

ANGUS COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 3 JUNE 2025

COMMON GOOD FUNDS – PROJECT FUNDING APPLICATIONS

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1. ABSTRACT

- 1.1 This report advises members on six Common Good funding applications that have been received and seeks Committee approval to support the projects, subject to conditions where appropriate. The applications comprise one to the Arbroath Common Good Fund, one to the Brechin Common Good Fund, three to the Forfar Common Good Fund and one to the Montrose Common Good Fund.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE COUNCIL PLAN AND COUNCIL POLICIES

- 2.1 This report aligns with the Council Plan 2023-2028 priorities as follows.

Caring for People:

- We will support children, young people and adults to access appropriate opportunities which allow them to progress in their learning.

Caring for our Place:

- We will engage with communities to support their ambitions to deliver on local aspirations (e.g. community asset transfer requests, community gardens, food hubs)
- We will maximise funding opportunities and grants to the Third Sector and communities to support their ambitions to deliver services

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) approves the application to the Arbroath Common Good Fund, as detailed in Appendix 1;
- (ii) approves the application to the Brechin Common Good Fund, as detailed in Appendix 1;
- (iii) approves the three applications to the Forfar Common Good Fund, as detailed in Appendix 1;
- (iv) approves the application to the Montrose Common Good Fund, as detailed in Appendix 1; and
- (v) approves the Montrose Common Good budget bid for additional seating at Seafront Splash as detailed in paragraph 6.3.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Council administers the five individual Common Good funds:

- Arbroath
- Brechin
- Forfar
- Kirriemuir
- Montrose

- 4.2 The process for approval of Common Good fund bids is set out in the council's Financial Regulations. Members for wards which have Common Good funds are consulted on applications for the use of the funds either for management of the Common Good properties or where funding is requested by communities or Angus Council services. Reports on such applications are submitted to Policy & Resources Committee for approval.
- 4.3 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.
- 4.4 At the meeting of Policy and Resources Committee on 11 March 2025 when considering Report [85/25](#), an amendment was agreed to defer consideration of the Montrose Common Good Fund project (relating to seating at Seafront Splash). This was to allow officers to investigate alternative specifications for the seating that would offer better value while remaining suitable

5. CURRENT POSITION

- 5.1 Report [85/25](#) to Policy & Resources Committee on 11 March 2025 set out the annual 2025/26 Common Good Funds budget and provided indicative budgets of income and expenditure (including asset maintenance schedules) projections for the following two years.
- 5.2 Further to the paragraph 4.4, officers from our Parks team identified an alternative specification for the additional seating at the Seafront Splash, Montrose. The elected members for the Montrose area were consulted and all four confirmed their support for the revised specification.

6. PROPOSALS

- 6.1 Details of the six Common Good funding requests are contained in **Appendix 1**. The process for accessing of Common Good Funds for any further one-off projects was followed and after assessment of the applications, and consideration of local elected members views, it is proposed that the applications are approved as outlined in **Appendix 1** and summarised below.

Applicant	Common Good Fund	Amount Requested	Recommendation
Strathmore Community Rugby Trust	Arbroath	£15,670.00	Approval on condition that all outstanding match funding is confirmed by the end of June 2025
Strathmore Community Rugby Trust	Brechin	£4,903.20	Approval on condition that all outstanding match funding is confirmed by the end of June 2025
Spotlights Community Youth Theatre	Forfar	£4,000.00	Approval
Forfar Horticultural Society	Forfar	£1,000.00	Approval
Gallowshade Community Links	Forfar	£2,280.00	Approval
Angus Alive	Montrose	£21,355.00	Approval

- 6.2 Local elected members views were sought regarding the funding applications and the responses are noted in the **Appendix 1**. It should be noted that one local member did not support the application to the Brechin Community Good fund, and that the majority of local members did not support that application to the Forfar Common Good Fund from Gallowshade Community Links.
- 6.3 It is proposed that the installation of additional seating, as originally proposed in Report [85/25](#) proceeds, however the estimated cost is revised from £4,048 to £1,900 based on the alternative specification for the seating that officers have assessed as offering better value while remaining suitable.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 A summary of the financial implications are outlined below if the Committee are minded to agree the proposed funding of the projects set out in **Appendix 1**.

Common Good Fund	Audited Revenue Balance as at 31/03/24 (£)	Estimated Revenue Balance as at 31/03/25 (£)	Estimated Revenue Balance as at 31/03/26 (£)	Additional 2025/26 Cost per this Report (£)	Updated Estimated Revenue Balance as at 31/03/26 (£)
Arbroath	541,915	456,962	445,289	15,670	429,619
Brechin	533,303	399,320	389,935	4,903	385,032
Forfar	819,558	712,131	700,246	7,280	692,966
Montrose	425,383	357,311	406,408	23,255	383,153

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 8.1 There are no significant risks relating to the Corporate Risk Register arising from this report.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no direct environmental implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

10. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT, HUMAN RIGHTS AND FAIRER SCOTLAND DUTY

- 10.1 An Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out and is attached.

11. CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND WELLBEING IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 11.1 A Children's Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment has been undertaken and a full assessment is not required as the "General Principles" do not apply to this proposal.

12. CONSULTATION

- 12.1 The Director of Finance and Acting Director of Legal, Governance and Change were consulted in the preparation of this report.

NOTE: The background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) which were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report are:

- Report 85/25 to Policy & Resources Committee on 11 March 2025

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Appendix 1 – Summary of Common Good Funding Applications

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Appendix 1

ARBROATH COMMON GOOD FUND APPLICATION

Application Ref	CG2425-008
Applicant	Strathmore Community Rugby Trust
Value	£ 15,670.00
Description	<p>Application from Strathmore Community Rugby Trust (SCRT) who are seeking funding to support start-up costs for their Autism Friendly Rugby project to be based in Arbroath.</p> <p>SCRT are requesting funding to support: (1) Community Project Leader (7) Sessional Coaches.</p> <p>Amount requested: £15,670.00</p> <p>Total project costs are £24,598.00</p> <p>SCRC are requesting £15,670.00 (63% of the total project costs) to support the Community Project Costs and sessional coaches.</p> <p>Match funding has been secured from Arberbrothock Skea £3,000.00.00 Colin Grant Charitable Trust £2,000.00 Edith Beattie Dundas Trust – pending</p> <p>Strathmore Community Rugby Trust are waiting on the outcome of funding applications, resulting in a funding gap of £3,928 for this project.</p> <p>The applicant has advised that they have several applications submitted pending decision for their complete programme of activities as well as volunteers participating in sponsored events on behalf of the Trust and are confident that the gap will be filled soon.</p> <p>The applicant is confident that all funding will be secured in due course; during last financial year (2023-24) the Trust brought in £47,427 through income streams other than grants.</p>
Common Good Theme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote opportunities for people to work, learn, and take part in the arts, sport or culture. • Encourage children and young people to play a role in their community and offer a good start in life to help them become responsible adults. • Strengthen the community by encouraging local people to take responsibility for their community and care for the disadvantaged.
Recommendation	<p>The recommendation of assessors is to approve with the following condition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval on condition that all outstanding match funding is confirmed by the end of June 2025
Elected member consultation	All seven elected members for the Arbroath area were consulted and 5 conveyed their support, one indicated they had no preference and one did not provide a view.

BRECHIN COMMON GOOD FUND APPLICATION

Application Ref	CG2425-010
Applicant	Strathmore Community Rugby Trust
Value	£ 4,903.20
Description	<p>Application from Strathmore Community Rugby Trust (SCRT) who are seeking funding to support a Community Project Leader Post for Rugby Connect Programmes based in Brechin High School.</p> <p>SCRT runs the programme in partnership with Brechin High School, the programme uses the sport of rugby as a vehicle to develop key life skills. The programme offers an alternative curriculum to pupils where this is appropriate.</p> <p>SCRT are requesting funding to support: (1) Community Project Leader</p> <p>Amount requested: £4,903.20</p> <p>SCRT are requesting 76% of the total project costs.</p> <p>They are waiting on the outcome of funding applications, resulting in a funding gap of £1,500 at the time of application.</p> <p>The applicant has advised that they have several applications submitted pending decision for their complete programme of activities as well as volunteers participating in sponsored events who have pledged to donate sponsorship on behalf of the Trust</p> <p>The applicant is confident that all funding will be secured in due course; during last financial year (2023-24) the Trust brought in £47,427 through income streams other than grants.</p>
Common Theme	<p>Good</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promote opportunities for people to work, learn, and take parts in the arts, sport, or culture.• Encourage children and young people to play a role in their community and offer a good start in life to help them become responsible adults.
Recommendation	<p>The recommendation of assessors is to approve with the following condition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approval on condition that all outstanding match funding is confirmed by the end of June 2025
Elected member consultation	<p>All three elected members for the Brechin area were consulted and one conveyed their support, one conveyed they did not support, and one declared an interest and did not give their view.</p>

FORFAR COMMON GOOD FUND APPLICATION

Application Ref	CG2425-007
Applicant	Spotlights Community Youth Theatre
Value	£ 4,000.00
Description	<p>Application from Spotlights, a Community Youth Project based in Forfar. The group are fundraising to create an original musical written by the people who attend their classes.</p> <p>The show will use the stories and ideas of the young people to create a truthful and honest piece that shares the experiences of young people living in Forfar.</p> <p>Amount requested: £4,000.00 (28.5% of total costs).</p> <p>£9,500.00 funding has been secured from the National Lottery Community Fund – Awards for All.</p>
Common Good Theme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote opportunities for people to work, learn, and take parts in the arts, sport or culture. Encourage children and young people to play a role in their community and offer a good start in life to help them become responsible adults.
Recommendation	The recommendation of assessors is to approve.
Elected member consultation	All four elected members for the Forfar area were consulted and all conveyed their support for funding of this project.

FORFAR COMMON GOOD FUND APPLICATION

Application Ref	CG2425-009
Applicant	Forfar Horticultural Society
Value	£ 1,000.00
Description	<p>Application from Forfar Horticultural to support the hire of the Reid Hall Forfar for the 125th Forfar Horticultural Flower Show.</p> <p>Amount requested: £1,000.00</p> <p>Total project/event costs are £3,537.60</p> <p>The remainder of the project will be funded through members, donations, admissions, raffle, sponsors and teas.</p>
Common Good Theme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote opportunities for people to work, learn, and take parts in the arts, sport or culture.
Recommendation	The recommendation of assessors is to approve.
Elected member consultation	All four elected members for the Forfar area were consulted and all conveyed their support for funding of this project.

FORFAR COMMON GOOD FUND APPLICATION

Application Ref	CG2425-013
Applicant	Gallowshade Community Links
Value	£ 2,280.00
Description	<p>Gallowshade Community Links Group formed to improve the local community by linking to a variety of opportunities and initiatives to improve the day to day lives of the residents of the Gallowshade area of Forfar.</p> <p>One of the many projects they have developed is the community garden that can be found at the top of the Steel Park in Forfar.</p> <p>The success of the garden through the dedication of a group of volunteers has transformed an area of the Steel Park, (next to the Reid Park), Forfar into a thriving community garden. As the garden flourishes so does the maintenance, resulting in the group requesting Common Good Funding to support the purchase of a ride on lawnmower and shed for storage.</p>

	<p>Amount requested: £2,280.00</p> <p>Total Project costs are: £2,480.00</p> <p>The group have indicated that they can provide 10% match funding towards the project and have advised that no planning permission is required for the installation of the shed.</p>
Common Good Theme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote opportunities for people to work, learn, and take parts in the arts, sport or culture Strengthen the community by encouraging local people to take responsibility for their community and care for the disadvantaged.
Recommendation	The recommendation of assessors is to approve.
Elected member consultation	<p>All four elected members for the Forfar area were consulted and one conveyed their support and three conveyed they did not support.</p> <p>Queries were raised by elected members regarding the suitability of the selected mower for the garden's terrain, security of the storage shed, and risk assessment for operation of the mower. Responses to these were provided by the applicant.</p>

MONTROSE COMMON GOOD FUND APPLICATION

Application Ref	CG2425-012
Applicant	Angus Alive
Value	£ 21,355.00
Description	<p>Application received from Angus Alive on behalf of Montrose Museum.</p> <p>In January 2024 ANGUSalve embarked on a Museums Galleries Scotland funded project to fully catalogue and research their historic World Cultures collection. This will culminate in August 2025 with an exhibition at Montrose Museum, an educational resource for local schools about Angus and the slave trade and a programme of events to engage with the community.</p> <p>Angus Alive is working to decolonise their collections, open dialogue with the global majority, and join wider conversations in the museum sector about the legacies of colonialism. Through this vital research Angus Alive has uncovered rare and unique objects from around the world including a suit of Samurai armour and an East India Company officer's uniform. These beautiful but contentious objects are an integral part of their upcoming exhibition 'Perspectives: Collecting the World' but are fragile and in an advanced state of decay. The items were sent to The Scottish Conservation Studio for assessment and have been advised that without remedial conservation work it is not safe to display them and for visitors to engage with them.</p> <p>Amount requested: £21,355.00</p> <p>Total Project costs are: £87,751.30</p> <p>Angus Alive is requesting £ 21,355.00 to assist with the conservation costs for the Samurai armour and EIC Uniform</p> <p>£21,355.00 equals 24% of total costs.</p> <p>Match funding has been received from: Museums & Galleries Scotland £52,646.30 Creative Scotland £13,750.00 (this funding has been approved since CG application was submitted).</p>
Common Good Theme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote opportunities for people to work, learn, and take parts in the arts, sport or culture

Recommendation	The recommendation of assessors is to approve.
Elected member consultation	All four elected members for the Montrose area were consulted and all conveyed their support for funding of this project.