5</b>	<b>5 -13 Swan St. &amp; City Hall</b>
Organisation	Angus Council – Communities – Technical & Property Services - Property
Value	<b>£33,000 one off</b>
Description	Masonry & joinery repairs and external repaint. Previously approved £12,000 (for part of works); £33,000 is for additional / revised costs
Status	Majority of Members approved in March 2017

<b>Total funding requested Brechin Common Good Fund 2017/18 – £156,000</b>
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## **FORFAR COMMON GOOD FUND**

<b>Project Name 1</b>	<b>Municipal Buildings</b>
Organisation	Angus Council – Communities – Technical & Property Services - Property
Value	<b>£11,000 one off</b>
Description	External repaint and associated joinery repairs
Status	Majority of Members approved in March 2017

**Total funding requested Forfar Common Good Fund 2017/18 – £11,000**

## **MONTROSE COMMON GOOD FUND**

<b>Project Name 1</b>	<b>William Lamb Studio</b>
Organisation	Angus Council – Communities – Technical & Property Services - Property
Value	<b>£3,000 one off</b>
Description	External repaint and associated joinery repairs (works completed ahead of visit)
Status	Majority of Members approved in March 2017

<b>Project Name 2</b>	<b>Rock Armour – Coastal Protection contribution</b>
Organisation	Angus Council – Communities – Technical & Property Services - Roads
Value	<b>£50,000 one off</b>
Description	Contribution towards coastal protection rock armour works
Status	Majority of Members approved in March 2017

<b>Project Name 3</b>	<b>Curlie Pond</b>
Organisation	AC – Communities – Regulatory & Protective Services – Parks & Gardens
Value	<b>£12,393 on going – per annum for 3 years</b>
Description	Annual reed removal
Status	Majority of Members approved in March 2017

<b>Project Name 4</b>	<b>Melville Bowling Green</b>
Organisation	AC – Communities – Regulatory & Protective Services – Parks & Gardens
Value	<b>£3,000 one off</b>
Description	Infill of bowling green
Status	Majority of Members approved in March 2017

<b>Project Name 5</b>	<b>Montrose in Bloom</b>
Organisation	Montrose in Bloom (Sub Group of Community Council)
Value	<b>£2,415 one off</b>
Description	Contribution towards Montrose in Bloom event
Status	Majority of Members approved in March 2017

<b>Project Name 6</b>	<b>Links Park Community Trust</b>
Organisation	Links Park Community Trust
Value	<b>£5,000 annual contribution</b>
Description	Contribution towards operational costs of LPCT
Status	Majority of Members approved in March 2017

<b>Project Name 7</b>	<b>MoFest</b>
Organisation	MoFest
Value	<b>£5,000 one off</b>
Description	Contribution towards Mofest event
Status	New ward members agreed ahead of event

**Total funding requested Montrose Common Good Fund 2017/18 – £80,808, plus further £12,393 for each financial years 2018/19 and 2019/20.**